

# The Weatherly Weekly

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK DECEMBER 30	NEXT WEEK JANUARY 6
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Will Starks
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Ken Cavender	Kirk Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Searcy Hall	Terry Childress
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	SINGING	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Ron Harmon	Hill Roberts
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Ben Little
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	JANUARY 2	JANUARY 9
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Gene Preston
<b>Group Meeting</b>		Group 1

## QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2019

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Fulfilled Prophecy  
Steve Hagewood

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!  
Mike McLemore



## 2019 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Speakers to Be Announced  
May 2-5, 2019

### 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	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.

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>January</b>	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Jeremy Leshko Jimmy Harbin Charley Skinner Ben Little ** Ed Dill
** Overseer	Jim Ehl Clark Boles Will Patrick
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	Ron Harmon ** John Stokes

Communion Prep Hilda Wright  
Building Lockup Bobby Wright

# "GOD AIN'T DEAD!"

Michael W. McLemore

Another year has passed. It is hard to imagine that 2018 has come and gone. Our Weatherly family has endured some trials over this year. We have suffered losses which have left us reeling and devastated. Our country is facing challenges. People are hurting. Families are suffering. Death looms for some. Health crisis for others is the order of the day. It would be easy to despair and lose hope. We must not. We must with resolve trust Him who is in control and who remains on His throne. I ran across this piece, the author of which I do not know, many years ago that puts the matter in its proper perspective.

"Some time ago I saw a picture of an old burned-out mountain shack. All that remained was the chimney...the charred debris of what had been that family's sole possession. In front of this destroyed home stood an old grandfather-looking man dressed only in his underclothes with a small boy clutching a pair of patched overalls. It was evident that the child was cry-

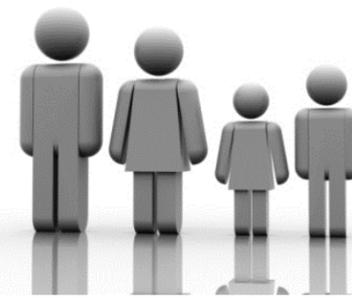
ing. Beneath the picture were the words which the artist felt the old man was speaking to the boy. They were simple words, yet they presented a profound theology and philosophy of life. Those words were, 'Hush child, God ain't dead!'"

"That vivid picture of that burned-out mountain shack, that old man, the weeping child, and those words 'God ain't dead!' keep returning to my mind. Instead of it being a reminder of the despair of life, it has come to be a reminder of hope! I need reminders that there is hope in this world. In the midst of all of life's troubles and failures, I need mental pictures to remind me that all is not lost as long as God is alive and in control of His world."

May we resolve to live this coming year with the motive that has driven men and women of faith from the beginning. God lives, and His Son reigns on the throne of heaven and earth. Live every day with heaven in view. Know above all that our God is with us! ☐

# New Beginnings

Dee Bowman



*Family matters*  
News and Notes of Interest  
To Weatherly Members

**Time is peculiar to man. We measure everything by it. We begin by the clock and end by the clock, whether we're speaking of our jobs or our lives.** A year is the period of time as measured by the Gregorian calendar in which the earth completes a single revolution around the sun. It consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and 12 seconds of mean solar time divided into 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 or 366 days, beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.

Years are important to us. By them we measure the length of our life, figure our business interests, pay our taxes, render our schooling, assess our personal progress, buy our transportation, register various things, calculate values, change, rearrange, identify, and on and on.

It is in order for us to use this beginning time of the new year to take a concerned look at ourselves, to assess our strengths, identify our weaknesses, and resolve whatever actions are necessary to build on those strengths and, as much as is possible, minimize our weaknesses.

We have before us a new year, a new slate, a new piece of paper on which to write. We are responsible to God for our use of whatever time we have. Here are some suggestions for the proper use of time this year:

## Begin early

I know of no plan, no idea, no purpose that is not made better by an early beginning. If you start early you accomplish more. For instance, if you start right now to study the bible you can likely achieve what you want in the coming year, but if you procrastinate and say "I intend to do that," chances are you'll still be planning to do it next year at this time. Notice, I said, begin early. That means that, whatever the plan, you initiate it; you begin. Behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). If we are to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling," we must begin without delay.

## Make time serve you

If you want to accomplish some good moral thing in the new year, you will have to make time work to your good. To do that you must have a goal in mind for every activity. For instance, if you plan to learn some new area of thought, put a time limit on yourself. If you are interested in converting a soul this year, put it in the form of a practical goal and do it within a prescribed time. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not" is written in the context of the proper use of time. You don't know what will be on the morrow, so you should do what good you can while you can.

