

Weatherly Weekly

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Legalists

Adapted

Our modern age is quick to scorn orthodoxy and to ridicule meticulous fidelity to the word of the Lord, its laws and its institutions. Such is branded as "legalism." Yet, from the first of Genesis to the last of Revelation the attitude of absolute fidelity and unwavering devotion to Divine truth is that which is most frequently discussed. Consider...

God's first commandment to man involved the responsibility of absolute devotion to a positive precept of the Lord's word. Eve and through her, Adam, was deceived and led into sin permitting the Devil's logic to cause her to rationalize God's commandment. Human wisdom and logic suggested the eating of the forbidden fruit. God's commandment forbid it.

Eve "despised" God's word and "feared not the commandment." She ate of the forbidden fruit and gave to her husband and he ate. Cain and Abel constitute a personification of these very same antithetical attitudes. Abel

feared the commandment of the Lord and offered of his flock. Cain despised God's word and offered of his field. Abel's offering was accepted of God. Cain's offering was rejected.

These are the first accounts of the Bible and of human transgression. It's no accident that in the last book of Inspiration, Revelation, we are solemnly warned; "I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book," *Revelation 22:18-19*.

If meticulous fidelity to the word of the Lord is "legalism," then the God of heaven requires that his people be "legalists." God forbid that I should despise what God honors! May their tribe increase!

Which Ones Have You Encouraged?

By David Thomley

The Lord's church is composed of both strong and weak members. Each one needs encouragement at times, but certainly the weaker brethren need a greater amount of special attention. Also, there are some members who are not necessarily weak, but who have special physical problems, causing them to need special attention. The apostle Paul taught that the responsibility of helping the weaker members rested upon the shoulders of those who were mature, full-grown Christians, *Romans 15:1; Galatians 6:1-2*. In the minds of some, this type of responsibility is the work of the elders, deacons, or preachers. Indeed it is; but the instruction is given to all Christians. Sometimes elders and preachers are negligent. Sometimes there is simply more work to be done than a limited number of men can accomplish. Which ones have you encouraged?

SOME MEMBERS ARE FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF THE SAINTS

This sign of weakness is obvious to any mature Christian. It takes no special training or skills to make a phone call, write a note, or drop by for a short visit to say, "I've missed you." Would it be presumptuous to say almost all Christians could render service in this area?

SOME MEMBERS ARE ATTENDING WITHOUT THE SUPPORT (PERHAPS WITH THE HINDRANCE) OF THEIR SPOUSE

A mother rises early on Sunday morning to prepare breakfast and dress the children to get them to Bible class; and they leave home with the father still in bed. Sometimes the fathers have the same problem, leaving

the mother at home. All recognize the special problems faced by such parents, admire their effort, and are encouraged by their faithful attendance under less than ideal circumstances. Are we not obliged to reciprocate some type of encouragement to these faithful parents?

SOME MEMBERS ARE PRESENTLY EXPERIENCING FAMILY PROBLEMS

There are parents who are struggling with a rebellious child. There are married couples who are experiencing serious problems, perhaps resulting from an immature spiritual life. There are adults who have aging parents who are sick or confined, and demand much of their time and attention. In many cases, an encouraging word may be all that can be offered. Who offers it?

SOME MEMBERS ARE FACING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH AGING

The elderly and widows find it more and more difficult to do the basics, such as driving to services, shopping at the market, visiting with others, etc. Many live alone, without the encouragement or support of a faithful companion. Encouragement may be extended both verbally and actively.

This list could go on and on, but the initial question would remain the same, namely, "Which ones have you encouraged?" As the members of a congregation consider one another, the opportunities to serve are abundant. Christians may avoid the question for the present, but one day all will stand and give an answer.

WHAT WILL IT BE?

Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Peggy Shelton is home following a brief hospitalization last week. She became concerned about chest discomfort on the way to worship Wednesday and elected to go to the ER. She spent three days in Huntsville Hospital under observation. They believe her inordinate rapid heart beat was caused by her on going issue with gout, a form of arthritis. Please pray for **Peggy**. She has been suffering for some time with this painful issue.

Dot Summers was diagnosed with breast cancer last week. A small, pea sized, anomaly was discovered in her annual mammogram. A biopsy confirmed it as malignant. **Dot & Forest** will see a surgeon on Tuesday. They will be seeing an oncologist soon as well.

Bill Thompson was injured on Wednesday after a grinder wheel disintegrated in use and sent shrapnel into his gloved hand. The injuries to his hand were both serious and painful. We are very thankful it was not worse. Say **Bill's** name in prayer.

Pray for **Debbie Harbin**. Her surgery is slated for a week from tomorrow, the 19th. Your prayers for her comfort in the meantime are solicited.

