

The Weatherly Weekly

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Wednesday

Michael W. McLemore

An employer brought his employees in once a month for a pep talk. He informed them of the future plans for the company. He attempted to excite them about their work. He wanted everyone to be enthusiastic about what they were doing. During one meeting he announced, "We have just purchased several robots. These robots will free you of some of the day to day menial tasks you are doing so you can concentrate on more important things."

Instantly he sensed that they were concerned for their jobs. He quickly added, "Don't worry about your jobs. Nobody is going to lose a job as a result of these robots. There will be some reduction in the work force, but that will be taken care of through retirement and natural attrition. You'll all keep your jobs." "In fact," he said, "this will even work to your advantage. As we perfect the work of these robots you will probably not even have to work a full 40-hour

week and you can take a day off now and then with no reduction in pay. As we get this system perfected even more, maybe you can have two days off. You'll only have to work three days a week. In fact, our ultimate goal is that the time will come when you will only have to come in one day a week, on Wednesdays. That will be it, and you'll still receive your full salary."

One of the employees in the back row raised his hand. He had a question. "Sir, why will we have to come in every Wednesday?"

That made me think, "What is MY view of Wednesday?" As the local church grows, generations change, many begin to view local work differently than when the work was new and struggling. The congregation functions almost like it's on auto-pilot. MY presence won't be missed. Almost no one will notice. Classes will go on without me. "Do I really have to 'come in' on Wednesday?" □

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 25	NEXT WEEK MARCH 4
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Marty Hunt	Phil Furlough
Scripture Reading	Jim Ehl	Kirk Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Terry Barnett
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	SINGING	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Tommy Hill
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Nick Holland
Wednesday PM	FEBRUARY 28	MARCH 7
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Riley Monroe	Jim Risner
Group Meeting	Group 4	Group 1

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons from Jesus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel
Mike McLemore



2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Lowell Sallee, Kevin Clark, Greg Chandler
& Robert Harkrider
May 3-6

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
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.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

March	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Will Starks ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Jim Ehl Jeremy Leshko Jonathan Matlock
Lord's Supper PM	W.D. Patrick ** Terry Childress
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall & Jacks
Communion Prep	Sarah Starks & Julie Singleton
Building Lockup	Will Starks

An often-overlooked fact is that, once halted, momentum can be unbelievably difficult to rebuild. There is at the Ford Museum in Detroit, Michigan a steam locomotive that is 125 feet long and weighs 1.2 million pounds. Sixty of these massive engines were built, beginning in 1941. Some were used to haul coal out of the mountains of West Virginia and others appear to have been used during World War II to

Momentum

Adapted

bring supplies to the huge manufacturing plants in Detroit. At 7,500 HP, these engines could travel at a top speed of 60 miles per hour while pulling passenger cars. When the locomotive came to a stop, it could be held in place with a little block of wood strategically placed under a wheel. However, according to one source, when moving fast, the momentum of the engine could easily carry it through a five-foot wall of reinforced concrete.

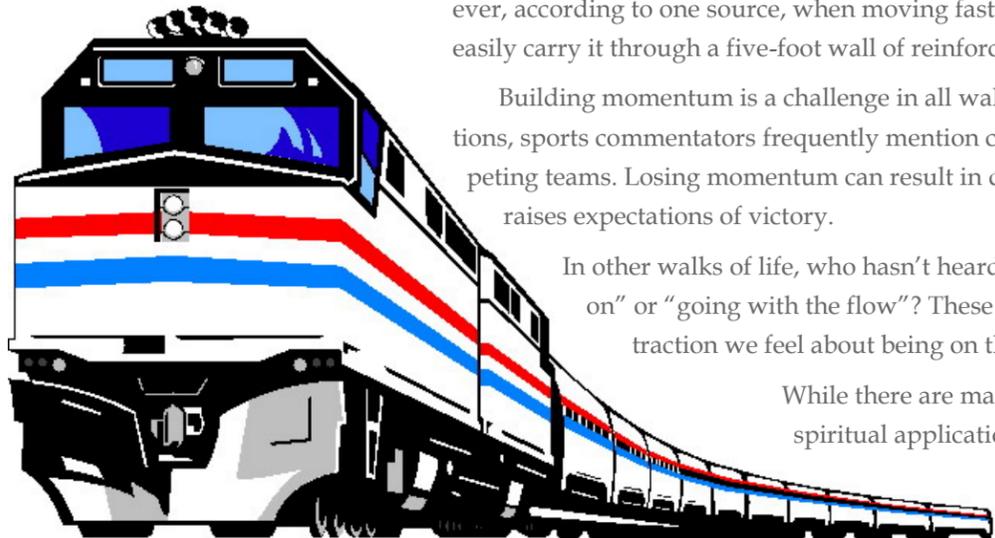
Building momentum is a challenge in all walks of life. During athletic competitions, sports commentators frequently mention changes in momentum in the competing teams. Losing momentum can result in defeat while gaining momentum raises expectations of victory.

