

# Weatherly @ work

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

THIS WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 23

NEXT WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 30

### Sunday AM

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Closing Prayer

Tommy Hill  
Charles Hill  
Jared Jimison  
Collis Terry  
David Jacks  
Wes Caudle  
Kirk Hatcher  
Jim Ehl

### Sunday PM

Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Closing Prayer

Charles Hill  
Forest Summers  
Searcy Hall  
Singing  
Phil Furlough  
Ed Dill

### Wednesday PM

Song Leader  
Invitation  
Closing Prayer

September 26  
TBA  
Phil Furlough  
Jared Jimison  
Riley Monroe

Group Meeting

Group 4

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

### September Serving on the Lord's Table AM

Adam Hagewood  
Jim Risner  
Ben Little  
Forest Summers \*\*  
Ed Dill  
Doyle Wray  
Jeremy Leshko  
Will Patrick

\*\* Overseer

### Lord's Supper PM

W.D. Patrick \*\*  
Terry Childress

### Visitor Greeting Sunday AM Rear Door

Doyle & Janice Wray  
Charlotte Hagewood

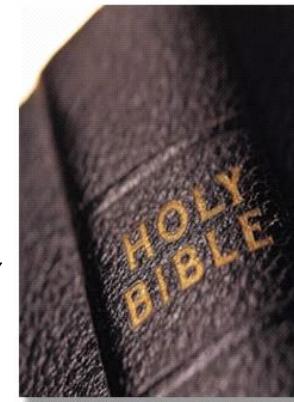
### Sunday PM Rear Door/ Side Door

Hall & Jacks  
June Furlough & Diane Dill  
John Stokes

## 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

## Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
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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 Weatherly Weekly

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## Drawn to the Fire

Michael W. McLemore

What do you spend the most time thinking about? What do you give the bulk of attention? Would it be fair to say that your conversations and thoughts center on worldly topics, or upon God's things? Honestly addressing these questions will expose areas of our fervor for the Lord that may have dwindled, and need to be rekindled (Luke 10:27).

Once areas of weakness are exposed the child of God, who is motivated to a closer relationship with the Lord, must diligently begin pursuing greater devotion and service to Him. The Lord created us to live fervently for Him and to enjoy the blessings of a warm relationship with our Creator. God will use our passion to draw others to Himself.

When I was young we heated our home with wood burning fireplaces. On cold mornings my brothers and I would run to stand in front of the fire. We're drawn to the heat when we are cold. Much in the same way men and

women living cold lives in a cold world are drawn to those who radiate the warmth of God. When that is missing opportunities are also lost.

If you sense that you have grown cold in your service to the Lord, you can begin to take active steps to restore warmth in your relationship with Him.

First, honestly exam yourself and ask, "Have I grown cold?" Then, acknowledge any separation from your Father in heaven, repent and be restored. Further, focus anew on the Lord. Go on by studying the Scripture daily, meditating upon how He would have you to live, praying for guidance and application of the truths you rediscover. Draw nearer earnestly seeking Him in all you do, relying upon the Lord to guide you back to fellowship. Finally, love Him, serve Him, and worship Him.

The result will bring glory to God. He will be pleased. Your brethren will be encouraged. Others will notice and be drawn to the fire. □

Watch us  
LIVE!

# God Said "Sing"

Warren E. Berkley



When people visit our assembly and express their curiosity about our vocal music, I reply with this simple expression of our conviction: God said "sing." I make it clear that the absence of the man-made instruments is not a matter of economics (cannot afford one) or preference (we just like to sing). It goes much deeper than any "church of Christ" or "restoration" heritage or tradition. It has to do with faith and our desire to follow God's instructions. We are convinced He said "sing."

When a man offers a gift to his wife, the considerate thing to do is to offer a gift that will please her. She is the recipient of the gift. I may want a rifle, a new computer or a truck. But if I'm going to give something to her that she will appreciate, I will select something I believe will please her not me. I will take into consideration all I know of her, in particular, what she has said she likes and wants. My gift will be based on her will not mine.

As God's people, we want to offer worship to Him in response to His greatness and grace to us. In offering that worship, what's important? What I want, or what He wants? You will agree, the most important thing is what God wants. The right course to take is to offer that worship to God that I know will please Him.

How can I find out what pleases Him? I can consult His Word! I don't need to even consider human preferences, denominational practices, historical precedence or majority desire. I do not need to bother myself with a "market study" or poll of human opinion. If I want to know what pleases God I can read what He has said about worship, determined to worship Him in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24; 2 Jn 9).

This quest takes me to the New Testament. I want to know what the apostles of Christ did, since these were the men through whom the will of God was conveyed (1 Cor 1:1; 1 Cor 2:10-12). The apostles - in their practice and instruction - endorsed only one kind of music in worship to God, vocal. If any instrument is involved at all it is only in the figurative sense, the heart (Eph 5:19).

