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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

| | THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 4 | NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY 11 |
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| Sunday AM | | |
| Announcements | Forest Summers | Forest Summers |
| Song Leader | David Jacks | Jared Jimison |
| Opening Prayer | Steve Hagewood | Collis Terry |
| Scripture Reading | Searcy Hall | Wes Caudle |
| Closing Prayer | Jeremy Leshko | Bobby Wright |
| Sunday PM | | |
| Song Leader | David Jacks | Jared Jimison |
| Opening Prayer | Will Starks | Tommy Hill |
| Closing Prayer | Gene Preston | Ron Harmon |
| Wednesday PM | | |
| | FEBRUARY 7 | FEBRUARY 14 |
| Song Leader | Phil Furlough | Collis Terry |
| Invitation | Louis Garrett | Phil Furlough |
| Closing Prayer | Terry Childress | Charley Carter |
| Group Meeting | Group 1 | Group 2 |

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Weatherly's Shepherds

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| Louis Garrett | (256) 883-7785 |
| Tommy Hill | (256) 883-0010 |
| Will Starks | (256) 883-5273 |
| Forest Summers | (256) 348-2251 |

Evangelist

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Weatherly's Deacons

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

TIMES OF SERVICES

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| 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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"Let Me First..."

Michael W. McLemore

Our readers are familiar with the response to Jesus' call, "I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house" (Luke 9:61). This refrain is far from uncommon. The pleadings of the Gospel are often postponed, "Let me first get my education, a better job, a home, a new automobile, and the other necessary things of life." These claim a place for Christ – second place! They seem convinced that material security will somehow prepare them to follow Christ. Such a perception fails to grasp the meaning of Christ's words: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

A young college student manifest another attitude commonly encountered. He said, "I will follow the Lord one day; but let me first sow my wild oats." When I have had all the good times I want, then I'll be a Christian." The first objective of this self-described life is to serve self, to satisfy every lust of the flesh. Following Christ and serving sin are as opposite as the poles. If one spends his life engaging in the

sinful practices of the world he cannot hope to be with Christ in heaven.

Still others want first to gain a vast knowledge of the world. Have you heard men boast of their years of schooling as evidence of the truthfulness of their ideas? I've heard Christians do exactly that.

A few are showing by their fruits that they will follow Christ, if they can be first. These want to be admired for what they do and say. They desire the praises of men more than the praises of God. It is a self-serving religion, not a God serving commitment.

How many other things do people put first in their lives? While there is nothing wrong with having a good education, a better job, a home, a new or better car, or even having a depth of worldly knowledge, the harm is in allowing these things to take precedence over the things of God's kingdom.

What is first in your life? May it never be money, pleasure, education, and glory. Let it always be Christ Jesus our Lord? ☐

Watch us
LIVE!

Room for Him

By Michael W. McLemore

Their journey was long and toilsome, a woman with child and her husband. By the Caesar's edict they had come to the home of their birth — Bethlehem — foretold by the inspiring prophets of old; it was here He should be born. But the night He was to be born, there was no room in even the lowliest inn of that quaint city of kings. The streets must have bustled, the houses over-run. No family, no kind hearted patron, no one had room for God's unborn Son. Only this commentary was offered — "She brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7).

We scarcely know what it's like to want for a place to lay our head in this affluent day of modern convenience. But, wouldn't it be a lonely feeling, being shut out, no place for us? Some years ago, on what I believe to have been the most difficult day of my life, it happened to me. Traveling frantically, to what would prove to be the death bed of my younger brother, I found myself and family, with a tiny daughter of only three months of age, in a dark corner of the south and no place to sleep. The hour was late. It was the Lord's day, two or three a.m. as I recall, hoping to worship with the brethren after day break; there simply was no motel. For more than an hour we searched, stopping at one motel after another. Finally, we landed in a loathsome place indeed. It was wretched, but two beds it had and a place to wash. I, along with my young grieving family, was discomfited by the ordeal.

Having felt what Mary and Joseph felt, if even in a slight degree, I am left wondering if the present rejection of Christ does not exponentially exceed the circumstances of His ignominious birth. Sure, it was inconvenient, but He was born nonetheless. It was a sad circumstance, yes; yet, it was not purposeful rejection. With his mother looking on, the infant child felt no discomfort and was no worse for the experience. Sadly, the existent denial of room for the Son is so much more hurtful. This rejection He keenly feels. Christ is being shut out. With vehement impertinence He who loved so much, he who gave until there was no more than his very life is spurned, rejected of men. The effects are felt. They are painful — hurtful to Him and His cause.

