

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK OCTOBER 7	NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 14
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	Charles Hill	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Steve Hagewood	W.D. Patrick
Scripture Reading	Phil Shaver	Wes Caudle
Closing Prayer	Marty Hunt	Charley Skinner
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Collis Terry
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Nick Holland
Wednesday PM	OCTOBER 10	OCTOBER 17
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Mike Coward
Invitation	Terry Childress	
Closing Prayer	Louis Garrett	Bobby Wright
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

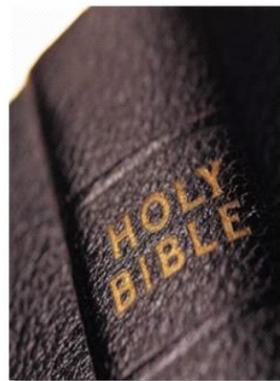
Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

ADULT CLASSROOM

Co-Parenting with God
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!
Mike McLemore



2019 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Speakers to Be Announced
May 2-5, 2019

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

September	Ken Cavender
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Jimmy Harbin Ron Holland Tommy Hill ** Gene Preston Jim Ehl Clark Boles Riley Monroe
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Kirk Hatcher ** John Stokes
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Terry & Kim Barnett
Side Door	W.D. & LaNelle Patrick
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Harmon & Starks
Communion Prep	Cathy Preston
Building Lockup	Jared Jimison

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

Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
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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	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

What Could We...?

Adapted

"What could we accomplish if _____?" This refrain suggests a fundamental misunderstanding. It has become an excuse for why we don't accomplish more. May I ask, is what we accomplish as Christians dependent upon "our ability," or upon "the power of God"? Consider the following...

What could we accomplish in serving God if we just had MORE TIME? Is time really the issue, or do we allow other things get in the way? Today is the day to serve God... (Ps. 118:24). We would do well to follow Jesus' example and "work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day..." (Jn. 9:4).

What could we accomplish in serving God if we had more NATURAL ABILITY? Moses made all kinds of excuses, including not being able to speak well, to get out of serving God by leading the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage (Ex. 3:7-4:12). When God provided a solution to every supposed challenge and deficiency, Moses finally got to the bottom line in pleading with God to just send someone else (4:13). Unwillingness, rather than inability, was the real problem, and

that is usually the case today. The Lord can effectively use us in spite of our supposed inadequacies, if we'll let Him.

What could we accomplish in serving God if we had GREATER RESOURCES? We often have greater resources than we realize or want to admit. Many are reluctant to commit their own resources, missing the lesson that God gives us the initial blessing and promises to continue to bless us according to how we give back to Him from what He has already given to us. With blessing comes responsibility. We are responsible for using, in God's service and to His glory, the resources with which He blesses us. But God Himself is our greatest resource (Eph. 3:20). He will provide where we lack. Remember the power is ultimately in God, not in our pitiful material resources.

Stop making excuses for not serving God. It's not the lack of time, ability or resources. Serve Him to the best of your ability. Serve with all that you have. Serve with all that you are. God will accomplish more than you can ever imagine! ☐

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R.J. Stevens

IMPROVING OUR WORSHIP

The New Testament tells us what early Christians did in their worship and also the manner in which it was done. It is not up to man to invent ways to improve worship apart from the word of God. John 4:24 records, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." If I practice something in worship for which there is no scriptural authority or if I have an attitude of bitterness in my heart when I worship, such is unacceptable before God (MT 5:23-24). Therefore, worshiping God acceptably involves doing what God says and doing it from a sincere heart.

God deserves my best. Obviously, as a disciple of the Lord, I can worship God at any time and in any place. However, as a Christian, I have the responsibility and privilege to assemble with fellow disciples. Even though there are times when we worship with others in an assembly, worship is still an individual matter. What can I do to improve my worship?

How can I improve my worship in song? Passages such as 1 CR 14:15, EP 5:19, and CL 3:16 teach us to sing with spirit, with understanding, with a melody in your heart and with a heart filled with grace. The command to sing involves my learning something about singing. If I am a song leader in song worship, I need to learn to lead singing to the best of my ability.

How can I improve my worship in partaking of the Lord's Supper? It is obvious that the early disciples partook of the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week (AC 2:42; 20:7). However, according to 1 CR 11:23-29, I must partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine in memory of Christ. I must discern the Lord's death till he comes again. Sometimes it helps me in my discernment to read scriptures or lyrics to songs that take my mind back to the cross.

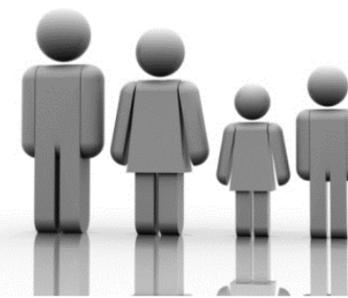
How can I improve my worship in teaching and hearing God's word? As a preacher of truth, I can improve my worship in proclaiming the Word when I speak with all boldness (AC 4:29). My worship in preaching will be more

effective when I preach in the spirit of meekness and humility (GL 6:1-2). I must also speak with love in my heart; not only for my Lord, but also for the same people He loves (1CR 13:1). Those who hear the gospel are also worshipping while listening. As a hearer, I should receive the message with all readiness of mind just like the Bereans (AC 17:11). The worshipful hearer not only receives the Word but also embraces it (believes) and obeys.