In other walks of life, who hasn't heard about "jumping on the bandwagon" or "going with the flow"? These are expressions describing the attraction we feel about being on the positive side of momentum.

While there are many directions we might go by way of spiritual application, consider how this relates to making changes in our Christian lives.

The first months of a new year are often a time when people identify needed changes and set course-corrections for their lives. Growth is not possible without change. But, change is inherently difficult because it requires a shift in momentum or, in some instances, building momentum all over again. But, once we have set our course in its proper direction, having carefully considered God's teachings and having prayerfully committed ourselves to making necessary changes; it is then that we must begin the process of building momentum by repeatedly carrying out these changes on a daily basis. In so doing, we not only build momentum, but also develop new habits that lead to positive changes in character as well.

However, once momentum is established, it must be maintained with perseverance. The apostle Paul writes, "And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary" (Gal. 6:9). Changes are required of every one who is seeking to put on the new self after the image of our Creator (Col. 3:10). But, rather than having to continually go back to square one and start all over again, we should keep our momentum going and build on the foundation which has already been laid (cf. Heb. 5:12-6:2) and "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that [our] toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Rick Morgan's surgery went very well. He is now out of NICU and in room 805. He has been able to walk and to move around. It will be a few days before he moves to rehab. This should allow him to recovery his strength. We are thankful that he is doing well. Please pray for *Rick* and for *Cyndy*.

Melvin Godette's 32 year old nephew, *Nate*, was tragically killed in a pedestrian accident on Friday morning. We have been asked to please remember *Melvin's* brother and family. They live in the Raleigh Durham area of North Carolina.

Also, keep *Melvin* in your prayers. He has daily challenges most of can us hardly imagine. Say his name to the Lord as you pray.

Ann Summers & Glenda Cavender remain on our daily prayer list. Ask for the Lord's care of these two godly women who are so much a part of our family here at Weatherly.

Mike Gore continues to require transfusions periodically. Your prayers are appreciated.

Terry Childress' mother, Sandra Ivey, also continues to have an interest in our prayers on her behalf.

We mentioned little *Jett Brooks*, three month old son of the *McLemore's* friends, *Jason & Amanda Brooks*, last week. *Jett* is home doing much better. Thank you for your

prayers.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of *Ellis Abernathy, Margaret Smith's* oldest brother. Visitation will be held Monday from 9-10:30 a.m. at Spry Funeral Home in Athens; graveside following at 11:00, Gatlin Cemetery in Ardmore.

Singing Tonight

As is our custom on the last Sunday evening each month, we will be singing tonight. Please make your plans to attend and sit toward the front of the auditorium.

"Share the Bible"

The phrase "share the Bible" is often heard used in connection with teaching. Today we will explore our role in presenting the Gospel to our fellowman in how we live daily. This morning *Mike McLemore* will continue his special sermon series on "The Bible." The final lesson in our series is "Share the Bible."

Group Four Meets Today

Group Four, led by *Ron Harmon*, meets immediately following morning worship at the *Harmon's* for a cover dish and group meeting. We hope every group member will participate. □

Weatherly Birthdays



2-27	Penny Hill	3-5	Gina Curtis
3-6	Harold Smith	3-11	Evelyn Hall
3-12	Stevie Hagewood	3-13	Collis Terry
3-14	Becky Hill	3-15	Bennett Matlock

The Numbers Game

Michael W. McLemore

When word got around that the Carlisle Indians had an outstanding track team, Harold Anson Bruce, coach of the powerful Lafayette College team, invited "Pop" Warner's athletes to a dual meet on Alumni Day. Reluctantly, he agreed to pay a large guarantee. The meet was sold out. But when Bruce when to greet the visitors, he was disconcerted to find only a few young men getting off the train with Warner.

"Where are your Indians?" Bruce demanded. "I've got enough," answered Warner. "How many?" enquired the coach. With a smile, Pop said, "Five!" Wearing, coach Bruce rejoined, "But, Pop, I've got a team of forty-six; it's an eleven-event program. This is a disaster. You haven't a chance." "Wanna bet?" asked Warner. And athlete named Jim Thorpe won the high jump, broad jump, pole vault, shot put, and low hurdles. He was second in the 100. Two others ran first and second in the half-mile, the mile, and the two-mile; another won the quarter-mile, and the fifth the high hurdles. Carlisle won 71-31.

Was it superior talent? No doubt. Was it the personal commitment of a few? Surely it contributed. One thing it evidently was not - numbers. This is the delusion of many. Some believe that numbers will assure success. They don't in sports. They don't in life. How can we suggest they will in the Lord's church?

The increase made in the body is more about the commitment of a few, than about the overall size of the group. Faith in Christ and diligence arising from personal commitment to Him is the difference. Remember folks, "there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (1 Samuel 14:6). □

Weekly Walk!