

The Weatherly Weekly

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The Joy of Being a Parent

Michael W. McLemore

The joy of being a parent is virtually universal. The wise man said it is pure and good. It is God's will. Children are a glory to their father, a crown to their grandfathers (Proverbs 17:6).

Children amplify the soul, taking thought away from self, focusing on another. In doing so, children distinctly benefit and bless parents and grandparents. And, like all pure joys, it is lasting, not evaporating with time. On the contrary, it deepens and grows as the child of its affections matures and ages. The affection only grows more tender in the heart of their admirers and in the kind providence of God, it is renewable in another generation. Grandfather's have as much or more delight in his grandson as the does the father his son.

It's natural to want children. Husbands and wives long for someone to call their own. The child is the fruit of their own love and affection.

Children are described as the reward from God — His blessing. A house is made a home, when it has been blessed with the desire of two

loving hearts. It is often the thing for which two loves have longed and waited.

Sometimes parenthood can be the source of grievous disappointment and sorrow (Proverbs 17:21,25). No one in the world can pierce the soul of a parent than a child gone astray from wisdom and righteousness.

Here parents must themselves remain circumspect, for what our children become in spirit and character may be a direct impress of who we are. This is our greatest task. It is in our charge to lead our children into the gates of the kingdom of Christ, toward Divine service and commitment.

Please notice that usually a source of the profoundest gratitude and gladness requires the greatest and most sincere dedication. We can hand down our principles and our influence, through direct endeavors, to the second and third generations. Truly, children are the glory of their fathers, and a crown of old men. May God bless us in the rearing of them. □

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK AUGUST 12	NEXT WEEK AUGUST 19
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Forest Summers
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Steve Hagewood	Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading	Bobby Wright	Philip Dill
Closing Prayer	Ken Cavender	Jeremy Leshko
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Ben Little
Closing Prayer	Doyle Wray	Terry Childress
Wednesday PM	AUGUST 15	AUGUST 22
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Collis Terry
Invitation	Ed Dill	W.D. Patrick
Closing Prayer	Louis Garrett	Jim Ehl
Group Meeting	Group 2	Group 3

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

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

July	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Dwight Ivey Nick Holland Kirk Hatcher Ron Harmon ** Marty Hunt Ryan Patrick Charlie Skinner Jerry Mitchell
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough ** Riley Monroe
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Janice Schrimsher
Rear Door	Steve & Shelia Hagewood
Side Door	Charles & Penny Hill
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison & Roberts
Communion Prep	Julie Singleton & Sarah Starks
Building Lockup	Mike McLemore

Weatherly's Shepherds

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

Evangelist

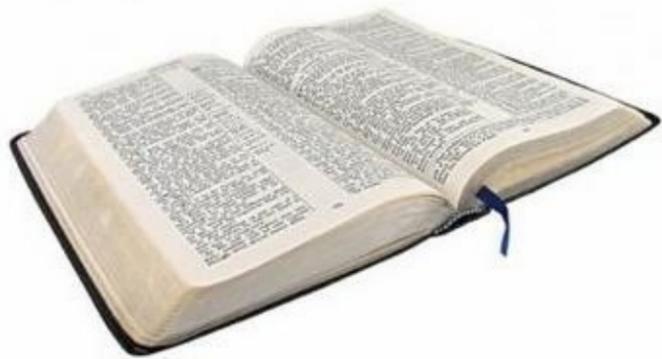
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Weatherly's Deacons

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.



The Bible

OUT OF THE PAST

THERE is, perhaps, no book read more than the Bible, and it appears as though no book generally read was less understood. This, no doubt, has arisen from a combination of causes which exists in relation to no other book in the world. If any other book in the English language had as many commentaries written upon it, had as many systems predicated upon it, or upon particular constructions of it; if any other book were exhibited in the same dislocated and distracted light, had as many debates about its meaning, and as many different senses attributed to its words; if any other book were read as the scriptures are commonly read, in the same broken, disconnected, and careless manner, with the same stock of prejudice and preconceived opinions, there is every reason to believe that it would be as unintelligible and as little understood as the Bible appears to be. We often wonder at the stupidity of the Jews in our Saviour's time in relation to his pretensions and claims, and no doubt posterity will wonder at our stupidity and ignorance of a book which we read so often and profess to venerate so highly. There is a greater similarity in the causes and reasons of their and our indocility than we are aware. The evil one has the same interest in obscuring this volume, which he had in obscuring the evidences of his mission; and the vitiosity of man, both natural and acquired, exhibits itself in the same aspect towards the Bible as it did in reference to the person concerning whom it was all written.

