

# Weatherly Weekly

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## A Second Chance

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A second chance is a great opportunity. A mulligan on the first tee. A second pitch of an errant throw. A redo of a recipe. When things are not as we would like, getting a second chance is great. In life, second chances are rare, but they do come: the start of a new school year, a new job, or a new year.

Paul expressed the idea of new beginnings in his letter to the church at Philippi. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," Philippians 3:13-14.

We can and should be constantly resolving to improve. Paul says, "I'm not perfect! Work remains." Perfection is what Paul desired, but he never felt he attained it. Two main points are here that will help to make change.

"Forgetting those things which are behind." While we can't actually remove the memory, we can prevent them from obstructing our future. Put them aside, they are covered, forgiven.

"Reaching forth unto those things which are before." Paul tells us we need to look forward. Our actions affect the future for good if we make a determined effort — "stretch."

Reflection and appraisal of one's standing is essential, but at the end of the day we must "press on," and "be a doer of the word."

If we are to meet with divine favor surely our study life, prayer life and service life must press forward in increasing measure. Study more! Pray more! Serve more!

Second chances are great, but they can be work! Faith requires struggle—"Reaching forth unto those things which are before!" But, God rewards the effort. Paul said, "I press!" □

## The Devil Makes it Hard, NOT God!

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God placed man in the garden of Eden and gave him simple laws to live by. He provided everything His created man needed and He cared for all the needs of man in every way. The relationship between man and God was based upon God's law and man's willingness to obey those laws. "Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die'" (Genesis 2:15-17).

As laws go, this was a simple law to understand and to obey. With the numerous trees in the garden, man had freedom to freely eat. Man was forbidden from eating of only one tree in the garden. From the outside, we could look at this law and wonder how it could be misapplied or misunderstood. God's law was simple to understand in relationship to man's obedience.

In Genesis chapter three Moses revealed how a simple law of God was made to be a law that was confusing and difficult to understand. The tragedy of this story is that it only took four words to take away the relationship between God and man: "Has God indeed said?" The devil knew in order to persuade Eve to take of the fruit as forbidden by God, Eve would need to question the will of God. The approach taken by the devil was simple — question God!

Following the devil's tempting of Eve to consider the simple command of God as too complex and challenging her to think for herself, she took of the fruit and ate and gave it to Adam and he ate. The devil had won the victory! Man now stood alone and apart from his God. Sin had gained the temporary victory and would for generations upon generations destroy the

lives of millions of souls. Only by the victory in Jesus Christ can man now fully understand and overcome the sting of sin. But the story continues.

Today the devil is still inducing people to question the simple commands of God. In the word of God, the plan of salvation unfolds with the majesty and simplistic nature of God's divine word. Man needs to come to God and obey him. Satan whispers, "Has God indeed said?" While most in the religious world agree on the need for hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17), seeking repentance (Luke 13:3) coupled with the confession of the mouth (Romans 10:10), but few believe that one must be baptized "unto salvation" (Acts 2:38).

Satan has filled the hearts of so many today who teach the only thing a person needs to do is to accept Christ as their Savior and they are saved. Baptism is placed on the shelf as something good to do but not necessary. The Bible teaches in very simple tones the need of baptism for salvation. Baptism is the completion of one's obedience to Christ. In every case, every case of conversion in the gospel of Christ, every single person obeyed the law of God in baptism. Not one example is found in all of the gospel of Christ where baptism is not shown as the completion of the law of God; yet today men question God!

Scripture emphatically teaches the necessity of baptism for salvation. In no places does God's word teach that one is saved by faith alone. Never! Yet many people will hear the saddest words ever spoken to man - "Accept Christ as your personal Savior and you will be saved." These words are sad because if believed — and practiced — the final sad words will be given by Jesus himself when he says, "I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matthew 7:23). The Devil makes it hard, not God! □



Watch LIVE

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Dot Summers** is home from the hospital. We are thankful for her progress and continue to pray for her improvement. Say Forest & Dot's names to the Lord this week as you pray.

We are still praying for **Debbie Harbin** as she anticipates back surgery. She will actually have two distinct procedures, two days apart. It's hard to imagine what she is facing, but our God is good. Ask for His constant care of our sweet sister.

We are happy that **Edith Turner** has made such good progress. We are all anticipating her first Sunday back since her injury. Your prayers have meant so much to her.

**Wanda Castleman** looks amazing. Our prayers of thanksgiving are surely in order. We are looking forward to watching her get back to her old routine.

**Gordon's** sister, **Brenda Dorris**, is home recovering from surgery in Kentucky. We are thankful everything has gone well, but she is facing great challenges. Say her name to the Lord. **The Dorris'** arrived home Tuesday evening.

