

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 2	NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 9
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Charles Hill	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Ron Holland	Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading	Jim Ehl	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Nick Holland	Terry Childress
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Ben Little
Closing Prayer	Gene Preston	Kirk Hatcher
Wednesday PM	SEPTEMBER 5	SEPTEMBER 12
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Collis Terry
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Marty Hunt
Closing Prayer	Jared Jimison	Louis Garrett
Group Meeting		Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The People of Acts
Various Teachers



2019 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Speakers to Be Announced
May 2-5, 2019

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

September	Adam Hagewood
Serving on the	Jim Risner
Lord's Table AM	Ben Little
	Forest Summers **
	Ed Dill
	Doyle Wray
** Overseer	Jeremy Leshko
	Will Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	W.D. Patrick **
	Terry Childress
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall & Jacks
Communion Prep	June Furlough & Diane Dill
Building Lockup	John Stokes

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
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.

HOPE IN JESUS

Michael W. McLemore

"Seize the moment!" aptly characterizes the spirit of our age; it also betrays the absence of the most vital element of hope. Sadly, our generation is fast becoming the "hopeless generation."

If ever there was an age without hope, it is our own – war, environmental pollution, racism, alcoholism, drug addiction, crime, and governmental and societal corruption. No wonder children live as though there were no tomorrow, and some even choose suicide to avoid facing today. If Hebrews is "the book of faith," 1 Corinthians "a book of change," and 1 John "the book of love," surely 1 Peter is "the book of hope." While suffering is the dominant theme of this epistle, hope is its prominent emphasis – hope for the suffering. Hope in Jesus is God's solution.

Hope gives the Christian encouragement in the midst of the trials and tribulations of this life because it focuses our affection on the blessings which await us for all eternity. Like faith, hope is a response to the goodness and grace of God.

But, hope is also a responsibility we have toward God. Peter issues the command:

"...preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13). It's a call to "prepare the mind so that... we might be obedient."

Personal accountability is an unpopular subject, but Peter declares it to be the answer. He declares it to be the basis for our hope and reason for rejoicing in spite of the suffering. God's allowed for our "rebirth unto a living hope" (3); we are born again to a great inheritance awaiting us in heaven (4); we are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed (5); thought we are presently suffering trials, our faith is being made all the more genuine by the process (6-7); and we will see Him with inexpressible joy when we receive the "outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls" (8-9).

Thanks be to God who gives us hope in Jesus! ☐

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Who Selects Your Ties?

Several years ago, a British magazine, *Tailor and Cutter*, suggested the following guide to be used in tie-buying so as to match the tie to the personality of the wearer:

"Neat patterns are chosen by men modest and careful in thought and action. Stripes are selected by men overwhelmingly conscious of fashion, decisive in action and reluctant to take 'no' for an answer. A single motif is chosen by those who are studious, attentive to detail and efficient. Knitted ties are for the flamboyant, with the eye to color. A plain or single color indicates one who is upright, conservative and careful with money. The bow tie is for the extrovert. However, when women buy the ties instead of men, you can throw out the guide. Women are more likely to buy something that pleases to them regardless of the personality of the man who is going to wear the tie. If someone else picks out ties for you, the ties may not reflect your personality at all. Worse than that, they may misrepresent you."

When I read this, it occurred to me that there is an important analogy which is suggested by it. The pattern of the lives of some does not always represent what they really are. Their pattern of life (called today, "Lifestyle") often misrepresents them. The reason for this is: they allow the views of others to determine their choices in life. Faith and conscience, in the eyes of God are intimately personal things. The faith of another will not suffice for me. My faith must represent my personal conviction relative to that which is true and right. The conscience of another person cannot be substituted for my conscience, even though there are many fanatical brethren who seem to think that their consciences should be the consciences of every member of the congregation in which they hold membership. Even "public con-

James W. Adams

science" — the norm of behavior that is the consensus of society in general — sometimes called, "social conscience," will not do. Conscience must be based upon an absolute personal conviction concerning what is right and what is wrong.

