

Weatherly Weekly

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No "Try-outs"

Adapted

Jesus does not invite would-be followers with a "try it, you'll like it" approach. Nor does He offer "test drives" or opportunities to "try it on for size." What He requires is the kind of faith that will make a "once-for-all-time" decision to follow Jesus in humble obedience to His will.

While we must count the cost of discipleship, *Luke 9:23*, faith's decision must be a wholehearted response to the good news of Jesus Christ. Such a response is marked by a completely new direction in life. It is a spiritual rebirth leading to a wholly spiritual transformation.

But, good starters are not always good finishers. Jesus spoke to the foolishness of entering into a building project or engaging in an armed military conflict without due consideration of the resources necessary to complete the project or win the battle, *Luke 14:28-32*.

Deciding to follow Jesus is life's greatest decision. But, there must be no turning back, none whatsoever. We don't put Jesus on probation while we try Him out and see if He is worth the cost. Nor do we test the water with the tip of our toe while the rest of our body waits on the outside until it is deemed safe to make a gradual, bit by bit, entrance into the pool.

Faith takes the plunge and trusts Jesus to keep His promises. Faith is a way of life, not a hobby. It cannot be "tried out." It can only be lived and absorbed into the fabric of who we are as His people. For the true disciple, Jesus becomes life and light and hope, *Pb. 1:21; Col. 3:4; Jn. 8:12; Heb. 6:19-20*.

Rejecting Christianity after "trying it out" is like claiming to be a zero-handicap golfer but giving up the sport as "unworthy" without ever having stepped a foot on the course. □

Astounding Evidence

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Disputers of this world are always with us. In the days of Paul and the first century churches they were present. The apostle called for the Corinthians to survey for the wise, the scribe and the disputers among them, knowing they were no where to be found among the saints. All too often in this modern age, the dissenter shrieks aloud, "No informed person can accept the Bible as authentic!"

"Ah, but Mr. Dissenter, what of the astounding evidence of its authenticity?"

In his book of evidences to support the Christian faith, "I Believe Because..." Batsell Barrett Baxter, one of the most informed persons of his generation, introduces a man by the name of Henry O. Taylor who suggests the mathematical probabilities which support the Bible as genuine. Taylor suggested the likelihood of but twenty-five (25) Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah being fulfilled in one person are conservatively fixed at one chance out of a thousand trillion, or one quadrillion

(1/1,000,000,000,000,000).

The mathematical equation to support the Bible as truth considering the fulfillment of prophecies given in some cases over eight centuries before Jesus lives is really simple. Mr. Taylor first surmised that on average there was a no greater than one in five (1/5) probability (p) of one prophecy being fulfilled in a particular man. Accounting only twenty-five cases of prophecy (n) the probability exceeds the human ability to comprehend. The number looks like this: where (n) is 25 and (p) is 1/5 — (1/5)²⁵. Bible students are easily able to compile list after list of Biblical prophecies fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. Each far exceeds a mere twenty-five (25) fulfilled prophecies. Aside, there are multitudes of other fulfilled prophecies unrelated to the Messianic age. The proof is more than substantial.

In this "progressive age" of human reasoning, how are these statistics invalidated? Plainly they cannot be! Believing the Bible is more reasonable than not in light of this single piece of astounding evidence. □

Watch LIVE



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ron Harmon's visit with the heart surgeon presented one of two possibilities. First, open heart surgery to by-pass three arteries and replace the aortic valve, or second, place three stints via heart cath and replace the aortic valve. A final determination will be made after a consultation with the other consulting partner surgeons. In the meantime, Ron has been cleared to take their long planned family trip to Disney World for Thanksgiving. His surgery is planned for the first week of December. Please pray for **Ron & Phyllis** and family.

Steven Guice is on his way home to continue recovering from his surgery after a productive appointment at M.D. Anderson on Thursday. Further study of his case is necessary before determining the best course of treatment for his recurrence. He will be able to have the treatments at UAB, with close consultation at MDA. Your prayer for Steven are requested.

