

Weatherly Weekly

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SATISFIED?

Michael W. McLemore

“Contentment is not hard to attain, at least not for a person with a poor memory and no imagination.” I know not who made the statement, but I do know that it was the Psalmist who once wrote: “As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness” *Psalms 17:15*.

Both of these statements are right. Satisfaction is the death of zeal and the grave of ambition. Christians are called to be “content with such things as we have,” but we are also to be completely satisfied only when we awake with the divine likeness in the world to come.

Local churches are like people. When young, we are prone to zeal and ambition. As we age, we become satisfied with what we are and what we have accomplished. We tend toward the mentality of the “rich fool” - “you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax,” *Luke 12:19*. Our minds begin to dwell more on the past than on the present and future. Comfort stills the voice of ambition, cynicism displaces faith and self-satisfaction stifles zeal.

Congregations, like people, begin in their early days with enthusiasm and hope. They grow and develop through hard work and prayer. Then, having attained a reasonable degree of prosperity, churches have a tendency to become content, coasting on the momentum thus achieved through past effort.

One of the most difficult of all tasks is to revive a once active, but presently dead, local church. It was the Lord who threatened to “spit out of His mouth” the self-satisfied church at Laodicea, *Revelation 3:16*. Sadly, they were miserable, poor, blind and naked and did not recognize it. One of the dangers Weatherly always must guard against is that of being too satisfied with herself. We must guard against contentment until we “awake with His likeness.”

Let not a “poor memory” cause us to forget the love, the sacrifice and the labors that have brought us to this hour in our history. WE presently must pick up the torch of our ancestors in the faith and press on. Let not the “loss of imagination” rob us of future greatness! □

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’” *John 8:31-32*.

It would seem axiomatic that if one claims to accept the authority of Jesus Christ, he must in turn yield to Christ’s view of Scripture. For some who claim to be believers, it is not always so. Consider the response of those who heard the Lord in *John 8*.

“They answered him, ‘We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” *John 8:33*. Their failure was two-fold. First, they ignored the tyranny under which the nation lived and their personal slavery to sin. Second, they were all too quick to set aside the instruction of one in whom they claimed to believe. Jesus pointed out a deeper and more sinister attitude toward His teaching, “I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you” *37*.

Do Jesus’ words find place in you? It is a question for every believer. Jesus never belittled or set aside the ancient scriptures in His interactions with those He sought to teach. Rather than criticize or contradict, He humbly submitted to revealed truth. Jesus was God in the flesh, but He never acted in opposition to Scripture.

Many self-described believers are quick to ask, “What would Jesus do?” Granting their wholesome ideal, let’s ask with them, in the area of the handling of the word of God, “What would Jesus do?”

Jesus knew Scripture thoroughly. His contemporaries, even those critical of His teaching, had to acknowledge it. The Jews asked, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?” *John 7:15*. If we are to emulate Jesus in our life as believers, we must begin with a thorough knowledge of the Word of God.

Our Lord believed “every word” of Scripture. At His arrest, Jesus made His claims upon intricate details of the prophets, “Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” *Matthew 26:53-54*. He continued, “All this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled” *56*. Even to His own hurt,

Jesus acknowledged that every word was essential.

Christ repeatedly claimed Scripture as historical fact. As He discussed His critics’ erroneous thinking on the sanctity of marriage, He appealed to the Genesis record and declared it as history, *Matthew 19:3-5*. Jesus not only claimed the creation story as historical fact, but also declared the Old Testament as the inspired Word of God, *Mark 12:26*.

Jesus held Scripture more powerful than miracles. In His story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, He related Abraham’s response to the Rich Man: “Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them’” *Luke 16:29*. In addition, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.” Jesus affirmed that Scripture has greater force than miracles.

The Lord affirmed Scripture as the basis of His own teaching. Most are familiar with what has been termed, “The Golden Rule.” The force of Jesus’ claim is that “whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them” was a divine principle that originated in “the Law and

the Prophets,” *Matthew 7:12*. Scripture is the basis of His teaching.

Christ warned against supplanting Scripture, saying, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them,” *Matthew 5:17*. Jesus corrected those who charged Him with blaspheming the Law of Moses. Christ warned against it.

The Lord Jesus reviled ignorance of Scripture on the part of His critics: “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God” *Matthew 22:29*. Ignorance of the Bible is doom to every man, for by it humanity will ultimately be judged, *John 12:48*.

Jesus obeyed the Word of God and called upon ALL who believe in Him to do the same. Every would-be follower of Jesus who claims to accept the authority of Jesus Christ must adopt Jesus’ attitude. Become subject both to Him as God and to the Bible as His infallible Word.

