

Weatherly Weekly

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My New Name

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A NAME is something of which to be proud. But, we will not always have the same name that we have now.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it,” *Revelation 2:17*.

Someday we will have a new body and a new name to fit that glorified body. Today we live and represent the name of Christ, Christian. But when the new heavens and the new earth are presented, and we inhabit our new dwelling in the Father’s house, we will wear a new name!

As the new creation of the Lord, we wear the promised new name of Isaiah, “that the mouth of the Lord” gave, *62:2*. Rarely do we consider this name temporary – “the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch,” *Acts 11:26*. In the beginning to be called “Christian” wasn’t said

in a nice way. It was meant to condemn and degrade; a name of scorn and ridicule, said with a sneer. It means “a follower of Christ,” the criminal, the executed One, the blasphemer, the imposter; but Christians called Him Savior, King.

Followers of Christ proudly wear His name, as did our fore parents. Our new name says something about our new relationship. The change of a name was customary when a great event occurred in one’s life. The King of Egypt changed Joseph’s name to Zaphnath-Paaneah. Nebuchadnezzar changed Daniel’s name to Belteshazaar. Hananah, Mishaël & Azariah’s names were changed to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Each name had a particular meaning when it was changed. It speaks to significance.

When GOD changes a name, He has a reason. He desires that we faithfully represent our new name. One day those “who conquer” will proudly wear the “the Lord’s new name.” □

Pure and Noble CHARACTER

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NO ONE STARTS OUT TO VILIFY THEMSELVES AGAINST A COMPANION. NO HUSBAND INTENTIONALLY TRIES TO ANGER HIS BRIDE. NO CHILD WANTS AT FIRST TO TURN AWAY HIS FRIENDS. NO MAN TAKES HIS FIRST DRINK TO BECOME AN ALCOHOLIC. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT NO PERSON OF NOBLE AND PURE CHARACTER INTENDS WITH HIS OR HER FIRST IMPURE THOUGHT TO ACT IMMORALLY. WHY DO SO MANY SUCCUMB? WHY IS IT SO PREVALENT?

The Lord during his sojourn of the first century made clear to the Pharisees and other critics that it is from the heart of man that evil goes. He reminded those who accused him of doing the work of Satan, “for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh,” *Matthew 12:34, KJV*. His point? An evil person does not do and speak only good things. Later, they confronted the Lord for eating with unwashed hands — a purely human tradition. Jesus returned their loaded question with his own, asking why they refused to requite their parents — a Jewish tradition that contradicted God’s plain command. Christ continued attributing the words of Isaiah to that generation, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me,” *Matthew 15:8*. The Lord then told the multitude it was that which goes on from the heart that defiles the man: “For out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnesses, blasphemies: These are the things which defile the man,” *15:10-20*.

Those hardened to God and His word do not become such overnight. It occurs by a process of denial of what is right. Paul urged Christians at Philippi to think on things that were true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report. Concluding that if any virtue or praise is found, these should occupy the thoughts of every Christian. The apostle recognized that good and right must reside within lest it is supplanted by musings of evil. It is when the adornment of lewdness captures our attention that they waken impure feelings. The best defense against the impure expression that follows this awakening is never to give place to the seduction of the thought itself.

Christians should realize that lewdness is a very broad way to death, which no man intends to follow at first. As artful flowers captivate their observer, so do the unchaste. An unclad or immodestly adorned young woman captures the attention of a passerby. A thought is required. What does one do with the thought? What is the thought? Within one who only considers the pure and lovely, anger or pity is engendered. They refuse to peer, and they turn their view another way in response. On the contrary, one not so governed is aroused, and, in its least expression, the thought is pondered.

If the Christian is to maintain his or her noble and pure character, evil thoughts must be resisted in favor of noble and pure reflection. Be assured, if not met with disdain, an evil act will be born. □

Watch
LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Collis Terry was taken to Huntsville Hospital by ambulance on Friday evening. When EMS arrived they found that his blood pressure was very low. He is better and is at home.

We are happy to report that **Margaret Smith** is over COVID and back to work. We are also very thankful that **Harold** did not contract the virus. Prayers of thanksgiving are in order.

