

Weatherly Weekly

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The Successful Godly Life

Michael W. McLemore

Why do some hesitate to become Christians? Is it for fear they cannot live the life? It is true living right does require careful thought and diligent application. But, remember, God does not demand more than we can do. In Proverbs 4:20-27 the wise man Solomon sets forth three basic admonitions for successful godly lives. Consider the three in order from Proverbs 4.

ATTEND TO THE WORD OF GOD, 20-22

"Incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." We all hear what we want to hear. We can tune out God, or we can cultivate our ear to hear. Living the faithful life demands that we fill our heart so full of the word of God that it becomes the controlling force in life. This is the secret to living as we should.

KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE, 23-24

A man lives out in his life what he has in his heart, "for out of it are the issues of life." If the heart is pure, the life will be pure; if the heart is corrupt, the life will be corrupt. The faithful heart is full of God's thoughts, and it will lead to a clean life; a life devoted to the service of God.

HAVE A DEFINITE AIM IN LIFE, 25-27

"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet..." Set a goal before you and strive for it. Seek out a worthy purpose. Be able to say with Paul, "This one thing I do... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," *Philippians 3:13-14*. To have our hearts fully set on reaching a goal, or attaining an ideal, makes it easy to sacrifice anything that hinders. Other things seem less attractive.

Young and old alike will find that the life of a Christian is far easier to live when these three precepts are diligently applied. ☐

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Caught Between a ROCK and a Hard Place!

Mike DuBose

Our local school district recently sent a memo to its teachers and employees informing them that it is no longer appropriate to speak of the "Christmas season." From now on it is to be referred to as just "the holidays," or "the holiday season."

One is left to speculate as to the reason for such a memo, but there can be little doubt about why it was issued. It is because of our "politically correct culture" that seeks to include anything and everything except the mention of God, Christ, and the Bible. It's okay in today's climate to be Hindu, Buddhist, or Atheist, but try being a Christian and you are immediately targeted as a monster bent on destroying the minds of American youth (despite the fact that it is already being done by the humanists in control of our nation and school systems as is evidenced by the way far too many kids are acting — they are acting like the adults!).

On the one hand, I am outraged at such a memo being issued. I am sick and tired of history being rewritten and facts being distorted to exclude any reference to religion and the part it played in the development of our country. I am fed up with those whose agenda is to destroy righteousness and morality in our nation. And as a Christian, I intend to talk about my Lord and His word whether the powers that be like it, support it, say it's politically correct, or not. I will not be silenced in my home, in my neighborhood, in school buildings, or any where I happen to be. I am a Christian, I serve a risen Lord, the Bible is His word, and it is the standard by which all men will ultimately be judged. I will continue to proclaim Him boldly and without compromise!

On the other hand, I am fed up with the crass commercialism and denominational exploitation of the so-called "Christmas season." I can't put Christ back in Christmas because He never was in it! The Bible nowhere mentions when Jesus was born. It simply states the facts of His birth. We are not com-

manded to celebrate His birthday, but we are commanded to celebrate His death and resurrection every first day of the week.

To my knowledge, all sources concur that the religious observance of December 25 began, not in honor or the birth of the Son of God, but in honor of the birth of the sun instead. In short, it was borrowed from paganism and then "christianized" by the Catholic church some time around the fifth century, some five hundred years after the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

To add to God's word by inventing the birthday of Jesus and then acting as if it is the holiest of seasons is sin. We are forbidden to add anything to God's word (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2 John 9-11; Revelation 22:18-19). Therefore, I will not sin against my God by adding to His word and trying to worship Him in a way which He has not authorized.

I am weary of being looked upon by my religious neighbors as a heathen because I insist in going by the Bible and do not follow man made religious traditions. To most who claim to follow Jesus, for one to deny that December 25 is His birthday is paramount to denying God, and they seldom understand why it should matter.

And therein lies the dilemma. On the one hand I want to stand up to the school district and say, "How dare you!" On the other hand, I want to shout to all the denominational religious world, "How can you dare?" And I am in the middle again, belonging nowhere — except God.

Truly, we are strangers and pilgrims here. As Christians, we are caught between a world of humanists on one side and religious compromisers on the other. And we can never belong to, or fit in with either. We must simply stand up for truth, preach it boldly, and serve our God without compromise. And if we do so faithfully, one of these days we can go home to heaven to be with our Lord. And that, brethren, is what it's all about. ☐



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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ron Harmon is getting better after a freighting fall last week. **Phyllis** is still a bit shaken. He fell while transitioning to his chair. Nine stitches later, he is wiser. Prayers of thanksgiving are in order. It could have been so much worse.

