

Newsletter of the Weatherly Heights Church of Christ

# From our house to yours— Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving

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### Seasoning Speech

Michael W. McLemore

“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person,” *Colossians 4:6*. Paul argued that speech that is not attuned to the situation and audience is either insensitive or lazy. Criticism is wanted, even needed at times. But common sense, not to mention the Bible, tells us that different approaches are appropriate in different circumstances.

Season according to the person. Paul wrote, in a somewhat different context, “I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some,” *1 Corinthians 9:22*. We don’t teach every person in the same way; why should we think we can criticize them in the same way? Some people respond to humor, some to subtlety, some to direct confrontation. We need to have the wisdom to know which salt shaker to use. Similarly, certain people are due a measure of respect because of their position relative to us. Parents should not be criticized in such a way as to dishonor them. Older people should be respect-

ed, *1 Timothy 5:1*, as should overseers when criticism is merited, *1 Timothy 5:17-20*.

Season according to the situation. You don’t tell someone about their poor fashion sense at their mother’s funeral. Some criticism can be shelved indefinitely; most can wait for an opportune moment. We should not use diplomacy as an excuse for avoiding necessary confrontation; on the other hand, we shouldn’t use honesty as an excuse for rudeness.

Season according to our own mood. The right thing to say is not always the same after a ten cooling-off period. James tells us, “let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger,” *James 1:19*. Violating the second of three can keep us from keeping the first and third.

There’s a reason restaurants have salt shakers at every table. They know that no matter how well seasoned their meals patrons sometimes want a little more. Let’s make sure we err on the side of excess when we are seasoning speech. □

## Fixing Our Eyes On HIM!

By Michael W. McLemore

Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians while under house arrest. He couldn’t travel, but the apostle could receive visitors. More than likely, though in a private residence that he was responsible to provide, he was chained to a Roman soldier of Caesar’s elite Praetorian Guard in four six hour courses day and night. His case was on Caesar’s docket, but he knew that a trial was years away. These were his living conditions for the foreseeable future.

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He writes rejoicing that God let him live above his circumstances, *Philippians 4:8*.

Paul wrote not complaining but rejoicing in the opportunity, *Philippians 1:12-13*. One might have expected Paul under such circumstances to ask God for his release. Hadn’t the Lord Jesus called him to preach to the Gentiles? Yet, now opportunities are diminished, he was stuck in Rome, unable to fulfill the shared apostolic commission, “Go preach.” Instead an unjust imprisonment was hindering him from important work. How would one blame Paul for complaining in the face of persecution? Yet, he

doesn’t. He writes rejoicing that God let him live above his circumstances, *Philippians 4:8*.

Our response to adversity is often to complain about the situation. Does the circumstance improve from the exercise? No, never. It only make it look worse, until the problem looms larger in our mind than does our faith. On the other hand, when one takes his challenges straight to God, it brings a new perspective – “I’m not alone. God knows and cares. He is providing strength.” Our God is bigger than any hardship. Through His strength, we rise above the difficulty, *1 John 4:4*.

Our challenges can loom so large and unmanageable that they distort our narrow human perspective. The Lord invites us to live above our conditions by fixing our eyes on Him. The trials of this life shrink when compared to our loving, powerful Lord, who exercises His might in defense of His people. □

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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Bill McCord** has been diagnosed with COVID. He is doing well considering. **The Dills** have been gracious to keep in close touch. Your prayers for **Bill & Nancy**, who remains in Florida for now, are appreciated.

**Jenny Jacks** had two injections in her back last Monday and is doing okay in spite of a bit of soreness. She is to begin therapy in a week or so. Please pray that she can soon resume her normal activities.

An outbreak of COVID at Harbor Chase has the facility on lockdown. That means **Forest Summers** is not able to visit **Dot**. Pray for Dot.

**Mechi Hunt** left for Peru Tuesday evening to be with her dad, **Lorenzo Rojas**. He is home from the hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**W.D. Patrick** is doing better now that he is free to get around. Pray for his continued improvement.

