

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK DECEMBER 23	NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 30
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Phil Furlough	Forest Summers
Scripture Reading	Philip Dill	Ken Cavender
Closing Prayer	Gene Preston	Searcy Hall
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Collis Terry	Ron Harmon
Closing Prayer	Charley Skinner	Jim Risner
Wednesday PM	DECEMBER 26	JANUARY 2
Song Leader	Terry Childress	
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Phil Shaver	
Group Meeting		Group 1

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

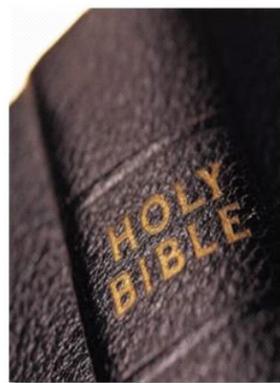
Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

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

December	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Jim Risner Nick Holland Will Starks ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	W.D. Patrick Kirk Hatcher John Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough ** Terry Childress
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & McLemore
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison & Ehl
Communion Prep	Kim Barnett & Dot Summers
Building Lockup	David Jacks

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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	Ben Little
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.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Michael W. McLemore

Jesus told His contemporaries that "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field... which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:44-46).

Since the Gospel was first proclaimed more than two millennia ago a treasure far more valuable than gemstones and pearls has not been recognized for its value. It is well within the grasp of every man, yet they do not realize its worth. The treasure? Eternal life in an eternal kingdom, the kingdom of heaven!

The kingdom came at a tremendous price, the death of the only begotten of God - Jesus, the Son of God. He purchased the kingdom, the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). This treasure, being a part of a glorious eternal kingdom, is available to all who will submit to the

King. Yet, so many miss this "treasure" because they do not recognize its worth.

Several years ago the Associated Press carried a story of a Texas man who bought a 1,905 carat sapphire at a jewelry show for \$10.00. Purposefully he went to an area where the amateur dealers displayed their merchandise. He knew professional dealers charged hefty prices for their gems. At one vendor's booth he found a stone in a box of rocks priced at \$15.00. Immediately he recognized that the rock was valuable and inquired about it. The dealer cut the price to \$10.00 and the purchase was made. The sapphire later appraised for 2.28 million dollars.

The uncut sapphire probably passed through the hands of many people before someone finally recognized its true value. Everyone would love to have an opportunity to purchase a sapphire for a fraction of its worth. The problem is that many of us would not recognize it, even if we held it in our hand. Don't make that mistake with the Gospel of the Kingdom! □

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A New Beginning

Adapted

Ah, the joy of something new! There's nothing quite like it. Some new product that works better. Some new way to get there faster. Some new fidelity to make it sound better. Some new wrench that works smoother. Some new machine that's stronger. Some new story that tickles your fancy. Some new drug that makes your health problems easier to bear. There's just something special about new stuff.

One of the best of all new things is new beginnings, the sheer joy of just being able to just start over. I used to work math problems until I just got totally frustrated. In desperation, I'd wad the paper up, throw it at (notice, I said at) the trash can, and just start over again. A clean sheet of paper is a beautiful thing. It's just great to be able to start over.

You'll usually do it better the second time around.

Forgiveness makes possible the most beautiful of all new beginnings. Forgiveness means a new start, a new page, a new chapter to write. Forgiveness means that what was there before—sin with all its guilt—is no longer present, that sin—that which once blighted your character and distorted your view of things—is no longer present. It's gone. It's been sent away. Never to return. It's like having a new sheet of paper.

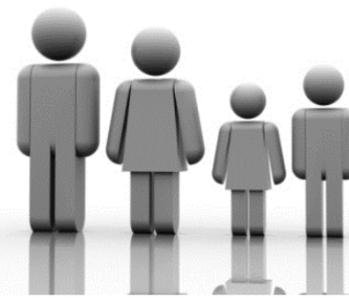
When a person—one with faith and a penitent heart—is baptized into Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13), he becomes a new creature, a new creation. His old person is taken away and he is made new (Romans 6:3-7). Paul talks about our becoming "new creatures in Christ." Hear him. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). In other words, when a man obeys the gospel of Christ, he becomes something entirely new, a new creation, one forgiven and clean, one totally

devoid of his old sins. They've all been washed away. It's as if they never existed. What a joy to know that when God forgives, He forgets. It's the best of all new things, the first and most important of all new beginnings, forgiveness is.

