

The Weatherly Weekly

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Jesus is Alive

Michael W. McLemore

“Go quickly and tell the disciples that he has risen from the dead” was the angel’s word to the women outside the empty tomb (Matthew 28:7). He appeared to many individuals: his half-brother James and to Simon Peter. He appeared to two disciples on the Emmaus Road, to this small group of women, to seven disciples fishing on the Sea of Galilee, to the eleven apostles more than once, and to over five hundred people at one time. His appearances were real, verifiable, physical and bodily. Because the appearances were at different times, different places, to different groups and under different circumstances, and with physical evidences, they could not be hallucinations. All the evidence confirms that Jesus rose from the dead. He is a living Lord. He is a present Savior. The assurance that Jesus is alive commands our faith and obedience. Why so?

Jesus’ resurrection is the greatest evidence that His claims are true, that He is God. Everything hinges on the reality of the resurrection.

Without a resurrection, Jesus is a fraud, he remains dead, there is no good news. If so, we are in a hopeless state, yet in our sins. But, with resurrection, Jesus is alive. His claims to be God’s unique and special representative are verified. He forgives. He helps. And, He is coming again.

Credible historians admit that the evidence confirms that the tomb of Jesus was empty three days after his death. If His tomb was not empty, then it decayed in the grave. If the tomb was empty, either he was stolen or He was resurrected. No support was found of fraud among the critics of the day. The proof of His resurrection was in the appearances to both friend and foe.

Minds and lives were changed radically. Over a forty day period He talked with them, he ate and drank with them, they handled his body, and they examined the wounds in his hands and his feet. Their conclusion? Jesus is alive. We serve a living Savior. Each in turn followed Him unto death, inviting all who believe to do the same. ☐

Watch us
LIVE!

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MARCH 4	NEXT WEEK MARCH 11
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Phil Furlough	Ron Holland
Scripture Reading	Kirk Hatcher	Wes Caudle
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Terry Childress
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Collis Terry
Closing Prayer	Nick Holland	Kirk Hatcher
Wednesday PM	MARCH 7	MARCH 14
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Mike Coward
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Louis Garrett
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

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

March	
Serving on the Lord’s Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Will Starks ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Jim Ehl Jeremy Leshko Jonathan Matlock
Lord’s Supper PM	W.D. Patrick ** Terry Childress
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall & Jacks
Communion Prep	Sarah Starks & Julie Singleton
Building Lockup	Will Starks

Weatherly’s Shepherds

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Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
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.

Imputed Righteousness

Morris D. Norman

Romans 4 talks about imputed righteousness. The Greek word translated "impute" is also translated account and reckon, according to the translation one uses. It means "to lay to one's account." Calvinism claims that the personal guilt of Adam is imputed to the account of all men at birth and

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that the personal righteousness of Christ is imputed to the believer. Evidently some of our brethren are beginning to dabble in Calvinism.

I do not believe that the personal righteousness of Christ is imputed to the sinner any more than I believe that the personal sin of Adam is imputed to me. I am a sinner because I commit sin. Sin is not something one inherits; it is something one does. Sin is unrighteousness (1 John 5:17); it is lawlessness (1 John 3:4); it is failing to do good (James 4:17).

I am righteous because I do right. Righteousness is something that one does, not something that one inherits.

"If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 2:29; 3:7).

The sinner is accounted as righteous when through faith his iniquities are forgiven. This can only be through the blood of Christ (Rom. 3:21-25; 4:6-7; Heb. 9:14,26). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The sinner is under condemnation with no ability nor merit to free himself from the penalty. Christ who knew no sin, became sin (paid the penalty) for us all. By the blood of Christ, God can forgive all believers.

A man is convicted of a law violation. He must pay the fine or go to jail. He has not the ability to pay the fine. A friend is not a law violator. His innocence is not imputed to the criminal, only the payment is imputed to the criminal. The criminal is no longer charged because the fine has been paid.

So Christ has paid the penalty for the believing sinner. Christ's personal righteousness is not imputed to us, but the debt he paid is and we are no longer charged as sinners. It is only as I sin that I need the blood of Christ. His sinless life teaches me how not to be a law violator, hence, "he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 3:7). □



Family matters
News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Rick Morgan's is home and recovering. We are very thankful that his surgery went well, and he is expected to make a full recovery. Your prayers have made the difference. Please continue to pray for *Rick* and his wife, *Cyndy*.

Carol Roberts had surgery on her foot last week. She is getting along very well. It will take a bit of time to heal.

The Cowards are getting better after a few days of illness. We are thankful.

Jack Barr, Melvin Godette, Ann Summers & Glenda Cavender remain on our daily prayer list. Ask for the Lord's care of these good brethren. They are greatly missed in our assemblies.

Terry Childress' mother, Sandra Ivey, also continues to have an interest in our prayers on her behalf.

We are happy to report that *Wes' niece, Ali Caudle*, received good news from her visit to Vandy. The swelling in her joints was not arthritis, but residual effects from the flu. She is better already. Your prayers are appreciated.

Update on the Loggins'

A few of you are aware that *Cody & Miranda Loggins* have bought a home in Decatur and are in the pro-

cess of relocating. We are sad to see them move, but are happy for them to begin this new chapter of life.

Time change March 11th

Remember our clocks "spring forward" next Sunday morning. That means we will return to our 6 p.m. meeting time on Sunday night.

Spring Study Series

Our Spring Study Series begins March 18th. We look forward to this every year. Two weeks from tonight we will begin our study of the days following Jesus' resurrection.

Spring Spruce-up at Weatherly, April 14th

Save the date for Saturday, April 14th. We are in the process of planning a "work day" gathering here at the meeting house in advance of our Spring Lectures. Make plans to be here.

Group One Meets Tonight

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



Weatherly Birthdays

3-5	Gina Curtis	3-6	Harold Smith
3-11	Evelyn Hall	3-12	Stevie Hagewood
3-13	Collis Terry	3-14	Becky Hill
3-15	Bennett Matlock	3-18	Susan Ivey
3-22	Thomas Hill	3-27	Jonathan Matlock

"How the Body Grows"

Michael W. McLemore

Christians clamor for the magical formula to local church growth. WE who desire to see the kingdom of God come into the hearts of men searche diligently for better ways to teach a lost world. We are intrigued when we hear of a local church growing rapidly. "How did they do it?" we ask. "Did they use some special method or teaching program?" "Are their members more zealous than most?"

Some years ago a movement known as the "Discipling Movement" began. Crossroads was at the forefront. Christians were stunned as these efforts boasted hundreds of baptisms each year in local areas. Surely these people had discovered the elusive combination of ways and means that delivers first century results. Hopes were dashed as closer investigations revealed not only an unscriptural organization, but a pressurized manipulation of the minds of young people.

I want to ask, "Are we doomed to maintain the status quo? Has the Lord simply left us to our own devices when it comes to making increase of the body?" Emphatically no! A great many have merely adopted the philosophy: "If we can just keep the saved, saved, we have done well!" How is it that we are to grow, to build up the cause? Three things are necessary if we are to grow as a body of the Lord's people according to God's plan. The FOUNDATION must be right. The MATERIALS must be right. The PLAN must be right. All that is left is for Christians to get to it! □

Weekly Walk!