

# Weatherly @work

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JUNE 17	NEXT WEEK JUNE 24
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Ben Little	Will Starks
Scripture Reading	Philip Dill	Jim Ehl
Closing Prayer	Gene Preston	Jeremy Leshko
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	David Jacks	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Collis Terry
Closing Prayer	Doyle Wray	Nick Holland
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	JUNE 20	JUNE 27
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Collis Terry
Invitation	Marty Hunt	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Riley Monroe
<b>Group Meeting</b>	Group 3	Group 4

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>June</b>	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Nick Holland Ron Harmon ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	W. D. Patrick Jeremy Leshko Jim Risner
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	Charlie Skinner ** John Stokes
<b>Visitor Greeting</b>	
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

## 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
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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	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

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# The Weatherly Weekly

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## "Fathers!"

Michael W. McLemore

We have all been there – waiting in line. Eventually it will be my turn. Surely, my name will be called. A list of things that have nothing to do with me come first. I'm waiting. Then, it happens: "Fathers!" (Ephesians 6:4).

This world long ago lost respect for the role of fatherhood and for those who occupy a chair reserved for no other. Modern progressive feminist ideology's advocacy for gender neutral culture is the latest in a long line of evidence of its rejection of God's design. Be assured of this truth, the world may call light darkness and darkness light, but it will never make it so. God has plenty to say to men who are Fathers.

In a long list of "new man" life principles the Holy Spirit of God inspires Paul to charge Fathers with the role of "bringing up children." The pass the buck mentality of a progressively godless culture is bearing its ugly fruit. It's not pretty. When fatherhood becomes nothing more than a consequence of an immoral act, society is doomed. But, lest we commend ourselves for being part of a divinely designed nuclear family, as though that is enough, the mere presence

of a man in the house is not what Paul meant by "bring them up." Fathers, you have important work to do. The role of a Father is both crucial and obligatory.

The image of Paul's admonition is that of a Mentor and his Apprentice. Father, "bring them up." "Raise them to maturity" in God's discipline. Age old practices of learning a trade or profession through apprenticeship are still observable in some areas of modern society. Young doctors are "internes." Electricians, plumbers, pipe-fitters must work as apprentice laborers before they can obtain a license. Paul said, children are led to maturity in God's discipline by "Fathers."

Undisciplined living is a plague to every culture. That course is reversed only by "fathers," real fathers: Men who practice the craft of holy living; Men who model the godly life; Men who first live within the limits of divine authority, then call upon their sons and daughters to do the same; Men who hold their children to account for choices and insist upon acting in accord with God's will. "Fathers!" ☐

Watch us  
LIVE!

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# Doing Good Things BETTER

Warren E. Berkley

**“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”**

**Philippians 3:12-14, ESV**

This article is not about exposing sin, demanding you renounce some wickedness, quit lying or stealing. While those guilty of these misbehaviors need to repent and be forgiven, this kind of thing is not the subject of this article. This article is about pressing on and straining forward to start doing good things better.

Can you pray better? Not just longer prayers, though that might be part of the progress you need to make. Consider giving more thought in framing your prayers, or expanding who and what you pray for. Initiate petitions that honor Christ, praise God, and advance the proclamation of the gospel. But also, pray for people you don't agree with and don't like. You've been engaged in prayer for many years. Now find ways to do that better. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." Can your prayers become more effective and fervent?

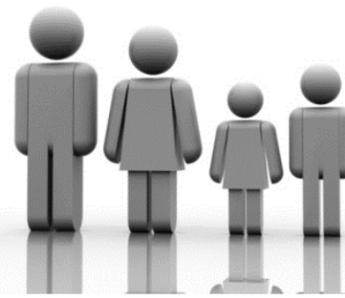
Can your attendance be improved? Can you give up some of the weak excuses, gain better control of your schedule, re-think your priorities and improve your attendance? By attending every service you enjoy the advantages of edification and the encouragement you lend to others and receive from them. Christians in the early church were together and that unity was crit-

ical to their survival and their capacity to share the gospel with others. "All who believed were together," (Acts 2:44).