But a new beginning is just that—a new beginning. Now you have to get on with this new life. There is learning to be done, corrections that need to be made in all your courses of life, new focuses to be engaged, new horizons to view, new determinations to be made, a new hope to embrace. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that you labor is not in vain in the Lord." We have to press on toward the mark, abound in the work of the Lord, make our calling and election sure, work out our own salvation (Philippians 3:12-14; 2 Peter 1:10, Philippians 2:12). The new beginning is just the start of all we now have to do.

Paul puts this new beginning into the proper focus when he says, "For our conversation ('citizenship' NKJV) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved" (Philippians 3:20-4:1). We're in a probationary period, and we still have lots to think about, lots to do, before we get where we're going.

And so, it behooves each of us to make our new beginning all that it was intended to be. Let's be workers for the Lord. It's the only life that makes any sense. And it's the only way the new beginning can have any real worth in our lives. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Jim & Caryl Ehl are both home with the flu. They are better but are staying in until they are symptom free. We are thankful it wasn't worse. They both had taken a flu shot earlier in the year.

Debbie Harbin had cataract surgery last week. We are praying for a good result.

It was great to see **Carolyn Holland** back up and moving. She had a couple of weeks of severe debilitating pain in her back. Many in our family stepped in to help. We are also thankful that **Nick** is home from his successful extended trip to Hawaii with his work. "Welcome back. You were missed!"

Betty Reavis continues to do well following her latest round of Chemo. Your prayers are solicited. Her low blood counts require her to stay away from crowds. She is missed!

Searcy Hall spent two days at Huntsville Hospital last week due to infection. He's home and doing better.

Cathy Preston continues her recovery from surgery. It will take time for her to get back on her feet. Your prayers are appreciated.

Peggy Childress is doing well considering. We are trusting the Lord for her recovery and are looking forward to seeing her in the assembly soon.

Riley Monroe was able to be back with us on Wednesday. He looks great. His recovery has been remarkable.

We've learned that **Bill McCord**, a recent regular guest in our assembly, underwent knee replacement surgery several days ago. He is doing the necessary rehabilitation that goes along with the procedure and is doing well. **Bill** is a retired medical doctor, and admits he's not a very good patient. Please remember him in prayer.

Melvin Godette, Mike Gore, Barbara Jean Woodard and **Glenda Cavender** remain on our prayer list. Pray for them please and for those who love and care for their daily needs.

Glen Foreman Baptized

We are rejoicing in the baptism of **Glen Foreman**. He is a work associate of **Terry Childress**. **Terry** was able to facilitate a study with **Glen** and our own **Mike McLemore** here at the building Monday evening. Upon completion of the study, he responded without delay to the Gospel of the Lord and was baptized into Christ. We are thrilled. We will pass contact information along as soon as we have it. Pray for **Glen**.

No Group Meeting

Group 4, led by **Ron Harmon**, would normally meet this evening but will not. We met last week because of the holiday. Any guest cards can be passed to **Phil Furlough** or **Mike McLemore**. □

Weatherly Birthdays



12-23 Charles Hill	12-23 Sophia Matlock
12-23 Talon Matlock	12-25 Betty Reavis
12-26 Phil Furlough	12-27 Searcy Hall
12-29 Gene Preston	12-29 Peggy Coward
1-1 Sharon Dubose	1-1 Carol Risner

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What Happened?

Michael W. McLemore

The city of Ephesus was blessed with the presence and preaching of Paul. He spent three months there teaching in the synagogue and afterward, two years teaching in the hall of Tyrannus. His work was so effective that "all of the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10).

The church at Ephesus was not without sacrifice and suffering. When Paul's teaching began to make an impact upon the idolatry community's economic future, a great disturbance ensued. Ultimately, Paul left the city. Timothy worked with church in that city for decades.

In his last years, Paul wrote to the church the letter that bears its name, "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (4:3). The church in Ephesus grew. It avoided the pitfalls of idolatry that flourished around them. They persevered in the basic principles of the word that they heard and believed. Unfortunately some things did not go well at Ephesus.

John, the apostle, wrote the Lord's own analysis of the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2:4, "I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at the first..." The Lord called them to "Remember and to repent" (2:5).

What happened at Ephesus in a single generation? The love of Christ and the forgiveness of sins that He secured for them at the first was forgotten! That love drove them to their knees, and into the tomb of His death. It raised them to walk new with Christ. The Lord begged them to "Remember!" □

Weekly Walk!