

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JANUARY 21	NEXT WEEK JANUARY 28
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Ron Holland	Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading	Searcy Hall	Steve Hagewood
Closing Prayer	Steve Hagewood	Ken Cavender
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Ron Harmon	Ed Dill
Closing Prayer	WD Patrick	Bobby Wright
Wednesday PM	JANUARY 24	JANUARY 31
Song Leader	Cody Loggins	Collis Terry
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Riley Monroe	Terry Barnett
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
January – Lessons from Jesus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Ezekiel
Mike McLemore



2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Lowell Sallee, Kevin Clark, Greg Chandler
& Robert Harkrider
May 3-6

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

January	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender Wes Caudle Nick Holland Forest Summers ** Collis Terry Ryan Patrick Jim Risner John Patrick
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Gene Preston ** Kirk Hatcher
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Louis Garrett
Rear Door	
Side Door	Forest & Dot Summers
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Cavender & T. Hill
Communion Prep	Hilda Wright
Building Lockup	Bobby Wright

Weatherly's Shepherds

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Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

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Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon
Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright	

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Assembly	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

Unkindness

Michael W. McLemore

Every faithful Christians wants to build deep, satisfying connections with those with whom they interact. Without substantial connections, life lacks meaning and purpose no matter how many belongings or confrères we have. The dilemma is, "How is it effectively accomplished?"

It begins by considering the two categories of people you come in contact with throughout the week – kind and unkind. Are you treating both the way Jesus modeled – with love? With those who love you, it's easy, but it seems almost impossible to respond to unkindness with love. Yet, such leads to great blessing.

God is pleased with us when we are generous in spite of being treated harshly. Knowing God is pleased brings His child joy, peace, and a sense of accomplishment. Further, the Christian ought to feel a sense of anticipation knowing God has the power to effect a benefit from every relationship. At the last, we are not alone, the

Holy Spirit of God is an enabling force for good in all the lives of those who yield themselves to His word.

As children of God we operate under the premise left by the Lord before He left this world on the cross - "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Unconditional godly love is not the norm in our world, yet, Jesus said it is our greatest demonstration of authenticity. There is no place for vengeful, angry or hurtful impulses when someone has been unkind.

Jesus may have simply said "love," even when those around us seem unlovable, but, then He lived out what He taught: Jesus Christ loved us enough to die in our place while we were His enemies (Romans 5:8). Can we not out of gratitude for what He did and in reliance on the Lord's strength, live out His life and death example? We are entrusted as His followers to love others (1 John 3:14). □

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Too Busy for God

Robert Turner

Brother John had made a dozen calls, in a wide territory, trying to sell insurance. The day was hot, traffic was heavy, and he barely made it home in time to take a quick shower, grab a bite to eat, and get to the meeting. He had hoped to have time to check his boat, as he planned to leave the next morning for a vacation, and he was somewhat irked at having to lose that two hours of cool evening time. But, he taught the adult men's class, and he just had to make one service of the meeting before leaving town.

Sister Jane works downtown, and had to ask the boss to let her off a bit early so she could get her hair fixed. She barely got home in time to heat a few T.V. dinners for the children. She took a cup of coffee to her room, and dressed while they were eating. She only saw them briefly — to argue with the boy about the credit card he wanted to use for his "date" that night, and to "have it out" with the girl about the weird-o costume she wanted to wear. (The girl got her way.) By now, Jane had a terrific headache, and only went to the meeting because John insisted he should not go alone.

The girl finally got her eyes "on" and kept her parents waiting in the car while she changed beads five or six times — trying to make up her mind. They had to race to the church building, and the girl pouted all the way about her brother getting the car and not having to go to church, and he was only two years older, etc.

They barely made it on time — were late by the clock, but the song-leader was late in starting.

He had tarried in the parking lot trying to make a car deal with another member, and had to make his song selections under last-minute pressure. Oh well, he could think the car-deal over more fully after the preaching started.

The local preacher had been out all day selling mutual fund certificates, and was peeved that his wife had forgotten to tell him he was supposed to pick up old sister Jones. Such failures hurt his public image. But his wife taught school, and had a parent-teacher meeting that afternoon; and had barely gotten home in time to freshen up a bit and get to the meeting. She had misplaced the hurriedly taken note about Sister Jones — and anyhow, "that was in his department, it was not her job."

