

# Weatherly @work

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JANUARY 28	NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY 4
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Will Starks	Forest Summers
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Marty Hunt	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Steve Hagewood	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Ken Cavender	Jeremy Leshko
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	SINGING	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Ed Dill	Will Starks
Closing Prayer	Bobby Wright	Gene Preston
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	JANUARY 31	FEBRUARY 7
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Terry Childress
<b>Group Meeting</b>	Group 4	Group 1

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>January</b>	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Dwight Ivey Ed Dill Nick Holland Ron Harmon ** Marty Hunt Terry Barnett Doyle Wray Jerry Mitchell
** Overseer	
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	Phil Furlough ** John Stokes
<b>Visitor Greeting</b>	
Sunday AM	Janice Schrimsher
Rear Door	Steve & Shelia Hagewood
Side Door	Charles & Penny Hill
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison & Roberts
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Phyllis Harmon & Janice Wray
<b>Building Lockup</b>	Ron Harmon

## 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

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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.

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# The Weatherly Weekly

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## A Different Identity

Michael W. McLemore

In 2010 Disney released the movie, Tangled, retelling the story of Rapunzel to a new generation. The brothers Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm, originated the story from collected German folklore during the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

Rapunzel, because of her beautiful magical hair, is stolen away and hidden in a tower. She is raised to call one "Mother" who isn't her mother. Each year on her birthday, Rapunzel looks out her window to a distant far away kingdom, and she sees at night on her birthday thousands upon thousands of floating lanterns in the distant sky. It has to have something to do with her, because it's about her birthday, isn't it? Rapunzel only discovers the answer to the mystery when she is aided in escaping the tower. She learns the truth. She is a daughter of the king. Those lights were a signal to her every year that she has a different identity.

Children the world over love that story. And, it is a beautiful tale. But, there is another,

very real, and very great tragedy that has befallen humanity. Another evil villain has stolen away our knowledge of our very real identity. Jesus came to restore our identity.

Paul cried out to the Athenian learners contented with life as they knew it: "For we are indeed God's offspring." The Devil has sought to convince us that we are alone; that no one cares. It's the Devil's lie. We are the sons of God. We are children of the King and He has perfected us through His own suffering.

We rejoice in the inspired story of the restoration of our own identity: "For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, 'I will tell of your name to my brothers'" (Hebrews 2:10-12). You are God's child! ☐

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LIVE!

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# False Philosophy

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ”

*Colossians 2:8*

**Michael W. McLemore**

False philosophy is everywhere in our time. It is even a curse upon the Lord's family. We are not exempt. Like eusocial insects, burrowing from within and undermining the very foundations of the Lord's house, false philosophies, have worked through the ages to weaken and destroy. It is nothing new. Such lies at the tap root of every apostasy to which local churches have succumbed. Its identifying characteristics should be of great interest to every generation of God's people. Consider Paul words in Colossians 2.

False philosophy's motivation is malicious. It is designed to spoil, or "make prey." It is malevolent. Paul wrote to the Colossians, "See to it that no one takes you captive" (Colossians 2:8). The idea, simply designed, is to ensnare the child of God and make it possible for him to be used for the wicked designs and carnal benefit of another.

Its results are ruinous. It robs the believer of his eternal reward. "Let no one disqualify you" (Colossians 2:18, ESV). The figure employed by the Apostle to the Gentiles is that of an ancient race in which the participant is led astray from the "marked course" of the race by "false markings." The KJV aptly translates the thought "Let no one beguile you of your reward." God's "marked course" is in our time often labeled "legalism" by erudite religionists and doctors of philosophy. This is nothing new. It was found in old world Colossae and a mark of first century apostasy.

It affects a phony humility. Paul said false philosophy manifests itself in pseudo "asceticism" (v. 18). No false philosophy presents

itself in its true nature. It rather affects a disguise of piety. Its advocates are men professedly devoted to God and His word. Its proposals are identified with the accomplishment of God's purposes in the world. It may call for labor and sacrifice on the part of the believer, but it is self-induced subterfuge. It's fake!

It introduces a corrupt worship. The particular species of philosophy to which Paul refers in Colossians 2 introduces "angel worship," thus changing the "object" worshipped. The reader is left to infer such as "unauthorized worship." Modern false philosophers are not necessarily trying to invoke "worshipping angels," but have introduced other unauthorized practices in worship and service that are equally destructive in their character. Many are advocates of the claim that the "form of worship" is immaterial as long as God is "its object." Not so! It is just as contrary to the Divine will to corrupt the "form of our worship" as it is to corrupt the "object of our worship."

Finally, it pretends to a knowledge that transcends the revealed. False philosophy ignores the divine standard and claims for itself knowledge in the "realm of liberty" - "going on in detail about the things HE claims to have seen" (paraphrase, Colossians 2:18). These pseudo philosophers claim a knowledge apart from Divine revelation. Human wisdom, reason and logic are the means of its justification rather than a "thus saith the Lord." It is "after the traditions of men" and the "rudiments of the world" rather than "after Christ" (v. 8). □



## Pray for Those in Need

We are continuing to pray for *Sue Terry*. She is home following surgery and recovering well. Your thoughtfulness on her behalf is greatly appreciated.

*Caryl Ehl* continues to await her second opinion visit with neurologists in Nashville. Please say her name to the Lord as you pray,

*Mike Coward* is better and we are thankful. We are praying for this latest procedure to solve the mystery of his irregular heartbeat.

*Elaine Dorris* was able to be at worship last Sunday. It was truly a cause of rejoicing. We miss *Elaine & Gordon's* presence. Your ongoing prayers are so meaningful

After months away from us *Becky Hill* was able to be at worship on Sunday morning. We are thrilled. For many weeks *Becky* wasn't able to get around at all. To see her walk in under her own power and sit through the assembly was awesome. Thank you for your prayers.

*Virginia Skinner* was able to be at services Wednesday evening. We are thankful. *Little Virginia* had tested positive for the flu a couple of weeks before.

*Terry Childress'* mother, *Sandra Ivey*, returned to Vanderbilt Hospital late last week. She is not doing well. We are asking each of our members to

please pray for her improvement. Also, remember *Terry & Peggy* as they help attend to her needs.

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

*Mike* and *Aaron Gore* are both having some challenges. This increases *Sandra's* stress level. Say her name to the Lord this week. Pray for both *Mike & Aaron*.

## Ladies Gathering, Feb.4<sup>th</sup>

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 Tonight

Tonight is our traditional singing night. Once each month, we devote the evening worship period to song. This is an encouraging opportunity for each of us. Please make your plans to be with us, and sit toward the front.

## Group Four Meets Today

Group Four, led by *Ron Harmon*, meets immediately following morning worship at *the Harmon's* for a covered dish and group meeting. We hope every group member will come. □

## Weatherly Birthdays



1-29	Jim Risner	1-29	Will Starks
1-30	Jenny Jacks	2-11	Aaron Gore
2-13	Julie Guice	2-15	Glenda Cavender
2-15	Hilda Wright	2-27	Penny Hill

## The Bible

Michael W. McLemore

Have you thought to consider the value of the Bible to humankind? More than that, as a Christian, does it rule, as it should, my life and my heart? Is it daily part of who I am? Am I utilizing its great worth?

I read the following piece recently. I do not know its original author, but it addresses these pertinent questions.

'The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to supply you, and comfort to cheer You.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven is opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully.

It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents." □

## Weekly Walk!