

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JUNE 3	NEXT WEEK JUNE 10
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	David Jacks	Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading	Searcy Hall	Wes Caudle
Closing Prayer	Phil Furlough	Bobby Wright
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	W.D. Patrick
Closing Prayer	Ed Dill	Kirk Hatcher
Wednesday PM		
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Collis Terry
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Louis Garrett
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

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

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

June	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Nick Holland Ron Harmon ** Steve Hagewood W. D. Patrick Jeremy Leshko Jim Risner
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Charlie Skinner ** John Stokes
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & Gwyn McLemore
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison & Ehl
Communion Prep	Peggy Coward
Building Lockup	Kirk Hatcher

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.

Committed for Life

Michael W. McLemore

Becoming a member of God's church, a Christian, portends assuming a definite obligation. As a Christian, one's thinking is transformed. Once a child of God, a man or woman's speech is restyled. In behavior, the Christian is reborn. The Holy Spirit of God, through the pen of Paul, said of this process of growth and development, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Christian is a new creature—a newborn person. It is by the Gospel that we are transformed into the image of Christ.

Obedying the Gospel is not something that one does just once in a lifetime. It is no road of ease once the new creature has risen from the watery depths of Jesus' death in baptism. Obeying the Gospel is the mere beginning of a life-long commitment.

Christianity is a way of life, not a once a week, twice a week, or even a three time a week

affair. It is a path that must be traveled unto the very moment of death. John said, "We walk in the light, as He is in the light" (1 John 1:7). It is a daily path of duty, sometimes arduous and uncomfortable. The road is fraught with travail and temptation, but it's promises are real and lasting for those who are faithful. The Lord warned the brethren at Smyrna, "Be thou faithful into death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

I would remind you of these words of encouragement from the Hebrew writer, who wrote to Christians about real world struggles, "Let us hold fast our profession." (Hebrews 4:14); "Let us go onto perfection" (6:1).

Our own Lord reminded His disciples, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). The question we must all honestly answer for ourselves is "Am I Committed for life?" ☐

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No Longer an Enemy

Adapted

In the days of the American Revolutionary War there lived in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, a preacher by the name of Peter Miller who enjoyed the friendship of General George Washington. There also dwelt in that town one Michael Wittman, an evil-minded man who did all in his power to abuse and oppose this preacher.

One day Michael Wittman was involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to death. When the old preacher heard this news, he started out on foot and walked the whole seventy miles to Philadelphia to plead for this man's life. He was admitted into Washington's presence and at once begged for the life of the traitor.

Washington said, "No, Peter, I cannot grant you the life of your friend."

The preacher exclaimed, "My friend? Why, this man is the bitterest enemy I have."

Washington cried, "What? You've walked seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? Now that puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon."

And so he did. And Peter Miller took Michael Wittman from the very shadow of death back to his own home in Ephrata — no longer as an enemy, but as a friend.

Due to our sins, you and I have been found guilty and sentenced to death. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23; 6:23). However, Christ walked the road to Calvary to seek reconciliation to God for us (His enemies) Romans 5:10. But unlike Peter Miller, Christ did not just enter "the very shadow of death" to save us; He actually gave His life so that we might be reconciled to God.

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us! Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his LIFE!" (Romans 5:6-10 *paraphrase*).

Through Christ you and I can be reconciled to God, if we will respond to Him in faith (Hebrews 11:6), repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confession (Romans 10:9-10), and baptism (immersion) for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then, as we walk in the light of His Word, the cleansing blood of Jesus will wash our sins away (1 John 1:7).

The value of something is often determined by the price one is willing to pay for it! Consider the great price that was paid for our reconciliation (a restored relationship) to God.

Truly, our response should be to walk with Him now, not as an enemy, but as a friend. □

Emily & Trenton's Big Day

Giving a daughter away is a once in a lifetime experience. I've done it three times now. It's never easy. But giving your little girl's hand to a young man of the caliber of Trenton Barksdale makes it bearable. We couldn't be more happy



for our little Emily to have what she's always wanted, to be the wife of a gospel preacher.

Trenton & Emily are good together. They understand one another and what they both want — to serve God

with their whole heart. Gwyn and I are blessed. Our family has increased in number by 1. And what a ONE he is. Trenton will be our third son. He fits into the family exceptionally.

