

# Weatherly Weekly

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## The Nations

Michael W. McLemore

Old Testament Israel was unique and was to remain so in God's plan. The nation was to be distinctive in every possible way that a nation could be — language, land, government, religion and morality. It was to remain a "holy nation," to be separate and pure from other nations who would be judged for their abominations and idolatry, *Exodus 19:6, Deuteronomy 9:4, Psalm 9:8; 10:16*. Israel was repeatedly warned that if the nation lived and worshipped as other nations did, they would share in their judgement, *Deuteronomy 32:28; Malachi 3:6-9*. But, who were these "nations" from whom Israel was to remain separate and to what end?

The words Gentiles, nations, or heathen appears hundreds of times in the Old Testament — translated from the Hebrew "gôy" and its derivatives. Eleven times it is simply rendered "people." The term speaks of nations or peoples in various settings and usually with the added concept of a territorial or governmental unity,

identity and heritage. In other words, a nation is a group of individuals united around common heritage, land, customs, language and government. "Gôy" was used to refer to Israel (and Judah) as a nation and to the pagan world from whom Israel was to remain distinct.

The first occurrence of "gôy" is in Genesis 10, where Moses records the many nations that arose after the flood. Next it is used in this monumental promise — "Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great **nation**, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed," *Genesis 12:1-3*. To what end was Israel to remain distinct? So that God in His peculiar nation, Israel (descended from Abraham), could save all other nations! □

# The Purity of Jesus

George Slover

"Then He said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven. And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' Then He said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you. Go in peace,'" *Luke 7:48-50*.

The words above — "your sins are forgiven" are the sweetest words God could ever utter and man could ever hear. The knowledge of being

perhaps he was just curious. After the guest arrived an uninvited visitor comes into the room. This woman, rightly identified as a sinner, throws herself at Jesus' feet. She anoints his feet with a precious ointment and wipes them with her tears and her hair. Simon and his other guest are scandalized by her presence. Every eye in that room was focused on her, but the eyes of Jesus. Jesus appreciative of this woman's devotion and disappointed in the attitude of Simon is instead looking at Simon!

One can only imagine how Simon must have felt when Jesus gave that piercing look and said, "Simon, I have something to say to you". The important lesson here about gratefulness is illustrated by both a parable as well as the conduct of the woman. However, the pure motive of Jesus is also revealed.

Jesus is the only one in this setting that seems perfectly comfortable. He, unlike Simon and friends, has no agenda except to redeem man from sin. He has perfect love and appreciation for the woman's undivided devotion. He has genuine concern for Simon and his hypocrisy. How many times in Jesus' ministry did he touch a heart by saying, "your sins are forgiven, go sin no more"? How many times did convict the sinner with piercing words?

So what about my life? He is to be my example! Have I so distorted the image so that I can pursue my selfish ambitions? Jesus did not just die so that I could be forgiven! He gave me the challenge of a higher life! He wants me to be pure in heart just like him! □

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forgiven is truly a blessing. But there is another important lesson we learn from this great story — it is a revelation of the character of the one that spoke those words!

During Jesus' second year of public ministry he was invited to the home of Simon, a Pharisee. The exact reason for this invitation is not revealed. Perhaps Simon saw potential in Jesus or

Watch  
LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Betty Reavis** is home and being cared for closely by her family. She requires regular medication for the pain that she is experiencing in her back. At this point everything possible is being done to keep her comfortable. Say **Bill & Betty's** names to the Lord as you pray.

**Ron Harmon** is stronger now than before his recent odyssey to the hospital and rehab. Phyllis is thrilled that he is home. We continue to pray that he will grow stronger day by day. Please pray for **Ron & Phyllis**.

**Jimmy Harbin** received a great report from pathology on the growth he had removed last week. **Debbie** is doing some better.

**Josh Harbin**, grandson of **Maragem**, fell last week after suffering a seizure resulting in a serious head injury. The surgery to remove a large clot was successful and he has no impairment. We are thankful!

**Forest Summers** has undergone his first maintenance treatment. He will have one every two months for the next two years. He is doing well. Continue to remember him and **Dot** in your daily prayers. Dot has good and bad days.

Remember **Glenda & Ken Cavender** to the Lord as you pray daily.

**Lori Eakes**, a guest on our live stream, continues her recovery from surgery at home. Pray for her and her husband, **Sam**.

**Kathryn Wall**, **Edith Turner's** sister, tested negative and is now fully recovered from the virus. We are thankful

**Collis & Sue Terry's** daughter, **Jennifer**, and

her family tested negative after possibly being exposed to the virus. Great news. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

**Betty Reavis**      **Laura Phillips**  
**Jean Woodard**      **Melvin Godette**  
**Glenda Cavender**      **Steven Guice**

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

**AREA CONGREGATIONS** have seen an uptick in cases of COVID from exposure in worship assemblies. One local church has more than 60 positive cases. Because of that and out of an abundance of caution the elders have decided to roll back our "audible singing experiment" from last week. We will return to our original approach. The elders are not telling members not to sing, but to either sing to ourselves or at least not project our voices as we normally would.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** will return to the end of the assembly worship.

**SEATING** will continue to be directed by one of the ushers before worship begins.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:00 — Mike is continuing his live stream Bible class series on **Lessons from Joshua**.

**Sunday morning worship** will begin at 10. Mike is continuing his August series. Today his lesson is entitled **Power For a New Beginning**. His text is **Romans 1:1-17**.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike's textual study of 1 Peter continues. Class streams at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

## Restore Quickly!

Michael W. McLemore

The word "restore" tells us so much. It was used for the mending of the fisherman's net, *Mark 1:9*. It also described the work of a physician in setting a broken bone or putting a dislocated joint in place. In both cases prompt action was needed. The work required skill. The action was always taken with the intention of restoring.

From the meaning of the word, the Galatians could glean all of these things from Paul charge: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness," *Galatians 6:1*. We value his lesson even today.

It's a need we all share! We all have been or will be taken, but some will be "overtaken" or "taken before" others. It's up to us to render aid, for we will need their aid too.

Mending or rendering useful is the need, not merely exposure of the wrong. Some fail to grasp the real need. The need is to bring our brother or sister back to their former state of usefulness to God.

It takes skill! Some haven't the tenderness required. Lacking the right attitude and motives, more harm may be done than good. Skill requires involvement as well as training and knowledge.

Finally, we must act with a sense of immediacy or urgency. It reveals our interest, and prevents a worse situation. So, let's get on with it; restore quickly! ☐

## 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.

### Sunday, August 9

**Welcome:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Song Leader:** **Jared Jimison**  
**Opening Prayer:**  
**Scripture Reading:**

**Romans 1:1-17**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Power for a New Beginning**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Sunday, August 16

**Mike McLemore**  
**Jared Jimison**

**Ephesians 4:17-32**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**New Person, New Clothes**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** CANCELLED

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

### Wednesday, August 12

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

**None**

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

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

### Wednesday, August 19

**Streamed Bible Study**

**None**

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
**July — September 2020**

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Lessons from Joshua  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
1 Peter  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in August

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

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**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep  
Building Lockup**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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8-10 Clark Boles  
8-11 Phyllis Harmon  
8-19 Peggy Childress  
8-24 Mike Coward  
8-24 Marty Hunt  
8-26 Kirk Hatcher  
8-28 Adelaide Hatcher

8-10 Natalie Frazier  
8-14 Anna Holland  
8-23 Janice Schrimsher  
8-24 Lucas Hatcher  
8-25 Ron Harmon  
8-27 Bill McCord