Mary Ellen Rainey, the cousin of our own **Laura McKnight**, passed away last week in Rochester, New York. Laura and Mary Ellen were very close, "like sisters." Laura is feeling this loss very keenly. Your prayers for her are appreciated. Laura traveled to New York to be with the family this week.

Bobby Ferguson remains at home. He is doing relatively well. Tammy has sitters with him schedule for Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday and Thursdays would be good days to visit if you have a chance to do that. Remember Bobby to the Lord as you pray.

Betty Reavis is continuing Chemo. Please

remember her to the Lord as you pray.

Will Starks' sister, **Sarah Jernigan**, continues on our prayer list. She is recovering from several mini strokes. Say her name.

Gordon Dorris' sister, **Brenda Dorris**, also remains on our prayer list. Your prayers for her are appreciated.

Also, **Jenny Jacks'** mom, **Laura Phillips**, has good days and bad days. But, your prayers everyday are meaningful. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Travis Barnett	Glenda Cavender
Melvin Godette	Marty Haselden
Betty Reavis	Debbie Harbin
Barbara Jean Woodard	Dot Summers

Sunday Night Study Series

The fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series continues with week #5. Our theme this Fall is **God Works Through His People: "I Want to Be a Worker."** We hope every member of our Weatherly family will participate heartily in these evening assemblies.

Tonight the auditorium class will be led by **Marty Hunt**. We will be studying from Nehemiah— "The People Celebrate Working God's Way."

(Correction: **Searcy & Evelyn Hall** celebrated 65 years of marriage, October 31st! Apologies.)

Group Two Meets Tonight

Group Two, led by **Phil Furlough**, will meet immediately following evening class in the back classroom. Please plan to attend.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11-18	Samuel Holland	11-20	Riley Monroe
11-21	Miles Hagewood	11-22	Ina Carter
11-24	Carolyn Holland	11-25	Debbie Harbin

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Amplius

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A young artist studied for years under the tutelage of an old teacher. He dreamed as artists do of painting his own great masterpiece. After working for many years in his own studio he said, "The time has come when I must paint my picture." And so, when the canvas had been stretched, palette and paint ready, he began to the outlines of what he hoped would be his masterpiece.

Sometime later, while the artist was out, the old teacher, who had known his student's aspiration, happened into the empty studio to find the early rendering. He gazed carefully upon the outlines, then dipped a brush into fresh paint, and in large rough letters entirely across the face of the image wrote, A-M-P-L-I-U-S. Amplius is the Greek word for "wider." Laying down the brush, he left.

Soon the young artist returned to find his worked defaced and ruined. He was angry, begging, "Who would destroy my work like that?" But, looking more carefully, he began to see. "Oh," he exclaimed, "The Master has been here!"

Across the masterpiece of every child of God, our Savior writes, "Wider my servant, *serve wider!*" ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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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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, November 10

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **David Jacks**
Scripture Reading: **Jeremy Leshko**
Psalm 103:1-19
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
A Model of Thanksgiving
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Sunday, November 17

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Ron Harmon
Philip Dill
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Thankful Living
Marty Hunt

Evening Worship

Study Series **Marty Hunt**
Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Forest Summers**
Closing Prayer: **Jimmy Harbin**

Evening Worship

Steve Hagewood
David Jacks
Will Starks
Hill Roberts

Wednesday, November 13

Songs Leader: **Mike Coward**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Terry Barnett**

Wednesday, November 20

Bill Thompson
Mike McLemore
Phil Shaver

Group 2

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Group 3

Quarterly Adult Classes
October – December 2019

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
& WEDNESDAY**

The Gospel According to John
Mike McLemore

Serving in November

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood	Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Nick Holland	W.D. Patrick
	Jimmy Harbin	Wes Caudle
	Tommy Hill **	John Patrick

Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough **	Kirk Hatcher
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Communion Prep	Cathy Preston & Susan Hand, Ellie Pellegrini
Building Lockup	Charley Skinner