How can I improve my worship in praying to God? As one leading the prayer, I need to prepare myself. The lack of preparation in prayer often leads to wordy repetition. I need to pray loud enough that the congregation can hear the words and be able to say "A-men." The scripture teaches me to pray with spirit, understanding and faith. I need to be enthusiastic when I pray and mean every word that I say. On the other hand, as a listener to a public prayer, I need to concentrate on what is being said while having an attitude of prayer in my heart.

How can I improve my worship in giving? The Bible teaches me to give on the first day of the week, as I have prospered, as I have purposed, and to give cheerfully, willingly and bountifully (1 CR 16:1-2; 2 CR 8:7-8; 8:12; 9:5-7). I believe it is as essential to learn the truth about giving as it is to learn the truth about partaking of the Lord's Supper on the first day of each week or about singing praises to God without instrumental music. To not give as God instructs will make my worship vain.

My worship needs to be improved if, in any way, it is according to the commandments of men rather than instruction from God. My worship needs to be improved when it is only from my mouth and not from my heart. Whatever we can do that is in harmony with God's expressed will - to worship according to truth and to worship from our hearts - needs to be put into practice. And remember- true worship glorifies our heavenly Father and edifies our brothers and sisters in Christ. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Because of the rise in her white count **Betty Reavis** had to be taken off of her chemo. We are praying these interruptions of her treatments will be brief. Your prayer for **Betty's** full recovery are appreciated.

Melvin Godette is hanging in there, but still suffers from lower back pain and numbness in both legs. He is scheduled for surgery on October 22nd to replace his nerve stimulator. Your prayers are solicited

Peggy Childress is recovering from her recent knee surgery. Pray for the rehab to go quickly and for her discomfort to be minimal.

Margaret Smith was able to be with us last Lord's Day. She is getting a little better each day. Your prayers have meant much to her.

Michael Preston continues to recover from a very serious bout with pneumonia. He plans to return to work shortly. Say his name to the Lord as you pray this week. We are grateful for our Lord's care of **Mike** through this difficult illness.

Jimmie Nell McLemore, **Mike's** mother, was transferred back to Colonial Pines Rehabilitation in San Augustine, Texas on Friday afternoon. Medically she is doing very well. Her kidney function is normal. Physically she is very weak. Please continue to pray for her and for my dad, **Henry**.

Mike Gore continues his war with cancer. Pray for **Mike**, **Sandra** and **Aaron**.

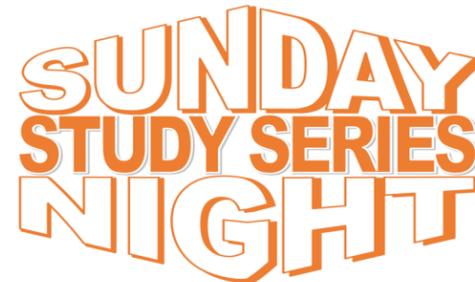
Hill Roberts' father, **Don**, remains on our prayer list. Remember **Hill** as he travels to and from to help his parents.

Barbara Jean Woodard, **Glenda Cavender** and **Ann Summers** all have a daily need for your prayers

Marty Hunt's brother, **Michael**, remains on our prayer list. Your prayers are appreciated.

Tonight at 5 pm

Remember we meet at 5 pm for our annual Fall Study Series. Bring a friend!



Co-Parenting with God

Today marks the beginning of a new quarter and our series for our parents, Co-Parenting with God. We meet at 9 am in the back classroom.

Group One Meets Tonight

Group One, led by **W.D. Patrick** meets immediately after our evening assembly in the back classroom. Plan to attend your group meeting. □

Weatherly Birthdays



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| 10-11 Caryl Ehl | 10-14 Janeth Hagewood |
| 10-24 Amanda Jimison | 10-26 Chris Ferrell |
| 10-27 Jimmy Harbin | 10-27 Dwight Ivey |
| 10-29 Charlotte Hagewood | |

The Priesthood of All Believers

Adapted

"And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:4-5, NASB).

Under the old covenant, only the Levites could serve as priests. Priests had two functions: (1) they offered up sacrifices in worship, and (2) they were to "to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses" (Lev. 10:11).

Under the new covenant, however, every Christian shares in the priesthood. Every Christian has the responsibility to worship and to teach others the unsearchable riches of Christ. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Pet. 2:9-10 ESV).

There are souls all around your neighborhood that needs the gospel of Jesus Christ, and God has asked every Christian to be involved in proclaiming the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. □

Weekly Walk!