

Weatherly @ work

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

THIS WEEK
MAY 20

NEXT WEEK
MAY 27

Sunday AM

Announcements
Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Closing Prayer

Forest Summers
Charles Hill
Ron Holland
Jim Ehl
Ken Cavender

Sunday PM

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Closing Prayer

Charles Hill
Charlie Skinner
Doyle Wray

Wednesday PM

Song Leader
Invitation
Closing Prayer

MAY 23
Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Riley Monroe

Group Meeting

Group 3

Group 3

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

May

Serving on the
Lord's Table AM

Dwight Ivey
Terry Barnett
Ben Little
Tommy Hill **
Ed Dill
Marty Hunt
Charlie Skinner
Jerry Mitchell

** Overseer

Lord's Supper PM

Phil Furlough **
Jim Risner

Visitor Greeting Sunday AM

Murray & Wanda Castleman
John Stokes

Side Door

Mike & Peggy Coward

Sunday PM Rear Door/ Side Door

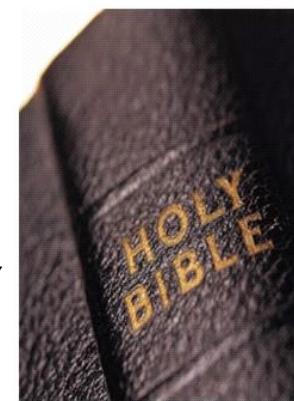
Terry & Wright
Megan Caudle
Phil Furlough

Communion Prep Building Lockup

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles
Mike McLemore



AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The People of Acts
Various Teachers

2018 FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

Tim Stevens, John Kilgore & Jackie Bradford
August 10th

Weatherly's Shepherds

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

Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
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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	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

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Life is a Journey

Michael W. McLemore

Life is a journey. It is filled with twists, turns, pot holes and pit stops. It's easy to lose the way. Detours are likely. To find the way we depend on a map. Signs and sudden, unexpected road changes impact the journey. But, the traveler receives encouragement that he is making progress when he passes much anticipated milestones!

In the Roman and Byzantine Empires milestone were placed along roads or boundaries at intervals. They provided reference points to reassure travelers the proper path was being followed. Each indicated either distance travelled or the remaining distance to a destination. Modern interstates are lined with markers to remind travelers of how far they have come and how far they have to go. Milestones give reference and provide assurance.

Life's milestones remind us how far we've come and how much more we need to go to accomplish our goals. Important milestones are

places we commonly stop to reflect on our progress on our journey to this point. It is fitting and proper.

It could be argued that Solomon's Ecclesiastes is such a reflection. He had everything a man could want and could get anything that his heart desired. But, in his reflection he described his life as empty, meaningless. Solomon came to the realization that even hard work and labor added little more than temporary fulfillment. He concluded others would take over the things he worked so hard for after he was gone. They would take credit for it, or foolishly squander it. In the end Solomon made one final observation, "fear God and keep his commands, this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

As we reach the milestones of life, we must remember Solomon's sage observance. Life is more than things. It is more than education and work. It is more than fun. Real meaning is our relationship and service to God! □



Biblical Evangelism



Many at Weatherly Heights know Harold Comer personally. This is an excerpt from his widely circulated work entitled Biblical Evangelism. (MWM)

TOO BROAD

There are many Biblical extremes that are sinful. We sin when we loosen or modify a law that God has given. This often happens today in a permissive and loose society. Some preachers think that if they water down their distinctive doctrines that they will appeal to a broader range of people. This fails because the group loses its conviction as it becomes too broad.

TOO NARROW

We also sin when we write a law that God did not make. This often happened in New Testament times (circumcision in Galatians, cf. Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; Col. 2:16-23). Either extreme removes you from the sphere of Biblical evangelism.

TOO UNSURE AND SAFE

Brethren also move out of the realm of Biblical Evangelism when they justify so many fears and create so many obstacles that they never can do anything because they don't know if it is an expedient option or a sinister, seductive, new innovation. They are afraid of anything new. For a people who should know the book which commands them to be greatly evangelistic, they are gridlocked and unevangelistic because they don't know about filmstrips, Bible seminars instead of gospel meetings, computers, tape duplicators, "expensive" TV preaching, better literature, or a hundred other fears and uncertainties. People who clearly know the law should also clearly know the expediencies and options. Otherwise, they don't really know the law. Biblical evangelism is so important that it must not be ruled by non-Biblical suppositions and fears. If it is Biblical, it must be guided by clear Biblical command, inference, or example. Also, it is guided by the

command to tell the "Good News". It must get the job done!