But among the myriads who religiously read the Bible, why is it that so little of the spirit of it seems to be caught, possessed, and exhibited? I will give one reason, and those more wise may add to it others. Many read the Bible to have a general idea of what it contains, as a necessary part of a polite education; many read it to attain the means of proving the dogmas

which they already profess; many read it with a design of being extremely wise in its contents; many read it that they may be able to explain it to others; and, alas! but few appear to read it supremely and exclusively that they may practice it; that they may be conformed to it, not only in their outward deportment, but in the spirit and temper of their minds. This is the only reading of it which is really profitable unto men, which rewards us for our pains, which consoles us now, and which will be remembered for ages to come, with inexpressible delight. In this way, and in this way only, the spirit of it is caught, retained, and exhibited. Some such readers seem to be enrapt or inspired with its contents. Every sentiment and feeling which it imparts seem to be the sentiments and feeling of their hearts, and the Bible is to their religion what their spirit is to their body—the life and activity thereof. The Bible to such a person is the medium of conversation with the Lord of Life. He speaks to Heaven in the language of Heaven, when he prays in the belief of its truth, and the Great God speaks to him in the same language; and thus the true and intelligent Christian walks with God and converses with him every day. One hour of such company is more to be desired than a thousand years spent in intimate converse with the wisest philosophers and most august potentates that earth ever saw. (The Christian Baptist, Edited by Alexander Campbell, Vol. 2, 1827). □

EDITOR'S NOTE – Why not resolve now to read the Bible more than we do? It will strengthen faith; renew courage; and nourish the soul. But be more than a mere -Bible reader; be a truth seeker. The eunuch was a reader of the Bible. But he was so much more than a mere reader; he was a seeker after truth. Such is evident from his immediate response. (MWM)



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Melvin Godette is anticipating a reevaluation by his physicians soon. His therapy is difficult but he is managing as best he can. *Melvin* has a couple of upcoming appointments to access his progress and to address the need for a change of his nerve stimulation device. We will keep you posted. Please pray for *Melvin, Donna* and their sweet family.

Betty Reavis is beginning her treatment for Breast Cancer. Her chemo will be an oral medication and a shot periodically. Your prayers for her are appreciated. We are praying for both strength and for the side effects to be minimal.

Sister Barbara Jean Woodard is home. We are so thankful that she has progressed sufficiently to reach this milestone. Those wishing to write or to call *sister Woodard* may do so. We have included her contact information below.

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We are continuing to ask our Lord for His tender care of *Glenda Cavender* and *Ann Summers*. They are missed greatly by our family.

Special Prayer Requests

The Furlough's extended family has an interest in our prayers. *Phil's* sister, *Betty Smock*, has requested that we pray for her son-in-law, *Jason Wallace*. *Jason*, is dealing with numerous health issues

after several surgeries. Also, *June Furlough's* sister, *Shirley Davis*, lost her grandson, *Dakota Davis*, on Saturday morning. He was in his late 20's. His death is a great tragedy for this family. Pray for these families.

Photos Taken August 19th

Those wanting photos for the new picture directory need to plan on having photos made August 19th following morning worship.

A Great Night

Jackie Bradford, John Kilgore & Tim Stevens, did a wonderful work among us last Friday. Their selections were apropos and enthusiasm for singing contagious. We are in their debt. We had 185 present on Friday: a bit lower than last year. But, many of our guests were here for the very first time. It was encouraging. Most of all, we are thankful to those of our family at Weatherly for your support and dedication. Truly our desire was to please God. I pray that we did.

Group Two Meets Tonight

Group Two, led by *Phil Furlough*, will meet this evening following worship in the large back classroom. We hope all members will be able to attend your group meeting. □



Weatherly Birthdays

8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-14	Anna Holland
8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Mike Coward	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-25	Ben Little
8-25	Ron Harmon	8-26	Kirk Hatcher

On "Letting Our Lights So Shine That Others May See"

James W. Adams

Years ago on the coast of Florida sat a lighthouse. One of the panes of glass accidentally was broken. Night was coming on. It was too late to get it replaced. The winds blew. To keep it from blowing the light out, the keeper put a piece of tin in the place of the glass. The lights shone over the sea except where that piece of tin cast a dark shadow, widening as it danced upon the distant sea until it covered many a mile. Vessels in the shadow saw no light where one would have been.

Several ships were wrecked upon the rocks and lost, for, while the light was burning as brightly as ever, it did not shine where it should. So, a single fault or bad habit often hides some of the Christian's light. Men are lost because they live in that shadow and he does not let his light shine on them. □

— Gospel Visitor

Weekly Walk!