Paul and Silas, "at midnight...were praying and singing hymns to God" (Acts 16:25). To the church at Corinth Paul said, "sing with the understanding" (1 Cor 14:15). He instructed the saints at Ephesus: "speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). In another

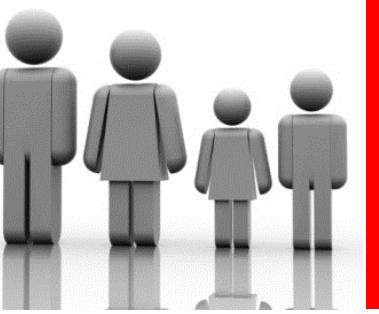
place he wrote: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). Is anyone cheerful? "Let him sing psalms" (Jas 5:13). (See also: Mt 26:30; Mark 14:26; Rom 15:9 & Heb 2:12.)

This clear and simple evidence demands the kind of admission you will read in the Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia (p. 1163): "There is no record in the N.T. of the use of instruments in the musical worship of the church." Or in A History Of The Christian Church (p. 112): "Singing formed an essential part of the Christian worship, but it was in unison and without musical accompaniment" (Lars P. Qualben). Other early historians and writers agree: "Simply singing is not agreeable to children (Jews), but singing with lifeless instruments and with dancing and clapping is. On this account the use of this kind of instruments and of others agreeable to children is removed from the songs of the churches, and there is left remaining simply singing" (Justin Martyr, 139 AD). Augustine describes the singing at Alexandria in 354 AD by saying "musical instruments were not used. The pipe, tabret, and harp here associate so intimately with the sensual heathen cults...it is easy to understand the prejudices against their use in the worship."

Strange isn't it? All the years of controversy; all the debates, disputes and division. Then you open your Bible and focus on what God said. There it is: God said "sing." Don't you think this is what He wants us to do?

Why did Noah use gopher wood in building the ark? God said "gopher wood." Why did Abraham leave his homeland and venture into Canaan? God said "go." Why did Joshua instruct the Israelites to march around Jericho? Because God said to do that. Why did the apostles wait in Jerusalem after Jesus ascended into heaven? That's what Jesus told them to do. Why do Christians today partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week? God has communicated His will regarding this memorial in the New Testament.

So, why do we sing? God said "sing." This is serious because, "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9). □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest  
To Weatherly Members

mains on our prayer list. Your prayers are appreciated.

### Pray for Those in Need

*Michael Preston* is being treated at Huntsville Hospital, room 752, for pneumonia and anemia. He was admitted on Tuesday after he began having pain and difficulty breathing. His condition is very serious. His doctors will make a decision tomorrow about surgery to remove the infection. Your prayers for *Mike* and family are solicited and appreciated.

*Mike McLemore's* mother, *Jimmie Nell McLemore* is slowly regaining strength after an arduous ordeal over the last four weeks. She has made remarkable progress since being transferred to Houston, but has a long way to go.

Please continue to remember *Jimmie* and the entire *McLemore* family. *Mike & Gwyn* traveled home from Texas Friday and are with us this morning.

*Betty Reavis* was able to resume the oral chemo medication last week. We are praying that the side effects will be minimal and that it will cause the maximum benefit. The plan is to do another PET scan on October 30th. Your prayers, cards and words of encouragement are what she needs. Pray for *Betty, Bill* and for their family.

We are continuing to pray for *Hill Roberts'* father, *Don*. Remember him to the Lord along with *Hill's* mom.

*Barbara Jean Woodard, Glenda Cavender, Melvin Godette* and *Ann Summers* all have a daily need for your petitions on their behalf.

*Marty Hunt's* brother, *Michael*, re-

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### Thank You!

"I appreciate *Ed Dill, Louis Garrett, Tommy Hill, & Ben Little* filling my spots while I was away. Each stepped up with almost no notice to make sure our services and classes went off without a hitch. I know their work was superior. You are each appreciated for both your willingness and preparation to serve at a moments notice. Thank you, *Mike*"

### Study Series Begins Oct 7

Weatherly's fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series begins one week from today. It's going to be a great event.

### Co-Parenting With God

Also, one week from today our adult class, "Co-parenting with God," begins. Make your plans today!

### Group Four Meets Today

Group Four, led by *Ron Harmon*, meets immediately following morning worship at the home of *Ron & Phyllis Harmon* for a covered dish and group meeting. We hope you can attend your group meeting. □



### Weatherly Birthdays

9-25	LaNelle Patrick	9-28	Doris DeCelles
10-6	Henry Frazier	10-11	Caryl Ehl
10-14	Janeth Hagewood	10-24	Amanda Jimison

## The New World

Author Unknown

On September 6, 1620, Pilgrims left England in search of The New World. They found it and the following year, celebrated the blessing of a good harvest.

The journey wasn't easy, lives were lost, but the reward was understood. Life is like the ocean that carried the pilgrims to The New World; some days it is calm, some days it is terrifying, and sometimes we loose those we are traveling with. *2 Peter 3:13* – But in keeping with His promise we are looking to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

We are heading to "The New World". God has promised us a new world. The journey will have some very difficult times and we might loose some folks along the way. However, we know that where we are heading is to the presence of God. When the Pilgrims reached America, they still had many challenges to face. Our destination is the presence of God, not the harsh winter the Pilgrims had to endure.

We have reason to be thankful to God today and we have reason to be thankful for food, and so much more that God has blessed us with. *Jude 1:24* – To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault. □

*Weekly Walk!*