TOO SECULAR & BUSY

When we are secularized and don't reach out with the Gospel, we are not Biblical either. The person who is unexcited about the "Good News" is certainly not "Biblical" because the message of the gospel produces an excited urgency to proclaim it.

TOO LAZY

The lazy brother who doesn't want to learn the 1000 things it takes to be evangelistic is certainly not thinking about what the Bible teaches because it's message produces great desire to learn and to proclaim the truth. Finally, evangelism and personal work must be recognized as work and our minds must be turned to the work (Nehemiah 4:6).

TOO IMMORAL

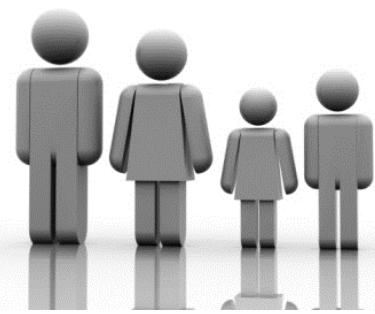
Teaching and personal work by hypocrites and sinners is not a part of the New Testament pattern. (1 Pet. 2:12, 3:16; Tit. 3:10) If you are living an ungodly life and you want to help others, the Biblical pattern is to repent and get some help to overcome your sinful habits and temptations. A cursing tongue does not fit with the sweet message of the gospel (James 3:9-10).

TOO FEARFUL

Finally the godly man is not ruled by fear (Rev. 22:8; Acts 18:9 "Do not be afraid..." and 2 Tim. 1:6-8). Yet, much potential evangelism is stopped because of the fear of good people who have not learned to trust and plow on. Evangelism that is limited by "fear" is certainly not Biblical Evangelism. New Testament preaching was "bold" and it was not deterred by death, travel difficulties, dangerous localities, or any fear. We need to move up to the excitement of Biblical evangelism and the brave proclamation it produces. □

HAROLD COMER

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Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

We are thrilled that *Carol Risner* is better and able to be back at Weatherly. She and *Jim* are a great encouragement to all who know them. Prayers are in order for continued strength and thanksgiving for our great God's tender care.

Will Patrick's recent test went well. We are thankful that he is doing good. Your prayers are appreciated.

Melvin Godette remains a constant in our hearts and in our prayers. Say his name to the Lord each time you lift your voice to Him. He alone can relieve the burdens that our *brother Melvin* carries daily. Pray for *Donna* and for the children.

It looks as though *Cathy Preston* was doing so well that she over-did-it initially. She returned to the crutches for a few days but is much better now. We are thankful.

Janeth Hagewood's stitches are out. Now comes the healing. Pray that there will be no lasting effects from the injury.

Debbie Harbin, a recent guest in our assembly, is doing well and we are grateful for the Lord's care of her. Say her and *Jimmy's* name to the Lord as you pray.

June Furlough was not able to be with us last Wednesday. I mention her here so that we all might ask the Lord for her relief as she wrestles with the debilitating headaches that come from time to time.

Ann Summers is missed in our assemble. Say her name as you pray.

Weatherly Birthdays

5-23	Terry Childress	5-23	Melvin Godette
5-28	Terry Barnett	5-31	Petra Carter
6-1	Elaine Dorris	6-1	June Furlough
6-4	Ellie Pellegrini	6-5	Lynne Crank

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Work

Adapted

"The fool folds his hands and consumes his own flesh. One hand full of rest is better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind."

— Ecclesiastes 4:5-6

A few weeks ago I was lending a ride to a fellow who was a guest in our assembly. Sitting at a traffic signal, the man said, "The Bible says not to fold you arms!" It was then I realized, I had crossed my arms waiting for the signal to change. Conversation ensued; I tried to explain to the man what Solomon was discussing in the above text.

The verses seem to contradict. Verse 5 condemns sloth; verse 6 lauds rest. Was Solomon calling for moderation? Common sense dictates that activity toward our own purposes is necessary. On the other hand, being consumed by worldly pursuits to the point of not being able to enjoy the fruits of our labors is truly energy wasted. He writes in verse 8 of one who found fulfillment in work — work that offered no joy in the short term and no satisfaction over his nonexistent heirs' future in the long term. "A grievous task" indeed.

As 2 Thessalonians seems to indicate, some brethren were celebrating what they anticipated to be the imminent return of the Lord by foregoing profitable labor altogether. Spending inordinate amounts of time in secular pursuits, leaving little time for the Lord or family, let alone pleasure, is not what the Lord has in mind for us. We owe Him, and ourselves, much better. □

Weekly Walk!