Say **Louis Garrett's** name in prayer this week. He is being treated by his doctor for a condition that has left him weakened and short of breath. Your prayers are appreciated.

Tim Stevens was not able to be with us as planned in last Friday nights' singing. His wife **Vicki** is about to begin another round of treatment, likely radiation, for a suspicious change in a lymph node. Pray for the Stevens' family.

We received word that **Judy McMinn**, 61, former member at Weatherly for many years, passed away on Saturday morning. This was sudden and unexpected. Pray for the McMinn family in this devastating loss.

Friday Night Singing:

Our singing this year was not as well attended as have been others, but it was most encouraging to all who were present. We oh a great debt to **John Kilgore, Lane Alexander & Matthew Dow** for leading us in song worship. We also appreciate all who attended. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Barbara Woodard	Melvin Godette
Glenda Cavender	Ken Cavender
Pam (West) Davis	Laura Phillips
Marty Haselden	Betty Reavis

Passing of Lona Mae Brewer

Sue Terry's mother, **Lona Mae Brewer**, was laid to rest on Friday in Pulaski. Sister Brewer was 99 years old. Her presence on this earth will be missed by all who loved her, but death came as welcomed relief after a lengthy decline in her health. Funeral services were held in Pulaski on Friday morning. The chapel was filled to capacity, a testimony to her influence in life. The tribute offered was masterful. It was "precious in the sight of the Lord." ☐

Group Two Meeting

Group Two, led by **Phil Furlough** will meet tonight immediately after evening worship. Please make plans to be present.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-14	Anna Holland
8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Mike Coward	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-25	Ron Harmon
8-25	Ben Little	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-28	Adelaide Hatcher		

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Nail-Scarred Hands

Michael W. McLemore

"An orphaned boy was living with his grandmother when their house caught fire. The grandmother, trying to get upstairs to rescue the boy, perished in the flames. The boy's cries for help were finally answered by a man who climbed an iron drainpipe and came back down with the boy hanging tightly to his neck.

Several weeks later, a public hearing was held to determine who would receive custody of the child. A farmer, a teacher, and the town's wealthiest citizen all gave the reasons they felt they should be chosen to give the boy a home. But as they talked, the lad's eyes remained focused on the floor. Then a stranger walked to the front and slowly took his hands from his pockets, revealing severe scars on them. As the crowd gasped, the boy cried out in recognition. This was the man who had saved his life. His hands had been burned when he climbed the hot pipe. With a leap the boy threw his arms around the man's neck and held on for dear life. The other men silently walked away, leaving the boy and his rescuer alone. Those marred hands had settled the issue." *author unknown*

Jesus paid a horrible price for our redemption. When we think of the extreme suffering He endured to purchase our freedom from sin's penalty, our hearts should overflow with love for Him.

To Him alone belongs our love and devotion. Won't you embrace your Deliverer? ☐

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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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	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, August 11

Welcome: *Forest Summers*
Song Leader: *Hill Roberts*
Opening Prayer: *Ben Little*
Scripture Reading: *Philip Dill*
Psalm 103:8-18
Sermon: *Mike McLemore*
The Mercy of the Lord
Closing Prayer: *Marty Hunt*

Sunday, August 18

Welcome: *Forest Summers*
Song Leader: *David Jacks*
Opening Prayer: *Ron Holland*
Scripture Reading: *Searcy Hall*
John 17:1-11
Sermon: *Mike McLemore*
Let Them Be One, Father!
Closing Prayer: *Steve Hagewood*

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz *Hill Roberts*
Songs Leader: *Hill Roberts*
Opening Prayer: *Collis Terry*
Closing Prayer: *Bobby Wright*

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
David Jacks
Forest Summers
Phil Shaver

Wednesday, August 14

Songs Leader: *Collis Terry*
Invitation: *Mike McLemore*
Closing Prayer: *Riley Monroe*

Wednesday, August 21

Mike Coward
Mike McLemore
Louis Garrett

Group 2

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

TBA

Group 3

Quarterly Adult Classes
July — September 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

More Lessons from Isaiah
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Philippians: "God Blessed Me With You"
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	<i>Riley Monroe</i>	<i>Marty Hunt</i>
** Overseer	<i>Jeremy Leshko</i>	<i>Phil Shaver</i>
	<i>Jimmy Harbin</i>	<i>Wes Caudle</i>
	<i>Will Starks **</i>	<i>Jim Risner</i>

Lord's Supper PM	<i>Ron Harmon **</i>	<i>John Stokes</i>
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Communion Prep	<i>Gwyn McLemore & Amanda Jimison</i>
Building Lockup	<i>Kirk Hatcher</i>