We hope you will each take the credit that you are due in helping Emily "grow up" here at Weatherly. She thrived in this church. It has helped to make her who she is. Thank you all for being

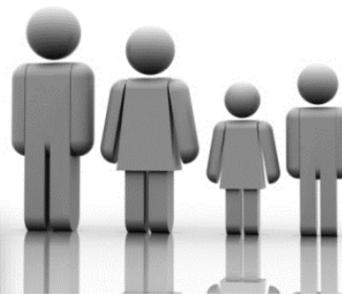


such a great encouragement to her.

We are also indebted to our entire Weatherly family because you all helped to make Emily & Trenton's



day beautiful. Kim Barnett you're our hero! □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Little Brennan Ivey is doing well following surgery. Your prayers on his behalf are appreciated. He has one more procedure. We will pass that information along as soon as it's available.

Our prayers continue with *Melvin Godette* and family. Say his name daily please.

We mention *Glenda Cavender* every week in our newsletter. Please pray for her and for *Ken*. She is missed in our assembly.

Ann Summers remains at home under the tender care of those who love her most. Say her name today and everyday as you pray.

Edith Turner's sister, *Kathryn Wall*, is back in the nursing home in Athens. She broke her hip two weeks ago and underwent surgery at Huntsville Hospital. Thankfully she is able to have rehab in familiar surroundings. Your prayers for her are appreciated.

We have learned that *Marqueta Cook* passed away on Friday. We are saddened by this great loss. Please pray for *Steve, Catie & Charlie*. She will be greatly missed by a multitude of God's people. Visitation will be held June 3rd, 5 to 8 p.m., at Limestone Funeral Home in Athens.

It's great to have *Charley & Petra Carter* home from their extended trip to Florida. They were missed.

June & Phil Furlough are on a trip to Alaska. Pray for their safe travels.



Article of Note

Immediately to the right is a response from *Barry Hume*, whom we support, to a letter from our own *Anna Holland*. *Barry's* tender response is so moving. I hope all of you appreciate *Anna's* encouragement of *Barry* and his in return to her.



Anna is a special young girl. I hope you will also enjoy a photo of *Anna*, taken by *Carol Roberts* just this past Friday.

Weatherly's Annual Singing

Be sure you have marked your calendar for Friday, August 10th. That is the night of our annual Friday Night Singing. *John Kilgore, Tim Stevens* and *Jackie Bradford* will be with us. Be sure you're schedule is set.

Group One Meeting

Group One, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet immediately following evening services tonight. All Group 1 members are encouraged to attend. □

Weatherly Birthdays

6-4	Ellie Pellegrini	6-4	Melonie Power
6-5	Lynne Crank	6-7	Shelia Hagewood
6-11	Ann Summers	6-13	Erin Riggs
6-13	Adam Hagewood	6-14	Jeremy Leshko
6-15	Murray Castleman	6-26	Keria Godette

Personal Response to Anna from Barry Hume

Greetings Anna,

WOW! How exciting to get your letter, thank you so much for writing to me. I showed your letter to all the members of my church (Eastside) and they thought it was wonderful that you sent me a letter.

You asked me what my favorite food is, well, I would have to say it is a garden salad with green lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, cheese, grated carrot, and coleslaw. My favorite hot food is roast vegetables (potato, pumpkin, parsnips) with peas and gravy.

Every weekend my grandchildren stay over at my house so once a week we have McDonalds together (that is their favorite).

I wish your mum and dad could bring you to Tasmania to visit me and my wife Jackie. You could all stay in our apartment downstairs that we built so that members of the church from all over the world can stay in it for free.

I would love to show you all over Tasmania, and we could go to a wildlife park and see all kinds of animals like kangaroos, wallabies, koala bears, kookaburras, wombats and Tasmanian Devils!

I preached all over America for three months in 1997 and saw that our countries are very much the same. If you visited us in Tasmania, you would see most of the same things as there in Huntsville, but there are some things here, and places to go that are different.

We are blessed here in Tasmania that we don't have hard conditions to live in like some missionaries do in poorer countries around the world.

Keep up your good work at school, I can tell from your letter that you are a bright little girl. Please tell all the members of the Weatherly church that Barry & Jackie want them all to visit us in Tasmania.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Barry Hume

Weekly Walk!