

# Weatherly Weekly

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## A FAMOUS BROTHER

Frank Himmel

One of Paul's purposes in writing 2 Corinthians was to help those brethren prepare the contribution they had promised for the needy saints in Judea. Toward that end he sent Titus to assist them further. Along with Titus, Paul also sent "the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread throughout the churches," 2 Corinthians 8:18.

A famous brother. Many think it was Luke. He certainly fits all the criteria of this text and the accompanying history in Acts. Whoever it was, it was to his credit that his fame was in the gospel: his knowledge of it, his work in it, etc.

In our day we still have brethren who are highly regarded for their Bible knowledge. Others have a broad reputation for generosity. Still others are known for hospitality.

On the other hand, a few brethren are fa-

mous for other things. Some are known mostly for contentiousness; trouble seems to follow wherever they go. Some have reputations as hobby-riders; they seem to be all about one pet subject. Some are reputed for their conceit or self-will. Others have strong reputations for being weak when it comes to taking a stand on issues.

Few of us are known by brethren far and wide, but we are known at home. In whatever sphere it is, if a brother observed that you were famous for something, what would it be? □

(I appreciate brother Himmel's sage observations. Most of our readers could recite more than a few names of men whom they esteem. Weatherly is blessed to have a famous brother among us. Our brother Ron Harmon is famous for his powerful example of faithfulness and generosity among us. We are glad he's home. MIWM)

# Modeling Spiritual Success

*What Can Mothers Do to Help Their Children Go to Heaven?*

Michael W. McLemore

True success in life is properly measured solely upon the eternal destination of the soul. If the soul is lost the richest most successful men fail and the devil wins — "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" *Matthew 26:16*. Success for a parent will, in part, be based upon whether or not their children also go to heaven. This does not negate the reminder of Ezekiel: "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself," *Ezekiel 18:20*. But, the desire of every Christian mother is see her children reach heaven. Consider some things that a mother can do to improve the odds of success.

### PUT GOD FIRST

One cannot promote spiritual success if God is not sovereign in their own life. This is the basis upon which all spiritual blessings are offered, *Matthew 6:33*. Motherhood should begin by giving God the highest priority, *Matthew 12:30*. Children know. They are watching and will see firsthand what is most important. If they observe their parents attempting to serve both God and physical things, promote a mixed message that in the end says, "Do as I say and not as I do!" cf. *Matthew 6:24*. Children will model the life they see lived.

### LOVE YOUR HUSBAND

Children need to know that their mother loves her husband, *Titus 2:4*. Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be heavily based upon what they see at home. When they see their parents in conflict, it tends to profoundly impact their understanding of marriage and the home. Demonstrate love before them.

### LOVE YOUR CHILDREN

It seems counterintuitive that a mother would need to be told to love her children, *Titus 2:4*. But Paul commanded that it be taught and practiced. Societies then to extremes. Some have conditioned people to be selfish of their own needs. Children are property to be exploited. Others have worshipped them as little gods that are to be worshipped. Christians live under the divine standard, not cultural normatives. Faithful mothers not only care physically for their children, but also nurture, discipline and structure lives that are balanced and pleasing to the Lord. Children are not meant to be their mother's BFF. "You are their mother, not a friend!"

### PRAY WITH CHILDREN

Children need to see and hear the healthy prayer life. They need to see their fathers and mothers pray together with them. Children need to hear their parents pray for them. Pray for them in private, too. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [father, mother] avails much," *James 5:16*.

### LOVE GOING TO WORSHIP

Both mothers and fathers must model a love for worship for their children. It is a tangible manifestation of personal commitment to God. Children see that their faithful parents' desire to go to heaven supersedes every other aspect of life. They both see and hear whether or not their parents love God's people. They will model respect for local church leadership and the desire to serve others in the church only if they see it firsthand. Faithfulness in assembling together with the saints is essential in homes where going to heaven is the goal. Children grow to understand the importance of Bible class, worship and fellowship with the saints by first seeing it modeled by their parents.

### TEACH THE WORD

Bible classes are supplemental. While they receive supplemental instruction in God's Word in the local church, and build relationships with other Christians of all ages by "going to church," it is only a small portion of their spiritual education. It begins and ends at home. Too many entrust the entire biblical education of children to Bible classes. Moses told Israel "YOU shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up," *Deuteronomy 6:7*. The sad fact is the Israelite people failed to do this and it lead to their demise. Sadder yet is that many have not taken Israel's error to heart.

While a mother cannot guarantee the spiritual success of her children, she is a child's first teacher. She becomes the model. At some point every child must "be fully persuaded in their own mind," *Romans 14:5, 10-12*. But, children whose faithful mother and father have displayed heaven as a realizable goal have been given the greatest advantage one can receive. Paul said, "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you," *1 Timothy 4:16*.

