

Weatherly Weekly

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Your Labor Will Live On

Michael W. McLemore

Edward Everett, the leading orator of the middle 19th Century, was invited to give the keynote address of the ceremonies dedicating the national cemetery at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. His speech lasted two hours. Though the organizers of the event preferred that he not speak at all, President Abraham Lincoln was allowed to briefly address the large assembly. The crowd scarcely quieted before the President had completed his three minute carefully prepared "Gettysburg Address." It is said that a man with a camera didn't have time to set up his equipment before Lincoln was finished.

James asked, "What is your life?" Answering, he said, "For you are a midst that appears for a little time and then vanishes," 4:14. Life is fleeting. Young and old pass daily into eternity. Instantly or with much suffering, life ends like a vapor vanishes, almost as quickly as it appeared. The question that is often asked is, "Are you prepared for that event?" I would ask it another way, "What are you doing with this vapor called life?"

They feared that Lincoln might resort to telling funny stores at Gettysburg. They shunned him as the central speaker, in favor of Everett. Asked to make only "a few concluding remarks," Lincoln readied himself with great care. So brief were his remarks few realized they had heard a masterpiece. It is apparent from the speech that President Lincoln had no idea the lasting impact his few words would have on the world — "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget why they [the honored dead, *mmm*] died here."

As a Christian, "What are you doing with the moments of your life?" Are your moments wasted on quests for this world? Inspiration tells of the unavailing hope of such crusades, *James 4:13-17*. Why not give your life to the task of starting others on the road to heaven? Start at home with your family. Expand your efforts to your neighbors, friends, colleagues and then on to the world at large. When your vapor has long before vanished, your labor will live on. □

Speak LORD... for your servant hears

David Thomley

"Young man! Do you hear what I am saying to you?" Those words still strike terror in the heart. We vividly remember the tone of voice, the stern expression, and the pointed finger of our parents as they demanded an acknowledgment that their words had been understood. Actually, our parents wanted more than a mere affirmation that we heard them -- our parents wanted to know that we would obey them.

"Speak LORD, for your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:9). The aged Eli advises young Samuel of the proper response to the Word of God. One of the essential characteristics of the Lord's servant is that he hears the words of his Master. Jesus reminded the Jews that it is absurd to speak in terms of Master and servant if, in fact, the servant has no intention of obeying the voice of His Lord (Luke 6:46).

Hearers Are Doers

The biblical concept of hearing the Word of the Lord involves more than the response of the human auricular nerve to divine auditory stimuli. Passive listening is deceptive and deadly for a Christian. This is the habitual exercise of those who regularly sit on pews and hear sermons, but have absolutely no intention of changing their lives. Years of listening and not responding causes the heart to become callous. At the conclusion of the great Sermon, Jesus warned His audience of the folly of hearing His words and subsequently failing to do them (Matthew 7:24-27). Later, James would insist that Christians be doers of the Word, and not hearers only (James 1:22). The sincere Christian approaches his study of the Word with a heart that has already determined to obey whatever truth is discerned.

I'm Busy Now. Try Me Later

Can you imagine a master calling for his servant, only to have his servant respond by calling back, "Wait a few minutes, man! I'm on the phone right now." How absurd! Or can you imagine a servant saying to His master, "Excuse me, but would you go over those instructions again. I had

my mind on something else while you were talking just now." It would never happen. Yet, too many Christians will sit through a Bible class or a sermon while their minds churn with secular and mundane thoughts. Unless the mind is engaged, the ears are wasting time. Let's stop deceiving ourselves about the most serious distractions in the assembly. Overcrowded schedules and cluttered minds ruin far more worship services than crying babies or whispering children. The most priceless information ever given to man is the Word of God. How foolish we are when we regularly give more time and attention to CNN and USA Today!

Attendance and Spirituality

It is true that church attendance is not the only factor by which the spirituality of a Christian might be measured. But brethren, let's not pretend that one's willingness (may we say "eagerness") to participate in the collective worship is inconsequential (Hebrews 10:24-25). Our church buildings and furnishings are becoming increasingly commodious and plush to accommodate the most delicate among us, yet far too many congregations are struggling with significant attendance problems on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. There was a time, not so long ago, when Christians would drive to another city or town to attend a gospel meeting or Bible lectures. As we approach the turn of the century, many churches are struggling just to get their own members to show up. Aside from all the explanation about changing lifestyles and extenuating circumstances, the bottom line is that too many Christians are no longer "hungering and thirsting" for the Word (Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:2).

He Who Hath Ears To Hear

Often when Jesus was teaching, He said, "He who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Those who heard were blessed. Those who ignored His teaching were condemned. Too many of us, like Martha (Luke 9:39ff), are cluttering our lives with things that are not sinful, but neither are they necessary. Blessed are those who, like Mary, consistently choose the one thing that is needful! □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Sherrie Stovall was at Bible Study Wednesday night. We are thankful that she's better.