All of us like to please our peers, hence we often allow peer pressure to determine the course of our lives. In other words, we are letting somebody else select our spiritual ties. Therefore, our actions do not truly represent our basic convictions. This is a species of hypocrisy in reverse, and it emanates from cowardice. Christians must "dare to be different." They must make their own choices. They must stand on their own convictions. No other course will meet the approval of God. Paul says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). The faith to which he refers is one's personal faith in the rightness or wrongness of any act the Christian performs. A life lived in conformity to what one honestly believes to be wrong will damn his soul whether it is wrong or not. The following poem well expresses what the Christian should do in life:

Paddle Your Own Canoe

Voyager upon life's sea, to yourself be true;

And where'er your lot may be, paddle your own canoe.

Would you crush the tyrant, Wrong, in the world's fierce fight?

With a spirit brave and strong, battle for the Right;

And to break the chains that bind the many to the few —

To enfranchise the slavish mind, Paddle your own canoe.

Sarah K. Bolton

Represent yourself as you are. Select your own ties. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

June Furlough is home after an evening in the ER Wednesday. *Phil* took her to Crestwood ER after she suffered all day with back pain. It was discovered that she had a kidney infection. These can be very serious. They did tests on her back also, but the results are not yet available. She still is not over the discomfort. Your prayers for *June* are appreciated.

Edith Turner spent Sunday evening in Huntsville Hospital after suffering another event with her blood pressure and "stroke-like" symptoms. She is home now and seems to be feeling some better. Please pray for her and her family. Her daughters have been with her, but will be heading home tomorrow.

Hill Roberts' father, *Don*, is not doing well at all. *Hill's* parents, both in their 90's, reside in the southern part of suburban Nashville and are still living on their own at home. We wanted to remind our family to please pray for them and for their general well-being during their years of declining health.

Betty Reavis continues her treatments. Please pray for her and for *Bill*.

Sister Barbara Jean Woodard continues her recovery at home. *Glenda Cavender* and *Ann Summers* are also confined to home. Pray for them by name.

Marty Hunt's brother, *Michael*, had surgery last week in Atlanta as an ongoing part of his treatment for Colon Cancer. The surgery went well. He has a long

road ahead as he continues the difficult battle. Your prayers for *Michael* and his family are solicited.

Study Series Begins Oct 7

Mark your calendars for October 7th. Weatherly's fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series begins that evening. It's going to be a great event. We hope all of our Weatherly members will avail themselves of this opportunity to grow through our study and time together.

Mindful of Guests

Weatherly Heights has always been identified as a warm and accepting family. This is no accident, but the result of our family working diligently to meet and learn something of the families and individuals that visit our assemblies. With these thoughts in mind, I want to suggest some things you can do to help make our guests feel warmly received.

First, as uncomfortable as it may be, never walk past someone you don't recognize without introducing yourself. Second, ask our guests where they are from. Third, be sure they have received a guest card. Give the card to the Elder responsible for the welcome that day.

Group One Will Not Meet

Group One held their meeting one week ahead of schedule so their will not be a group meeting today. □

Weatherly Birthdays



9-5	Kim Barnett	9-14	Brooke Hatcher
9-14	Henry Little	9-17	Aurora Leshko
9-19	Hannah Matlock	9-20	Sophia Hunt
9-21	Louis Garrett	9-25	LaNelle Patrick

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The Impact of the Zealous

Michael W. McLemore

The impact of the zealous upon mankind throughout human history is undeniable. The names of Adolph Hilter and Pal Pot conjure the negative impact of the insanely zealous and of genocide. For Christians, the names Peter and John, bring to memory the zealous fishermen from Galilee who turned the world upside down. And, further the name Saul and Paul, is in itself reflective of misplaced zeal set aright by the realization of a singular truth — Jesus is raised from the dead.

Make no mistake, the impact of Christianity in the months after the Pentecost following Jesus' resurrection is directly related to the zeal of those who served him zealously, enduring persecution faithfully: "those who were scattered went about preaching the word" (Acts 8:4).

Zeal is productive of positive influence. Conversely the impact of indifference productive of negative influence. Within sixty or seventy years, Jesus warned Christians at Laodicea of indifference and its potential impact upon his cause in that important part of the world.

God calls His people to exhibit diligence, fervency and earnestness in our service. It would be difficult to measure the powerful impact enthusiasm can have. Jesus told the Laodiceans to "be zealous therefore, and repent" (Revelation 3:19). Do not fear zealous Christians, but emulate them. □

Weekly Walk!