## Practice time management

Now I don't want to make that too technical or too

much like some business seminar. But it just makes good sense to budget time. To do so, you have to put some restraints on yourself. It's easy to waste time. Every person has the responsibility of private worship, of dedicating a certain amount of time in prayer, meditation, and reflection (cf. 1 Timothy 4:15). Prayer, meditation, and reflection all take time; and that means you have to set aside that period for private devotion to God. The second part of that passage says, "give thyself wholly to them." That calls for a planned activity, one where you make God the central part of your thinking—at least for a time. The devil is determined to make you use up all your time with something less important, things of lesser value. Only if you manage time will it serve you well. Actually, you can't afford to do otherwise.

## Your time is your own

It belongs peculiarly to you and no one else. You can't escape the fact that your time is yours and what you do with it will determine your eternal destiny. Your time is filled with the stuff that is related to it—stuff like opportunity (a window of time suitable for something); responsibility (an ability connected to an opportunity); and accountability (the bottom of the time line). Nobody can do your time for you. You and you only are responsible for how you spend your time. "A wise man discerns both time and judgment" (Ecclesiastes 8:5).

## Remember that time has an end

"It is appointed to man once to die" (Hebrews 9:27). When that happens, and it happens to all sooner or later (both words having to do with time), there will be no turning back. It necessarily behooves us to use our time wisely because once it's used up, there will no longer be an opportunity. Time and opportunity are connected inseparably. Intentions won't be enough to excuse our lack of activity when judgment comes. It will be too late (time word, again) then! We best "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4). Time ends; eternity doesn't.

What you do with the coming year depends largely on what you decide today. If you will, you can make the coming year the best year of your life. Whoever said that "today is the first day of the rest of your life" was well within the mark. And it is certainly so that "...it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:11). Have a good 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and 12 seconds. □

## Pray for Those in Need

**Betty Reavis** remains in our daily prayers. The Chemotherapy regimen is arduous to be sure. Say her name to the Lord as you pray. Remember **Bill** as he cares for her every need.

**Searcy Hall** has had a rough few weeks since his surgery. He plans to be in the assembly today. We are thankful for his recovery and are grateful for the Lord's watchful care of him through this ordeal.

**Cathy Preston** is working to get better following knee replacement surgery. Keep her in your prayers.

**Peggy Childress** was able to be in the assembly for worship last Sunday night. We were all excited to see her. Our prayers of thanksgiving are in order.

**Riley Monroe** has made remarkable progress since his surgery. He was with us at all the services last week. Wednesday he left his cane in the car. We are thankful.

**Bill McCord** continues his recovery. We are looking forward to seeing **the McCords** back as regular guests very soon. Continue to pray for his progress.

**Melvin Godette** remains on our prayer list. He was able to be with us last Lord's day.

Also, **Donna Godette** will be leaving in the coming days for an extended work assignment in Kuwait. Your prayers for **Donna** and for her family are solicited.

**Mike Gore** has not been well in the

last few weeks. Your prayers for **Mike & Sandra** are requested.

**Barbara Jean Woodard** and **Glenda Cavender** remain on our prayer list. They are both missed in our assembly.

Several in our family have been affected by seasonal illnesses. We are praying for those of our family who have been hindered from meeting with the saints during recent worship services.

## Singing Tonight

The last Sunday night of the month will be devoted to worship in song. Tonight we will be led in worship by several different song leaders. If you would like to participate, please see **Jared Jimison** this morning.

## No Group Meeting

As is customary on the 5th Sunday, no groups will meet this week. Guest cards can be handed to either **Phil Furlough** or **Ben Little**.

## Last Issue of 2018

It's hard to believe this issue is the last of the year. Perhaps more shocking, this is the last issue of 10 consecutive years since I took over editorial responsibilities for *The Weatherly Weekly*. It is a labor of love. Next week we will reveal an all new redesigned edition. We hope you will enjoy it. **Mike M.** □

## Weatherly Birthdays



1-1	Sharon Dubose	1-1	Carol Risner
1-3	Laura McKnight	1-3	Linzy Riggs
1-5	Addison Matlock	1-6	Keira Godette
1-7	Bobby Wright	1-8	Charley Skinner
1-9	Wes Caudle	1-9	Jacob Frazier

## Trusting in Adversity

Adapted

God sometimes allows us to enter into discouraging situations and in the process our faith is tested. At such times we must refuse to give up in despair. Like Jonah in the belly of the great fish, we must turn to the Lord when our soul is fainting within us, trusting Him completely. May I ask, what can you do when you are about to faint physically? You can't do anything! In your weakness you just fall upon the shoulders of some strong loved

**"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing"**

one, lean hard, and rest until your strength returns. Is the same is true when you are tempted to faint under adversity? I wonder why we are so prone to resist heaven's aid. One man was so feeble in the closing months of his life that he said to a dear friend, "I'm so weak that I can't work or read my Bible, and I can hardly pray. I can only lie still in God's arms like a little child and trust."

Does the Heavenly Father ask us to do more when we grow weary in the fierce fires of affliction? □

*Weekly Walk!*