Forest Summers is doing really well. He and **Dot** had **Stuart & family** home for several days for a visit. They really enjoyed that. Stuart just underwent an extensive shoulder surgery after a ski accident. He is doing well. Keep the Summers' in your prayers.

Steve Guice had not heard from MD Anderson as of last Sunday night. Please continue to pray for him and his whole family. He is feeling pretty good, but is surely understandably anxious about the next step. We've enjoyed seeing Steve for the Zoom meeting each week.

Glenda & Ken Cavender are doing well. Glenda has the continued struggle with an infection for which she is taking a month long regime of medication. Ken is hopeful this will take care of it. They are otherwise doing very well. For that we are thankful to the Lord.

Betty & Bill Reavis are doing well. Betty continues her periodic visits to the Cancer Center. Remember them to the Lord daily.

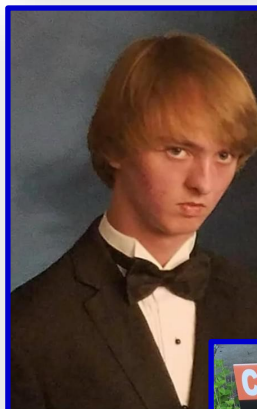
W.D. Patrick is working hard to get better. He is walking daily with **LaNelle** and the cat in tow. He's even managed to mow the lawn ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis
Jean Woodard

Laura Phillips
Melvin Godette

Will Patrick Graduates



Congratulations are in order for our own **Will Patrick**, who has completed High School. Will's senior year was cut short, but he will graduate from Grissom High School June 25th. We are all very



proud of Will's accomplishment, but mostly of who he is as a person. He is a joy to our entire Weatherly family. Congratulations Will. Well done! ☐

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:30. We are studying **Hinges of Christianity: Christ, Touched by Our Infirmities**.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike is the middle of a series on **The Book of Life: Guided by 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



MAY 24, 2020

5-24	John Beshorse	5-26	Addison Ivey
5-28	Terry Barnett	5-31	Petra Carter
5-31	Nancy McCord	6-1	Elaine Dorris
6-1	June Furlough	6-3	Rick Morgan
6-4	Ellie Pellegrini	6-4	Melonie Power
6-11	Carley Hill (Thomas')	6-13	Adam Hagewood

Hunger for Righteousness

Michael W. McLemore

Did Jesus not plea for passion from His listeners in His mountain sermon? "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled," Matthew 5:6. May we ask, "Where are the people among us who possess this profound hunger for righteousness?"

Our culture feels great passion for tiny things. Appetites have grown progressively base. Tastes are more often than not common and vulgar. Hunger for junk food for the body, mind and soul consumes many.

Society with its demands places emphasis on things that ultimately have no value. Passion for sports, passion for food, passion for recreation, passion for fashion, passion for décor are all emphasized in this age. In the end, championship sports teams are replaced, star players are injured or retire. Food is consumed. Fashion is replaced by other more popular fads. Once vogue décor is later viewed as outdated.

My question? Where are the contemporary Christians who go to the same lengths for holy things that we do for this world's things? Are there not multiplied thousands in this area that are hungry for righteousness? They are all around us. Seek them out, show your passion for the Lord by helping to feed those who want to serve Him. ☐

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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Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Stream ONLY — May 17

Sunday, May 24

Welcome:	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Song Leader:	Jared Jimison (arrangement)	Jared Jimison (arrangement)
Opening Prayer:	W.D. Patrick	
Scripture Reading:		

Sermon:	Psalm 119:97-112 Mike McLemore <i>Guided by the Word</i>	Joshua 1:1-9 Mike McLemore <i>Strengthened by the Word</i>
Closing Prayer:	Phil Shaver	

Evening Worship

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Bible Skillz	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
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Songs Leader:		
Opening Prayer:	Virtual Devotion on ZOOM	Virtual Devotion on ZOOM
Closing Prayer:		

Wednesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 27

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

None

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Quarterly Adult Classes
April — June 2020

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

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Hinges of Christianity
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Letters from John
Mike McLemore

Serving in May

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender	Ed Dill
** Overseer	Jimmy Harbin	Phil Shaver
	Bobby Wright	Ryan Patrick
	Phil Furlough **	Jim Risner

Lord's Supper PM	Collis Terry **	John Stokes
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Communion Prep
Building Lockup