Can you reach out to people in a better way? Are there people you know who need you to move closer to them, get to know them and help them? For most of us, I believe, there are people we are acquainted with who need something we can give. But we have not taken the time. We have been too busy with so many of "our things." I speak not of money primarily, but of encouragement, listening, praying with, studying with and befriending.

Can you help someone begin reading the Bible? Make a list of 5 people you know. Are all five of those people reading the Bible? Pick out one and ask if they read the Bible daily? If not, offer to show them and help them get started. Periodically review or re-make your list. There is no better endeavor you can invite someone to begin. All many people need is a little encouragement.

Again, this article was not written to the idolater, the liars or false teachers. Rather, to Christians who are doing good things already. I believe we can do these things better. Let's press on toward the goal. ☐



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest  
To Weatherly Members

### Pray for Those in Need

*Melvin Godette* remains on our prayer list as he tries to get better. We are praying for his encouragement as he follows through with various visits to his doctors. Pray for his family as well.

*Carolynn Barr* continues the process of recovery from knee replacement surgery. Ask for her comfort and for quick healing. Say her name to the Father.

*Edith Turner* is in need of our prayers. We are trusting her care to the Lord as she tries to regain the strength that she needs to do the things that confront her daily.

*Glenda Cavender* remains on our hearts and in our prayers every day.

*Ann Summers* just had a birthday. A gathering was held in her honor last Lord's day. A number of those she has known so long were able to be there. It was a good day. Pray for *Ann* and her family.

*Little Brennan Ivey* had surgery last week. He is home doing well. Thank you for your prayers for him and his family.

*Debbie Harbin* is doing a bit better after being overcome with severe back pain last week. Thankfully the diagnosis reveals a manageable condition with no serious long term problems. Pray for her.

Many of our Weatherly family will be traveling over the next few weeks. Pray for safety for all. If we can assist you in finding brethren with whom to worship while you travel, let us know.



### Weatherly Birthdays

6-11	Ann Summers	6-13	Erin Riggs
6-13	Adam Hagewood	6-14	Jeremy Leshko
6-15	Murray Castleman	6-26	Keion Godette
7-3	Lesli McCary	7-10	Will Patrick

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### Mable Crafts Laid to Rest

*Ruth Mitchell's* sister, *Mable Crafts*, passed away on Tuesday of last week. Services were held in Athens on Friday. Please remember *Ruth* and her family as they grieve the loss of their sweet loved one. She will be missed by many.

### Claire Uptagrafft Baptized

*Claire Uptagrafft* was baptized into Christ on Sunday, June 10th at Weatherly Heights church of Christ. Claire is the daughter of *Brooke & David Uptagrafft*. She is the granddaughter of *Joan & Dewitt Uptagrafft* and *Carol & Hill Roberts*. She is the great-granddaughter of *Carolynn Barr*. She is the niece of *Melissa Skinner*.

We are rejoicing with this family.

### Renovations

Recent upgrades to our facilities here at Weatherly are apparent. More is to come in the next weeks to bring our meeting house up to date and to make our gatherings more comfortable. We are thankful for the hard work of those who are coordinating the effort.

### Group Three Meeting

Group Three, led by *Murray Castleman*, will meet immediately following evening services tonight. All Group 3 members are encouraged to attend. ☐

## Bored?

Adapted

What do you do when you find that church is boring? It's time for a change! Now the question is, change what?

Did you hear about the church for men who find church boring? They meet in a gymnasium one Saturday evening a month. A rock band provides entertainment. The preacher speaks in front of the scoreboard, with the clock running. He guarantees an hour service.

Some might not go that far, yet they still insist on change. Contemporary music, drama, and short sermons that are little more than pep talks are the order of the day. Clapping and cheering have replaced amens. Celebration and praise are the buzzwords.

Malachi lived at a time when people found "church" boring. Speaking of Israel's worship, God said through the Prophet, "You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it" (Malachi 1: 13).

God proposed two changes to these who turned up their noses at His worship. One was to just stay home. "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you" (v. 10). The better solution, the change He preferred, was to repent. "If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the Lord of hosts, "then I will send the curse upon you" (2:2).

Notice what God did not approve: changing the structure or activities of worship to accommodate individual tastes. ☐

Weekly Walk!