Christ is being crowded out of the homes of modern man because he is so busy with living. Fathers, busy mak-

ing a living, are neglecting to bring their children "up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Rebellion among our young people is rampant; there is after all no room for "training" in the proper way to live (Proverbs 22:6). The Lord and His cause take second place to a multitude of other interests. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" has become to much to ask (Matthew 6:33). We just don't have room for Christ in our homes today.

Our institutions of learning are driving Him out, saying "There's no place for Christ in school." Wholesale rejection of the Bible as God's word, creation as the fact of man's origin, and prayer as the need of every man has made no room for God and Christ in school. Plenty of room is found for atheists, agnostics and modernists, but no room for Jesus of Nazareth. It is a sad state of affairs, yet this is the reality of publicly funded institutions of learning in our nation and communities.

Christ is being shut out of the world's religious institutions, so-called "churches," even churches of Christ. "How can this be?" some ask. Folks, every time we engage in an unauthorized effort, no matter how "good" it may appear to human sensibilities, we crowd the Lord out. "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" has been exchanged for the vain yearning of man's wistful work. The cause of man has been exalted in many religious bodies, even congregations of the Lord's people. They simply haven't room for Christ when he says, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me; but in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:7-9). Our Lord so said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matthew 15:13). These human institutions claiming a relationship with Christ shall be rooted up! Paul demanded, "keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you" (1 Corinthians 11:2). We must not change them in the least. God had them delivered just the way he wants us to keep them. Failure to do so constitutes our rejection of Christ.

It is a sad reality. There is just no room for Jesus in many places in this day and time. Don't let it be said of you. Won't you make room for Him? □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Sue Terry is doing very well. Her therapy is coming along and her doctor is pleased with her progress. Your prayers for *Sue* are appreciated.

Caryl Ehl was able to be at services on Wednesday evening. She will be going to Nashville soon for a second opinion. Please keep *Caryl* in your daily prayers.

Elaine Dorris is getting along well. It was wonderful to see her and *Gordon* on Wednesday evening.

Becky Hill continues to improve rapidly. The improvement in the last couple of weeks is apparent to all of us. Please continue to pray for her well-being.

Virginia Skinner has apparently come down with the flu a second time. This time it is a different strain. Pray for *the Skinners*.

Terry Childress' mother, *Sandra Ivey*, remains in Vanderbilt Hospital at this printing. *Terry* reports that she is doing better and her appetite is increasing. She might get to go home on Monday. We are asking each of our members to please pray for her.

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.

Several in our family have been diagnosed with the flu. We are mindful of them and are praying for their well-being. Please, if you are running fever, or if someone in your family is running fever, watch our convenient live stream at home. We are trying our best to mitigate the spread of these contagions.

Ladies Gathering, Today

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

Special Series in February

Mike McLemore will begin a special sermon series today on "The Bible." We hope this will be an encouragement to our family. Today's lesson is entitled "Reading the Bible."

Group One Meets Tonight

Group One, led by *W.D. Patrick*, meets immediately following evening worship in the classroom off the foyer for monthly group meeting. We hope every group member will participate. □

Weatherly Birthdays

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| 2-11 | Aaron Gore | 2-13 | Julie Guice |
| 2-15 | Glenda Cavender | 2-15 | Hilda Wright |
| 2-27 | Penny Hill | | |



FEBRUARY 4, 2018

FELLOWSHIP'S CONDITION

Michael W. McLemore

The Greek word for "fellowship," *koininia*, comes from a root meaning "common" or "shared." Thus, "fellowship" means "common participation in something either by giving what you have to the other person or receiving what he or she has. Give and take is the essence of fellowship, and give and take must be the way of fellowship in the common life of the body of Christ.

Christian fellowship is two dimensional, and it has to be vertical before it can be horizontal. We must know the reality of fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus before we can know the reality of fellowship with each other in our common relationship to God (1 John 1:3). The person who is not in fellowship with the Father and the Son is sadly no Christian at all (2 John 9). How could that person share with Christians the realities of their fellowship? □

Weekly Walk!