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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JULY 22	NEXT WEEK JULY 29
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Phil Furlough	Tommy Hill
Scripture Reading	Wes Caudle	Adam Hagewood
Closing Prayer	Steve Hagewood	Kirk Hatcher
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Forest Summers
Closing Prayer	Nick Holland	Riley Monroe
Wednesday PM	JULY 25	AUGUST 1
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Mike Coward
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	Marty Hunt
Group Meeting	Group 4	

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

July	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender Bobby Wright Ron Holland Will Starks ** Gene Preston
** Overseer	Jim Ehl Wes Caudle John Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	Ben Little ** Doyle Wray
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Louis Garrett
Side Door	Forest & Dot Summers
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Cavender & T. Hill
Communion Prep	Wanda Castleman & Jenny Jacks
Building Lockup	Murray Castleman

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 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
Email: mmclmore@weatherlychurch.com

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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CONFORM!

Michael W. McLemore

The plea is everywhere: CONFORM! For Christians, we would do well to remember that this runs counter to the pleadings of Christ and His apostles. Jesus began His earthly ministry warning of the broad path, conformity to the world's standard, leading to destruction. Paul said it plainly, "Be NOT conformed."

These two warnings reminds me of Robert Frost's famous poem, *The Road Not Taken*. It ends with these words: "...two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Frost captured the essence of Christianity. We reject the path traveled by the majority. We are different in every way. We look different, act different, talk different. Christians are set apart.

The Psalmist said it this way:

"I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells se-

cure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Psalm 16:1-7

God's word is our instructor. The Lord is our guide. If this is true of our lives, why are so many concerned about living life in accord with cultural norms? Is it just me or do a majority of people in our society concern themselves inordinately with fitting in? We hear much about "Mainstream America," but Jesus assured us that the mainstream offers no future.

The appeal of our society to conform is nothing new, nor will it stop. "The norm" of American culture is becoming increasingly foreign to the Divine pattern. It is a far cry from the life that God would have us live. The founding traditions of our society are under attack, and as Christians we must stand up and let our faith be seen. ☐

Watch us
LIVE!

Oh, the Things We May Do



Dee Bowman

Every normal person has responsibilities in his life. He is; and so he can. We all have duties; they are part of who and what we are. When Jesus came across the fig tree that bore no fruit, he cursed it and it died. It was not performing according to its purpose. Just as "to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Eccles. 3:1), there is a purpose for every man. His primary purpose is to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Eccles. 12:13).

Your purposes and responsibilities are measured by several things: things like your native personality, your own personal abilities, your station in life, your opportunities, etc. In fact, all responsibility is ultimately measured in terms of two things: ability and opportunity. Obviously, you can't do what you have no ability to do, nor can you do what there is no opportunity to do. But when both are present, you become responsible.

Here are some things each of us can do.

I can pray often. There seems to be a dearth of prayer in the lives of many Christians. We know we ought to pray more. We admit it, but we get involved with other things and forget to pray. Would we forget to stay in touch with our children or grandchildren? Would we let our friendships deteriorate because of a lack of attention? It indicates a lack of interest when we don't pray like we ought. "Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17) may not be saying we ought to pray continually, but it does say we should pray regularly.

I can be present. Attendance is a measurement of interest and it's something that is important for our own spiritual development, as well as helping our brethren to grow in their spiritual development (Heb. 10:23-25). Being present regularly at the worship services is one thing we all can do. Sometimes you feel tired on Wednesday night and you say to yourself, "I just don't think I can make it tonight," but instead of giving in to the temptation to say

home, you force yourself and get up and go. After the stimulating Bible study, after the refreshment of spirited singing and praying with those who love God, you feel refreshed, and you are pleased with your decision to attend. That's what being together in the local assembly is all about. It stimulates, it refreshes, it edifies, it encourages.

I can make a contribution. "Oh, no—now we have to talk about money," you say. No, instead of talking about money, let's talk about time. How much time do you give to the Lord? Can you give Him more than the three or four hours you spend each week at the building? And let's talk about talent. How much of your personal capabilities have you given to Him? And let's talk about sacrificial giving, giving where you actually have to make an extra expenditure of time, effort, ability to help someone. There's a host of things you can give—and most of them will cost you something.