So, they sang a few songs, and called on someone for prayer; then the local preacher welcomed a few visitors, made the usual apologies for the small percentage of members present — "of course, we have had some sickness" — and the visiting evangelist took the floor and looked at his targets. A small crowd of tired, business-harried people, "up-tight" and preoccupied with scores of problems — all of them material. He must capture their attention, focus it upon unfamiliar subjects, lead them to reason, and draw conclusions that, put into practice, would change their whole lives.

These are not BAD people — they do show some interest by their presence, and a few will listen, meditate, and study — and God will dwell in them. BUT MOST OF US ARE TOO BUSY FOR GOD!! ☐



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Mike Coward underwent another cardiac ablation on Thursday at Huntsville Hospital. His doctor is hopeful that this will resolve the issue causing his reoccurring heart rhythm problem. Your thoughtful concern and prayers are appreciated.

Sue Terry is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Tuesday. Please pray for her surgery and recovery. It will take her a while to get back to her normal pace.

Caryl Ehl remains in our thoughts and in our daily prayers. We will relay information about continued efforts to get an answer as to why she is falling. Please continue to pray for *Caryl* and for *Jim*.

Elaine Dorris remains on our daily prayer list. We miss her and *Gordon* in our assembly. Pray for her comfort as she gets better.

We were all thrilled to see *Ed Dill* on Sunday. He is doing well. Our prayers continue for him.

We are all glad to know that *Becky Hill* continues to progress. We are looking forward to her being back to 100% soon.

Susan Ivey has had the flu. She's better but is staying away from crowds for now.

Edith Turner was able to be back with his on Sunday. We are glad that she is better.

Terry Childress' mother, *Sandra Ivey*, continues to recover from hip surgery. She is doing well. Prayers appreciated.

Pray for *Ann Summers*, *Melvin Godette*, *Jack Barr*, and *Glenda Cavender*.

Mike Gore is undergoing tests to assess a suspicious area of concern. *Sandra* has her hands full right now. Please say her name to the Lord. Prayers for this family are needed.

Ladies Gathering, Feb.4th

Ladies, please join us for a housewarming for *Melissa Skinner*, Sunday, February 4th from 2:00-4:00. The gathering is at the home of *June Furlough*, 2102 English Drive.

Singing at Hughes Road

Friday evening a singing will be held at the Hughes Road congregation. Services begin at 7 p.m. Our own *Jared Jimison* will be one of the song leaders. If you can, try to support the effort.

Group Three Meets Tonight

Group Three, led by *Murray Castleman*, meets immediately following evening worship in the classroom off the foyer. Please plan to attend your group meeting. ☐

Weatherly Birthdays

1-21	Janice Wray	1-23	Gordon Dorris
1-29	Jim Risner	1-29	Will Starks
1-30	Jenny Jacks		



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Aimless Atheism

Michael W. McLemore

Aristophanes' ancient comedy play, *The Clouds*, portrays Zeus, chief of the Olympian gods, as being displaced by a natural force known as "whirl," suggestive of a phenomenon well known in our region, a fierce tornado or "whirlwind." Tornadoes are a ferocious wind with an empty core. Is there a better way to illustrate the defense of modern atheism? Its advocate, often fierce, are defending that which at its center is empty.

Science tells us that the universe has not existed forever. It had a cause; "We're getting closer" to the answer. Apart from God, the answer will never come.

The Bible gives us the answer TODAY! "In the beginning GOD created..." The word for "created" means "made from nothing." He spoke, and it existed. To many this seems fanciful or fairytale-like, but is more substantive than the man-devised theories offered for his own origin and that of the universe that supports life. The theories rage but at their core, nothing!

Would you rather believe, a scientist who will live 80 years, or the great God who was there before the beginning? "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). That God passed through the grave and leapt forth on the third day to prove His existence as so. Today's aimless atheist may present fierce arguments to support his purported views, but the Christian will forevermore have a Savior at His center. ☐

Weekly Walk!