Wanda Castleman continues to be treated for a very serious infection in her leg. Pray for her complete recovery.

Betty Reavis has completed her Chemo regimen and rang the bell. She will be undergoing further testing, but so far so good! Prayers of the thanksgiving are in order. Sadly, Betty lost her sister, **Martha Miers**, Thursday. She was just 67 years old. Funeral services are to be held Monday.

Peggy Shelton was able to be present Sunday morning. Her recovery is slow, but we were all thrilled to see her.

Marty Haselden continues on our prayer list as she battles cancer. Say her name when you lift your voice to Him who reigns over heaven and earth.

The Jimisons are home from Phoenix with their son, **Liam**. They were all present for Bible study on Wednesday night. Isn't he cute? Our God is to be praised for His outpouring of blessing on these precious new parents.

Auburn Henderson is very congested, but the tests showed no pneumonia. That is good news. Pray for Auburn.

We have been asked to pray for **Collis & Sue Terry's** neighbor of 47 years, **Cornelia Collette**, and her husband, **Sylvester**. Cornelia has

been diagnosed with cancer.

Hila Wright's sister, **Teresa Grizzard** has begun her first in a series of 20 radiation treatments for breast cancer. If you would like to write to Teresa, her address is...

3444 Annette Street
Trussville, Alabama 35173

Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

Barbara Woodard	Melonie Power
Melvin Godette	Glenda Cavender
Ken Cavender	Travis Barnett
Jeff Harbin	Aladean Jacks

Study Series Tonight

Week TWO of Sunday night Study series will begin at 5 pm. **Our King's Kingdom is for All** is the theme for our study. Bring a friend if you can, but be here yourself. With Spring Break behind us, we ought to have a huge crowd on hand.

The adult class will be studying **Antioch: Model for the Future**. **Mike McLemore** will be leading the class. See you tonight! ☐

Group Four Meeting Today

Leader: Ron Harmon

Will meet today after morning worship at the home of Tommy & Becky Hill for a covered dish and group meeting.

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 24, 2019

3-27	Jonathan Matlock	4-2	Silvia Henderson
4-5	Carolyn Barr	4-6	Jerry Mitchell
4-8	William Hill	4-9	Kate Little
4-12	Auburn Henderson	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-20	John Stokes	4-21	Charley Carter
4-21	Diane Dill	4-21	Maria Hunt
4-23	David Jacks	4-25	Sue Terry

Three Rules of Life

Michael W. McLemore

It is suggested that three rules govern human behavior: The Iron Rule, The Silver Rule and The Golden Rule. I see application of these governing mentalities in Jesus' Parable of the Sower, Luke 10:25-37.

The Iron Rule is hard: the law of the jungle, survival of the fittest. It is "might makes right." This was the lawless spirit of the bandits who beat, robbed and left a man for dead. It produces fear, dread and never leads to satisfaction. It's a life that lives by the gun or knife, and is sustained on the other man's dime.

The Silver Rule is sometimes mistaken for being better than it really is. It says, "What you do not wish done to you, do not do to others." Hillel said: "What is hateful to yourself, do to no other." It is observed to perfection in the "inaction" of the Priest and the Levite. It is the life that strictly minds his own business, and lets the other mind his.

The Golden Rule says, "All things that you would have another do to you, do to them." It lives selflessly for others. It loves at all times. The Samaritan, hero of Jesus' parable, became a benefactor to the helpless, risking safety, investing time, sacrificing money and assuming debt on behalf of a man who may well have once counted him less than human. "Go and do likewise!" ☐

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

Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood
Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Ben Little
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, March 24

Welcome: Tommy Hill
Song Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading: Wes Caudle
Sermon: Michael McLemore
Closing Prayer: Ron Harmon

Matthew 5:21-26; 18:15-20
"Leave Your Gift at the Altar"

Sunday, March 31

Tommy Hill
Jared Jimison
Steve Hagewood
Philip Dill
Louis Garrett
"The Prophets & Angels"
Searcy Hall

Evening Worship

Study Series **Week 2**
Songs Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Hill Roberts
Closing Prayer: Kirk Hatcher

Evening Worship

Week 3
Jared Jimison
Will Starks
Jimmy Harbin

Wednesday, March 27

Songs Leader: Collis Terry
Invitation: Phil Furlough
Closing Prayer: Riley Monroe

Wednesday, April 3

Louis Garrett

Group 4

2019 Weatherly Lectures

May 2-5

"Living in Christ"

Michael McLemore, Jason Moore, Gary Patton & Eric Reynolds

Quarterly Adult Classes

January – March 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!
Mike McLemore

Serving in March

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood	Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Nick Holland	W.D. Patrick
	Bobby Wright	John Beshorse
	Forest Summers **	John Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	Collis Terry **	Terry Childress
Communion Prep Building Lockup		Julie Guice & Sarah Starks
		Will Starks