I can watch my tongue. How many problems could be prevented if people could just learn to watch what they say, how they say what they say, where they say, what they say, and to whom they say it? "What they say" is the operative phrase. All of us would do well to make sure that whatever we say about anything is true. Not hearsay, not what someone said someone said, but truth. James says, "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity (Jas. 3:6), and "behold how great a forest a little fire kindles!" (Jas. 3:5). Huge conflagrations are started by little, uncontrolled sparks. We best be careful that our one little remark doesn't start a huge rumor that eventually spreads out of control. And don't forget the dangers of silent speech—a raised eyebrow, a shoulder shrug or a little shake of the head.

I can do better. He is something everybody can do. What is my best? Do I really know? Many of us don't, methinks. We've need to stop and ask the question, "can I do better?" That's hard, isn't it? But it needs to be done. Will your Father be satisfied with half-hearted, part-time service, with less than you are capable of giving? Read Amos 5:21-ff. You can't give God your leftovers. We best think about it, folks. God deserves the best we have to offer and we dare not give Him partial participation, part time service, what is of little value. "Give diligence to show thyself approved to God," Paul said (I Tim. 2:15). If I can do better, I must.

Well, those are some things each of us can do. Isn't it good we can be together— together to warn and admonish one another, together to enjoy our common faith in Jesus, together to benefit from each other's warmth and friendliness? Let's resolve to do what we can! □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Betty Reavis underwent a biopsy early last week and is still awaiting results. We are praying for the most positive indications. Please include **Betty & Bill** in your daily prayers.

Jean "Barb" Woodard was moved to Valley Rehabilitation Center in Madison—5968 Wall Triana Hwy—late Thursday. She is in room 505 of the rehab section. We are thankful for her progress and are praying that she will regain sufficient strength to rejoin our assemblies. Your prayers for her a greatly appreciated.

Melvin Godette is undergoing rehab. We rejoiced to have him with us on Sunday. Our prayers are for his strength and for his comfort. He is a ray of light to our entire Weatherly family. Say his name each time you approach the Father in prayer. Also, remember **Donna** and the children.

Dylan Craig, grandson of **Melonie Power**, has an appointment with a travel team of UAB Neuro doctors on Friday, July 27th. We are thankful that this time Dylan and his parents will not have to travel. We are praying for answers for the family. They are understandably concerned for both his well being and for his future. In the meantime, **Melonie** reports that "Dylan is doing great!" That is welcomed news.

Please continue to lift **Glenda Cavender** up to the Lord in prayer. Also, **Ann Summers** has an interest in our

prayerful words to the Father on her behalf.

Thank you to all who continue to pray for our friend and brother, **Glenn Tomblin**.

Bill & Betty Reavis Identify

We are happy to announce that **Bill & Betty Reavis** have expressed their desire to begin working with our Weatherly Family. We are looking forward to having them with us. Please make a note of their contact info:

**114 Ada Drive
Owens Crossroads, AL 35763
Home: (256) 535-0794
Cell: (256) 665-0469**

Annual Singing, August 10

Final preparations are underway for our annual Friday night singing. We trust our members have already set Friday, August 10th apart to be present for an evening of worship. Our crowds are always excellent. The song leaders, **Jackie Bradford, John Kilgore & Tim Stevens**, will do their part. Let's do ours by giving our all to support the effort.

Group Four Meeting

Group Four, led by **Ron Harmon**, will meet immediately following evening services in the large back classroom. All Group 4 members are encouraged to attend. □



Weatherly Birthdays

7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Philip Dill	8-1	Thomas Little
8-2	Wanda Castleman	8-6	Forest Summers
8-10	Natalie Frazier	8-11	Phyllis Harmon
8-14	Anna Holland		

Today

Adapted

My friend **Don Truex** wrote the following. It is insightful and worthy of our consideration. One will never be able to undervalue TODAY and grow forward in his relationship with the Lord.

Today Matters...

Today. 24 hours. 1440 minutes of fresh, unsoiled time to be used for great good or great harm. The choice is ours. You may recognize that title from John Maxwell's interesting and valuable book of the same name. But I wonder, if Christians took that title seriously, how would that play out in our daily lives?

Today I will not be rendered useless by dwelling on yesterday's mistakes or failures.

Today I will spend time communicating with my Father in Heaven. Not just a passing word before consuming a meal, but true conversation in which I open my heart to the One who understands all.

Today I will have absolutely no time for self-pity or gossip.

Today I will speak to a friend or relative or co-worker about their greatest need -- a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Today I will do something tangible to challenge my mind, strengthen my body and honor the stewardship of my finances.

Today I will relegate self to second position and do something truly meaningful for someone else.

Today, by the grace of God, will count for something good. □

Weekly Walk!