**Marty Haselden, Don & Lane's** daughter, continues about the same. Her condition is not good, but we are grateful that she is holding her own. Your prayers for her are important. Ask for the Lord's watchful care of our faithful sister.

**The McLemore's** daughter, **Emily**, is ready to deliver any day now. Please pray for **Emily, Trenton** & their new little one. We are trusting the Lord to watch over **Emily & baby's** health.

We have several who are out of town this week on summer vacation. Please ask the Lord to watch over them as they travel too and from. ☐

## Morning Bible Study

**Mike McLemore** will be standing in for **Tommy Hill** this morning in morning Bible Study. **Tommy & Becky** are in Florida for much needed rest.

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Barbara Woodard</b>	<b>Melonie Power</b>
<b>Melvin Godette</b>	<b>Glenda Cavender</b>
<b>Ken Cavender</b>	<b>Betty Reavis</b>
<b>Aladean Jacks</b>	<b>Marty Haselden</b>
<b>Pam Davis</b>	<b>Laura Phillips</b>

## Summer Study Series

TONIGHT we begin the first of seven weeks of Bible Class in the auditorium. This is a brand new undertaking at Weatherly. We hope our members will enjoy this chance to study together in a new format.

THEME: Finding Jesus in the Exodus. We will begin with a 15 minute devotion, serve the Lord's Supper, and move right into a 15 minute auditorium class for the children. The adult class should be about 30 minutes. ☐

## Group Four Meeting

Group Four, led by Ron Harmon, will meet after worship tonight. You will be dismissed from the assembly immediately after the Lord's Supper. Plan to attend.

## JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS



6-16	Jaxie Rogers	6-16	Phil Shaver
6-23	Jared Jimison	6-23	W.D. Patrick
6-26	Keion Godette	6-30	Susan Hand
7-3	Lesli McCary	7-10	Will Patrick
7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton

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## Wasting Time

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The brevity and uncertainty of life emphasizes the importance of time. Many fill their days with too many wholly useless things, leaving no time for God and His church. The reason that many do not have time to do the work of the Lord is that they waste too much of their available time in doing things which are unessential, even sinful.

Consider the wisdom of God in the matter of wasting time:

**Lack of Application:** "Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise, Proverbs 6:6.

**Lack of Organization:** "Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men," Proverbs 22:29.

**Lack of Circumspection:** "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he," Proverbs 23:7 KJV.

**Unholy Entertainment:** "Abstain from every form of evil," 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

**Reviewing Past Mistakes:** "But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus," Philippians 3:13-14.

**Worry:** "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life," Matthew 6:25.

**Sleep:** "Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread," Proverbs 20:13.

Time is precious! Be wise with its use. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Bible Classes</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday AM Assembly</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday PM Assembly</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday Classes</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

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<b>Ron Harmon</b>	<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>
<b>David Jacks</b>	<b>Ben Little</b>
<b>Hill Roberts</b>	<b>Collis Terry</b>
<b>Bobby Wright</b>	

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, June 23

**Welcome:** Tommy Hill  
**Song Leader:** David Jacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Ron Harmon  
**Scripture Reading:** Ken Cavender  
*Colossians 1:23-29*  
**Sermon:** Michael McLemore  
*"Wisdom in a Mystery"*  
**Closing Prayer:** Jim Ehl

### Sunday, June 30

**Welcome:** Tommy Hill  
**Song Leader:** Jared Jimison  
**Opening Prayer:** Ron Holland  
**Scripture Reading:** Searcy Hall  
*Mark 2:1-12*  
**Sermon:** Michael McLemore  
*"It's More than a Cure"*  
**Closing Prayer:** Steve Hagewood

### Evening Worship

**Summer Series** Mike McLemore  
**Songs Leader:** David Jacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Tommy Hill  
**Closing Prayer:** Gene Preston

### Evening Worship

Mike McLemore  
**Jared Jimison**  
**Will Starks**  
**Marty Hunt**

### Wednesday, June 26

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

### Wednesday, July 3

Louis Garrett

### Group 4

**2019 Weatherly Singing**  
August 9th

**Tim Stevens, John Kilgore**  
& **Jack Bradford**

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
April – June 2019

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Living Responsibly  
**Tommy Hill**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Lessons from Isaiah  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in June

<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	<b>Dwight Ivey</b>	<b>Gene Preston</b>
<b>** Overseer</b>	<b>Bobby Wright</b>	<b>Ron Holland</b>
	<b>Charley Skinner</b>	<b>John Besherse</b>
	<b>Ben Little **</b>	<b>Jerry Mitchell</b>

<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	<b>Collis Terry **</b>	<b>Terry Childress</b>
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<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Julie Singleton</b>
<b>Building Lockup</b>	<b>Jared Jimison</b>