Today is Mother's Day. We give honor to our own faithful mothers on this day. Let's all ask, "Am I doing what I need to do to help my children go to heaven?" □

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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Ron Harmon is Home!

**Ron Harmon** is home! A gathering of more than 40 (six feet apart) were waiting for his arrival on Thursday. It was a wonderful site. I know it meant the world to **Ron & Phyllis** to be able to see so many friends cheering their arrival. Ron's odyssey began December 2nd. This family has faced so many trials and setbacks, but our faithful God has seen them through.

We are thankful to the Lord for bringing our brother through this mighty ordeal. We rejoice in Him and continue to express our thanks for all He has done and continues to do. **Welcome home, Ron!**



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Forest Summers** had his seventh treatment Wednesday. He will be finished with this round this week. Continue to pray for him and for **Dot**.

**Glenda Cavender** is in our hearts and in our prayers. We are trusting the Lord to continue to watch over her recovery. Say her name as you pray this week.

**Steve Guice** is still awaiting word from his doctors at MD Anderson. Thank you for continuing to pray for Steve and his family.

**Melody Young** is progressing. We are praying that her surgery has been successful. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

**Betty Reavis**  
**Jean Woodard**

**Laura Phillips**  
**Melvin Godette**

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:30. We are studying **Hinges of Christianity: God's Presence**.

**Sunday morning worship** will begin at 10. Mike will bring his May series on **The Book of Life: Jesus in the Word**. Look for the handout in your email on Sunday morning.

**Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo"** will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. We will email a link Sunday.

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike McLemore's study of 1 John will be streamed live at 7 pm — No assemblies at the building.

## Cookstove Apostasy

Author Unknown

The early church prayed in the upper room, the twenty-first century church cooks in the supper room. Today, the supper room has taken place of the upper room, play has taken the place of prayer, and feasting the place of fasting. There are more full stomachs than there are bended knees and broken hearts. There is more fire in the range in the kitchen than there is in the pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen, it often puts out the fire in the pulpit. Ice cream chills the fever of spiritual life.

The early Christians were not cooking in the supper room the day the Holy Spirit came, they were praying in the upper room, they were not waiting on tables, they were waiting on God, they were not waiting for the fire from the stove, but for the fire from above. They were detained by the command of God and not entertained by the cunning of men. They were filled with the Holy Ghost, not stuffed with stew and roast.

Oh, I would like the cooking squad put out and the praying band let in, less ham and sham, and more heaven, less pie and more piety, less use for the cook book, and more for the Old Book. Put out the fire in the kitchen and build up the fire in the pulpit. ☐

Gospel Advocate  
May 30th 1935

## 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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**David Jacks**  
**Collis Terry**

**Steve Hagewood**  
**Kirk Hatcher**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Bobby Wright**



These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Stream ONLY — May 10

### Sunday, May 17

**Welcome:** **Mike McLemore** **Mike McLemore**  
**Song Leader:** **Jared Jimison (arrangement)** **Jared Jimison (arrangement)**  
**Opening Prayer:**  
**Scripture Reading:** **John 1:1-18** **Matthew 13:1-23**  
**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore** **Mike McLemore**  
**Jesus in the Word** **Applying the Word of Life**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Evening Worship

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**Study Series** **CANCELLED** **CANCELLED**

**Songs Leader:**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM** **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**  
**Closing Prayer:**

### Wednesday, May 13

### Wednesday, May 20

**Songs Leader:**  
**Invitation:** **Streamed Bible Study** **Streamed Bible Study**  
**Closing Prayer:**

**None**

**None**

**2020 Weatherly Lectures**  
**April 30th—May 3rd**

**We regret to announce that our  
2020 Lectures have been cancelled.**

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
**April — June 2020**

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Hinges of Christianity  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
Letters from John  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in May

**Serving on the Lord's Table AM**  
**\*\* Overseer**

**Ken Cavender**  
**Jimmy Harbin**  
**Bobby Wright**  
**Phil Furlough \*\***

**Ed Dill**  
**Phil Shaver**  
**Ryan Patrick**  
**Jim Risner**

**Lord's Supper PM**

**Collis Terry \*\***

**John Stokes**

**Communion Prep**  
**Building Lockup**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



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5-12 **Betty Dubose**  
5-15 **Dot Summers**  
5-23 **Terry Childress**  
5-24 **John Beshers**  
5-28 **Terry Barnett**  
5-31 **Nancy McCord**

5-14 **Sarah Starks**  
5-17 **Megan Caudle**  
5-23 **Melvin Godette**  
5-26 **Addison Ivey**  
5-31 **Petra Carter**