Mike & Peggy Coward are on their way home. Mike was cleared by his neurologist in Little Rock on Thursday. They left Clinton, Arkansas on Saturday to drive to Angie's home in the Nashville area. They planned to be there for dinner. We are looking forward to having Mike & Peggy home very soon. Maybe this afternoon? We will let you all know.

Ken Cavender is home recovering from his ordeal. He is being treated with medication for two ulcers that were revealed by testing. His doctor believes they were the cause of his recent blockage. Your prayers are appreciated. Please also continue to pray for **Glenda**.

Becky Shaw has been diagnosed with COVID. She is living with her daughter and family in California. Becky was taken by ambulance to the hospital late last week. She is receiving oxygen at a very high level and is suffering tremendously. Pray for Becky.

Lori & Sam Eakes have both of their fathers in the hospital at Huntsville. **Jerry Eakes** was involved in a serious automobile accident on Wednesday. He is in a lot of pain. **Bill Lewis**, Lori's dad, is not doing well. He is suffering from a heart problem. Lori & Sam worship with us via our live stream each week. They

live in SE Huntsville.

Sue Terry's sister, **Betty Birdsong** and her husband, **William**, are in the last stages of COVID. "They are both better," Sue says.

Ronnie Tirez, **Phyllis Harmon's** brother, is also in the last stages of COVID illness. We pray that he will be back to 100% soon.

John Garlock, the father of the McLemore's son-in-law **Bryan**, was released from the hospital on Wednesday. We are thrilled that he is better. He still has a ways to go. Thank you for your prayers.

Rita Lawson, niece of **June Furlough**, is out of the hospital. She still faces rehab, but we are glad to report she is home. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis **Laura Phillips**
Melvin Godette **Glenda Cavender**
Steven Guice **Charlotte Hagewood**
Dot Summers **Ron Harmon**

WEATHERLY UPDATES

This Week at Weatherly:

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's live streamed study entitled **Reading the Psalms**.

Sunday morning LIVE STREAM will begin at 10. Mike continues his January series entitled, **All Things New**. His lesson today is **A New Name**, taken from **Isaiah 62**.

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

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike continues his quarter long study of **The book of Lamentations**. We stream at 7. No public assembly. ☐

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 24, 2021

1-26	Marissa Hunt	1-29	Jim Risner
1-29	Will Starks	1-30	Jenny Jacks
2-7	Maragem Harbin	2-8	Travis Barnett
2-11	Aaron Gore	2-13	Julie Guice
2-14	Brennan Ivey	2-15	Glenda Cavender
2-15	Hilda Wright	2-17	Olivia Holland
2-23	Layla Belle Beshorse	2-27	Penny Hill

Never Too Young

Adapted

Josiah was only eight years old when he became the king. His father was assassinated by insurrectionists, which turned out for the good of Judah. Amon the rascal and idolater was himself only 22 when he took the throne, and obviously the early, wicked years of his father, Manasseh, were more of an influence on him than the later years, in which Manasseh returned to God, *2 Chr. 33:10-13*. Amon's son, Josiah, appears to have been born in the good years of Manasseh; he determined that the idolatrous ways would end.

His 31-year reign marked the greatest spiritual reformation in Judah's history. It began when he was 16, when "he began to seek the God of his father David" *2 Chr. 34:3*. By the time he was 20 he was purging the land of the pagan images that signified fealty to the Assyrians — and more importantly, of course, a lack of fealty to the God of heaven. He renewed and extended the temple restoration that his great grandfather Hezekiah had begun. He even uncovered the book of the law and put the nation back on track religiously.

Too many young people believe they have to be older before they will be of use to the Lord. Josiah taught us that it is not so. We need more young leaders. We need more young servants. It's never too young to begin! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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

Sunday, January 24

Sunday, January 31

Welcome:	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Song Leader:	Hill Roberts	Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer:		
Scripture Reading:	Isaiah 62	Revelation 21
Sermon:	Mike McLemore <i>A New Name</i>	Mike McLemore <i>A New Heaven & A New Earth</i>
Closing Prayer:		

Evening Worship

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

Wednesday, January 24

Wednesday, February 3

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

None

None

2021 Planning Underway

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Reading the Psalms
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Bible Book of Lamentations
Mike McLemore

Serving in January

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

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Lord's Supper PM

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Communion Prep
Building Lockup