**Elaine Dorris** continues to do well at home. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are appreciated very much.

**Charlotte Hagewood**, has returned to stay with her daughter, **Melissa Davis**, and son-in-law. Please pray for Charlotte and her family.

**Betty & Bill Reavis** also are in need of our daily petitions on their behalf. Say their name to the Lord.

**Rick Morgan's** father, **James Morgan**, continues his recovery at home. Your prayers are solicited.

**Bernie Godette**, brother of our **Melvin Go-**

**dette** is in the VA hospital in Tampa with COVID. **Mike & Karen Hunt**, **Marty's** brother and sister-in-law — Karen has COVID; **Libby Joiner**, **Tommy Hill's** niece, who has COVID.

Please pray for those who are confined to assisted living facilities and memory care — **Louis Garrett**, **Laura Phillips**, **Jim Risner**, **Lanie Roberts**, **Dot Summers**.

### Daily Prayer List:

**Betty Reavis**      **Laura Phillips**  
**Melvin Godette**      **Glenda Cavender**  
**Steven Guice**      **Dot Summers**

## Address Change

**Laura Phillips**, **Jenny Jacks'** mom, has moved to a different room at The Cottages. Please note the change. She really enjoys cards from the Weatherly members.

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## WEATHERLY UPDATES

### This Week at Weatherly:

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's streamed Bible class on **Recognizing Daily Needs** from James.

**Sunday morning worship** will begin at 10. Mike will be giving his second lesson on **Thanksgiving**. His sermon is entitled **Thanksgiving: Eyes for God**. His text is *Psalm 107*.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike continues his textual study of 2 Peter. We stream at 7. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

## What Really Matters?

Michael W. McLemore

Have you ever honestly asked yourself, "What really matters to God?" The theme of the Bible is your first clue — Salvation. It's no wonder that New Testament writers over and over relate elements of what salvation entails for the sinner. The great salvation offered in Jesus Christ is cleansing from sin. It is offered in love. It spans the crevasse from death to life. Salvation is made available through faith in Christ. It is the precursor to good works. It is God's divine purpose.

While the New Testament is bursting with hopeful tones, it's ironic that the "Good News" includes some really bad news. "All have sinned," *Romans 3:23*. You have walked the wrong path, "the course of this world," *Ephesians 2:2*. You have strayed from your Creator. You have broken fellowship with God. We live in a world that begs for a "safe space," that rejects and avoids hearing bad news, or messages that conflict with their choices or doctrines. Jesus told His religious critics, "The world is sick and needs a physician," *Matthew 9:12*. Salvation is for sinners.

The question, "What really matters to God?" is answered in His response to sin and man's lost condition — Jesus! God sent His only Son. The Gospel is that glorious good news. In Christ He makes those dead in sin, alive unto Him. Will you let 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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**Phil Furlough**      **Steve Hagewood**  
**Ron Harmon**      **Kirk Hatcher**  
**David Jacks**      **Hill Roberts**  
**Collis Terry**      **Bobby Wright**



These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, November 29

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

**Sermon:**      **Psalm 107**  
                  **Mike McLemore**  
                  **Thanksgiving: Eyes for God**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Sunday, December 6

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

**Mark 1**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Jesus in Action: Follow Me**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz**      **CANCELLED**      **CANCELLED**

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

### Wednesday, December 2

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

**None**

## 2021 Planning Underway

### Wednesday, December 9

**Streamed Bible Study**

**None**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

October — December 2020

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Recognizing Daily Needs

**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Add to Your faith: Study of 2 Peter

**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in November

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

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**Lord's Supper PM**

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

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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12-2	Ryan Patrick	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Carley Hill	12-4	Tommy Hill
12-4	Ron Holland	12-4	Gwyn McLemore
12-6	Ken Cavender	12-6	John Patrick
12-13	Joanne Abernathy	12-15	Carol Roberts
12-17	Stacey Beshere	12-17	Kayleigh Stovall
12-17	Bill Thompson	12-23	Charles Hill

