

Weatherly Weekly

June 30, 2019

2019 Edition, Number 26

Our Preaching

Michael W. McLemore

In his work, *The Kingdom of God in America* (1937), H. Reinhold Niehbur observed a religious world in his generation that was infected with pluralism and tolerance: "A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross." Eighty-two years later I fear far too many among God's people are more comfortable with a pulpit that steers from preaching about God's wrath, the ugliness of sin and the gruesomeness of the Savior's cross.

"Biblical preaching" is needed now more than ever. Rescuing souls from a world destined for a Devil's hell is the appointed work of every local church, but impossible if the self-proclaimed Christian's manner of life and message is no different than that of his secular neighbors'. Local churches are in danger of becoming more like the world that we seek to save. If our preaching doesn't address it, what good is it really?

Forays into new worship styles and methods was never part of God's plan to save a

world from sin. It was preaching the blood of His Son's cross; "righteousness, self-control and the coming judgment," *Acts 24:25*. If we are to truly pursue relevance in a dark world, it will be by radiating the light of Christ through sound biblical preaching. The "old draw them in with honey now, and preach to them later" is nowhere found as a ploy of God's book or pulpit. It is a long-ago disproven theology of men.

Paul commanded the evangelist Timothy to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching..." warning him of a time in his own generation that "people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions," *2 Timothy 4:2-3*. Perhaps the words of the Hebrew writer remain sage wisdom for our time, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip," *Hebrews 2:1*, KJV. It's high time to awake from sleep and without shame preach the Gospel the Lord intended to be preached! ☐

VEHICLE INSURANCE

Read Your Policy!

David Padfield

People often accuse insurance companies of not honoring their policies. Having spent a few years in that business I know the charge is seldom true. State and federal regulations force insurance companies to honor their policies. Insurers do exactly what they say in their policies; the problem is that most people have never read their copy. What keeps people from reading their policy?

Sometimes people trust their agent so they figure there is no reason to question his word. This is sad for there are a few "bad apples" in every business.

Sometimes people claim the policies are too difficult to understand. I believe most people who say this have never attempted to read their policy anyway.

I have also noticed that many people look at religion the same way they would a life insurance policy. They put blind trust in a smooth talking salesman (some preacher) and hope that he knows what he is doing. They never read their policy (the Bible) for they imagine that they couldn't understand it anyway. It is much easier to trust a priest or preacher than to read and study for themselves.

The Holy Spirit guided the apostles in the writing of the New Testament (*John 16:13*). Paul told the Ephesians that "when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (*Eph. 3:4*). The Bible was written so a person with a limited education can read it without difficulty.

Yes, there are some things that require a good deal of study. Peter spoke of the epistles of Paul "in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (*2 Peter 3:16*). Peter simply said some people will "twist" not only the difficult things, but also the "rest of the Scriptures."

When a man claims the Bible is too difficult

to understand, he is impugning the character of God. Jesus told us we will be judged by His words (*John 12:48*). It is against every law of humanity to hold a person accountable for something they can't understand. But, there is a big difference between the words "can't" and "won't."

Jesus spoke of some in His day by quoting *Isaiah 6:9, 10*. "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the heart of this people has grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their heart and turn, so that I should heal them." (*Matthew 13:14, 15*).

Proverbs 23:23 tells us to "Buy the truth, and do not sell it." To those who do not have a "love of the truth," "God will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (*2 Thes. 2:11, 12*).

I have heard people speak of the Bible and say "it's a mystery to me." The word "mystery" can be used in two different ways. Sometimes it means something that is hidden and cannot be understood. Other times it refers to something we are ignorant of. For example, the workings of a diesel engine are a "mystery" to me. I believe I could understand that engine if I applied myself, but right now I am ignorant of it. If the Bible is a "mystery" to you, it is because you have not applied yourself.

The Bible can be understood. It is given to us in this life and will be opened before us at the judgement (*Rev. 20:12*). What you know about God's word, and what you do about it, will determine what He says to you in the final day.

Let us imitate the noble Bereans who "searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (*Acts 17:11*). ☐



Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

We are excited that [Dot Summers](#) has been able to be with us for worship. She is still not 100% but we are thankful that she is doing as well as she is. Last week was a good week.

[Wanda Castleman](#) was not able to attend Wednesday evening. She still has challenges. Say her name to the Lord, please.

[Debbie Harbin](#) is still waiting on a date for her back surgery. We will relay the information when it is available. In the meantime pray for [Debbie & Jimmy](#).

[Edith Turner](#) is still working to recover the strength to get out to the assembly. Your prayers for her are important. Please continue.