Scripture contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the blessedness of the faithful. God’s word speaks truth. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. □

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John 8:31-32



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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ken Cavender is to see a specialist for further tests January 24th. A recent MRI revealed "a spot on his kidney." We need to all pray that this is nothing serious. Also, it has been learned that **Glenda** has a growth, deemed benign, on her brain. She is to see her doctor about what to do next in a few days. **The Cavenders** need our prayers.

Melonie Power was supposed to move to her son's home from rehab yesterday. We have not received word as to if that happened according to plan. Listen for an update in the morning announcements.

Betty Reavis had her latest round of Chemo Friday at Clearview. We are thankful that she was able to have it and are praying for the benefit. She will have fluids tomorrow. So far, **Betty's** numbers look very encouraging. Your prayers are appreciated. Remember **Bill** to the Lord also.

Donna Godette is in Kuwait for an extended

period working. Please pray for **Melvin, Keira** and **Keion**.

Edith Turner has been sick the last two weeks. Though they are not certain it was the flu, she was very sick. We are thankful that **Edith** is improving.

Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

Glenda Cavender **Barbara Woodard**
Melvin Godette **Mike Gore**

The Gazelles Meet Today:

A spiritual growth class for young ladies, grades 5-8, will meet for the first time this afternoon at the home of **Laura Little**. The group is called "The Gazelles," inspired by Dorcas (whose name means gazelle) with the intent of leading our young women to be "swift to serve." **Laura** will be leading the class that will discuss practical ways in which a young woman can be of service to God. ☐

Guest Speaker Tonight

Louis Garrett will speak in **Mike McLemore's** absence this evening. His sermon is entitled "God is No Respector of Persons" taken from **Acts 10:34**. **Mike** is preaching for the Ardmore church this evening.

Group Two Meeting Tonight

Leader: Phil Furlough

Will meet immediately following the evening worship service. See you there...

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 1-14 | Doyle Wray | 1-15 | Xavier Cole |
| 1-18 | Rob Crank | 1-19 | Ed Dill |
| 1-20 | Edith Turner | 1-21 | Janice Wray |
| 1-23 | Gordon Dorris | 1-26 | Marissa Hunt |
| 1-29 | James Risner | 1-29 | Will Starks |
| 1-30 | Jenny Jacks | | |

The Secret to Getting Ahead

Michael W. McLemore

Mark Twain had a way with words. His perspective was unique, but his hokey wit is almost always provoking of deeper reflection. It was Twain who said, "The secret to getting ahead is getting started."

Twain hit upon the challenge of many — getting started. Whether home projects or spiritual growth, we tend to procrastinate starting. With the former there may seem no immediate consequence, but in the long run the failure to address home repair issues may leave property appearing neglected. When it comes to individual spiritual development, the eternal consequences loom large. How do we prevent our "spiritual house" from becoming dilapidated? Twain's advice is sage. Get started!

Pick up "the Book," today! The enemy of your soul does not want you to be a person of "the Book." He will tempt you toward feelings of immediacy in every other area of life. Want to get ahead? Pick up "the Book," today!

Read it with interest, now! It's author is your Creator. He has left it as the manual for living. Want to know how to get ahead? Read it now!

Put it into practice, immediately! Want to succeed? No matter how much money and time you spend living life, nothing will benefit you more than putting "the Book" into practice.

Rely upon it, daily! Neglecting the written Word of God will have both immediately and lasting impact. Don't delay. Get started. Rely on "the Book" daily. ☐

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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Weatherly's Deacons

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| 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, January 13

- Welcome:** **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Collis Terry**
Scripture Reading: **Jeremy Leshko**
Ephesians 4:9-16
Sermon: **Michael McLemore**
"No Longer Children"
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

Sunday, January 20

- Will Starks**
David Jacks
Bill Thompson
Phillip Dill
Romans 6:3-13
Michael McLemore
"Let Not Sin Reign"
Nick Holland

Evening Worship

- Bible Skillz** **Jared Jimison**
Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **W.D. Patrick**
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Evening Worship

- Hill Roberts**
David Jacks
Phil Furlough
Ed Dill

Wednesday, January 16

- Songs Leader:** **Mike Coward**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Louis Garrett**

Wednesday, January 23

- Terry Childress**
Mike McLemore
Riley Monroe

Group 1

2019 Weatherly Lectures
May 2-5
"Living in Christ"

Group 2

Quarterly Adult Classes
January – March 2019
AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Hebrews: Don't Go Back!

Serving in January

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| Serving on the Lord's Table AM | Jeremy Leshko | Jimmy Harbin |
| ** Overseer | Charley Skinner | Ben Little ** |
| | Ed Dill | Jim Ehl |
| | Clark Boles | Will Patrick |
| Lord's Supper PM | Ron Harmon ** | John Stokes |
| Communion Prep | | Hilda Wright |
| Building Lockup | | Bobby Wright |