[Brenda Dorris](#), [Gordon's](#) sister remains on our daily prayer list. Every expression on her behalf is greatly appreciated.

Daily Prayer List:

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

Summer Study Series

TONIGHT we continue our Summer edition of Sunday Night Study Series. In an effort to maintain an order that is both reverent and orderly we will rearrange the schedule for both our class and devotion. We will begin with class: the children, then the adult class. The last 15 minutes will be set aside for worship in song, an invitation and the Lord's Supper. Our hope is that this will be a more appropriate arrangement of the evening's study and worship. ☐

Everleigh Ann Barksdale



[Mike & Gwyn McLemore](#) have a beautiful new granddaughter. [Emily & Trenton Barksdale](#) welcomed [Everleigh Ann](#) into the world Thursday afternoon. She weighs 6 lbs, 10 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well. They were able to go home yesterday. The McLemore & Barksdale families are understandably very excited.



JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS



6-30	Susan Hand	7-3	Lesli McCary
7-10	Will Patrick	7-19	Jim Ehl
7-19	Peggy Shelton	7-27	Donna Godette
7-29	Mike McLemore	7-31	Phillip Dill

JUNE 30, 2019

The Unexceptional

Michael W. McLemore

He was ordinary. His job was part of the everyday life of many that lived where he lived. It was not uncommon. Religiously he was no stalwart student. He had attended no recognized rabbinical school. But Peter was called to extraordinary work.

He was willing. His beginning, while poetic, was nothing remarkable. Andrew, his brother, introduced Simon Peter to Jesus, *John 1:40-42*. But, when Jesus invited him to be a disciple, he left his family's enterprise and followed Him immediately, *Matthew 4:20*.

He was passionate. Peter's eagerness to be a part of Jesus' work made him valuable. Though he sometimes suffered embarrassment because he spoke quickly and acted impetuously, Peter was devoted to the Master, *Matthew 14:27-29, 17:1-5*. He was all in!

He was a learner. How could an impulsive fisherman be useful? Time and again he demonstrated his own ignorance. He once rebuked the Lord as He talked with His disciples about His own imminent suffering and death. Peter objected, as if he knew better than Jesus. Christ's censure was instant and direct, *Matthew 16:21-23*. How could he be useful? Peter learned from his mistakes and committed to obey. Obey the Lord he did!

The Lord chooses the unexceptional to build His kingdom. We see ourselves as incapable, but are we willing, passionate, ready to learn and obey Him at every turn? That's what He needs us to be. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

Weatherly Weekly



3



Weatherly Heights
CHURCH OF CHRIST

930 Weatherly Road SE
Huntsville, Alabama 35803

Mailing:

P.O. Box 4619
Huntsville, Alabama 35815

Phone: 256 881-9535

Email: contactus@weatherlychurch.com

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

Stay informed and engaged online at
www.weatherlychurch.com

WATCH:

LIVE Sermon archive or
live stream during
all Weatherly services



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
Email: mmclemore@weatherlychurch.com

Weatherly's Deacons

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, 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](#)

Sunday, July 7

Welcome: [Will Starks](#)
Song Leader: [Charles Hill](#)
Opening Prayer: [Collis Terry](#)
Scripture Reading: [Jeremy Leshko](#)
Acts 24:22-27
Sermon: [Michael McLemore](#), *"Don't Blow Off What's God Breathed"*
Closing Prayer: [Kirk Hatcher](#)

Evening Worship

Summer Series: [Mike McLemore](#)
Songs Leader: [Jared Jimison](#)
Opening Prayer: [Will Starks](#)
Closing Prayer: [Marty Hunt](#)

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Charles Hill
David Jacks
W.D. Patrick

Wednesday, July 3

Songs Leader: [Phil Furlough](#)
Invitation: [Louis Garrett](#)
Closing Prayer: [Phil Shaver](#)

Wednesday, July 10

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Jim Risner

Group 1

2019 Weatherly Singing

August 9th

[Tim Stevens](#), [John Kilgore](#)
& [Jack Bradford](#)

Quarterly Adult Classes

July – September 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

More Lessons from Isaiah

[Mike McLemore](#)

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Philippians: "God Gave You to Me"

[Mike McLemore](#)

Serving in July

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood	Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Nick Holland	W.D. Patrick
	Jim Ehl	Clark Boles
	Tommy Hill **	John Patrick

Lord's Supper PM	Ed Dill **	Kirk Hatcher
------------------	----------------------------	------------------------------

Communion Prep	Jenny Jacks & Wanda Castleman
Building Lockup	David Jacks

