

Weatherly Weekly

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“Cooling” Spirituality

Michael W. McLemore

Is it possible for one to lose their salvation? The Hebrew writer said, “YES!” *Hebrews 3:12*. How does that fall begin? It doesn’t happen overnight. It begins with an almost undetectable cooling of spiritual passion. It progresses as one grows cold toward the Lord. Finally, all excitement for Christ, salvation and heaven are squelched entirely.

The Hebrew writer intended to stem the tide of digression among Jewish Christians whose faith had become weak. He warned of the dangers of cooling spirituality. He wrote to fan the flames of their faith. “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need,” *Hebrews 4:16*.

“Cooling” spirituality may happen to any Christian. It may begin with tragedy or disappointment diverting one’s attention. Rather than crying out to the Lord, finding shelter in Him, the believer slowly ceases reading the Bible.

The flames of faith begin to burn low. As less time is spent growing in faith, the Christian’s relationship with God is affected: church attendance diminishes, giving becomes sporadic, prayer is stale; God is only needed in emergencies.

No longer willing to stand up for what he once deemed important, the Christian soon is found compromising in virtually every aspect of common life. He may feel plagued by guilt. He may be defensive about the way he is living. In short order the joy, contentment, and peace from God are replaced by fear, worry and doubt.

A Christian who allows himself to drift away will miss out on the joy and fulfillment of a rich relationship with the Lord. If his course remains uncorrected, he will miss heaven altogether.

Is your excitement about the things of God stronger than ever? Or, has it diminished? Are you growing cold? If your faith needs stoking, get to it. Come home to Christ! Warm UP! □

DO MY PRAYERS MATTER?

Michael W. McLemore

Do you believe prayer changes things? We pray for health for our brethren, for doors of opportunity, for the safety of our children and grandchildren, but does it really make a difference?

The Lord of the universe may not answer our prayers exactly the way we have in mind, but, then again, He is not a genie out of a bottle who says, “Your wish is my command.”

Consider Jesus’ parable in *Luke 18:1-8*. Jesus tells about a widow who badgers a judge into giving her legal protection. Even though the judge is decidedly lacking in spiritual qualities, he acquiesces to her demand, so she won’t “wear me out.” Likewise, Jesus says, we should be persistent in prayer to the One who has impeccable spiritual excellence: “Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” *Luke 18:7-8*.

When we go to God, we should “ask in faith, without any doubting,” *James 1:5*. God gives wisdom to all “generously and without reproach.” Moreover, He is “able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,” *Ephesians 3:20*. Consequently, “the effective prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working,” *James 5:16*.

Jesus teaches, “Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in this heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things will be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you,” *Mark 11:22-24*.

Ultimately, the power resides in God, not in the act of verbalizing a prayer. The Lord of the universe may not answer our prayers exactly the way we have in mind, but, then again, He is not a genie out of a bottle who says, “Your wish is my command.”

When we lift up our thoughts in absolute confidence in Him, He will never let us down. My prayers *DO* matter! □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Betty Reavis' mortal remains were laid to rest to await the coming of the Lord on Monday of last week. **Bill** and his family were surrounded by a host of brethren, family, and friends. It was a beautiful service that did justice to the life of Betty. She will be greatly missed by those that she touched. Please continue to pray for the comfort of this family, especially Bill.

Laura Phillips, Jenny Jacks' mom, continues her rehabilitation at Redstone Village Rehab. We are praying that she will rebound quickly.

Marty Hunt's brother, **Mike**, is facing an uphill battle following confirmation that his cancer has recurred. Please say his name and that of his wife, **Karen**, to the Lord daily.

Edith Turner has been having difficulty with her back. It is believed that a fall incurred a number of months ago may be the cause. Surgery has been ruled out, but she has been referred to rehab to help her get better. Please pray for Edith.

Louis Garrett is slowly improving after his fall. He has asked us to refrain from calling him for now because of the difficulty he has getting to the phone. **Will Starks** is getting periodic updates that we will circulate to everyone.

Tommy & Becky Hill are in the clear. Tommy tested negative for COVID. We are thankful that he once again was not infected after exposure. The co-worker that had COVID has been very sick we understand.

We are happy to report that after additional testing **Joanne Abernathy's** sister, **Kris**

Gittings, did not have COVID. Great News.

The **McLemore's** son-in-law, **Bryan Garlock**, and their daughter, **Jennie**, both have contracted COVID. Thankfully their symptoms have been mild and the children are fine.

Ken & Glenda Cavender remain on our daily prayer list. Say their names to the Lord.

Charlotte Hagewood is back home for now. Please remember her in prayer.

Continue to pray for those in our family who are confined: **Louis Garrett, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers.** ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Melvin Godette **Steve Guice**
Dot Summers **Glenda Cavender**
Ron Harmon **Charlotte Hagewood**

WEATHERLY UPDATES

IN-PERSON worship resumes **February 21st:**

Tommy Hill & Will Starks met yesterday to discuss our plan going forward. We will resume in-person worship at 10:00 am next Sunday. The same protocols will apply for the time being. We look forward to seeing you Sunday.

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 is continuing his February series entitled, **Delight in God**, from **Psalm 37:4**.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" on Zoom at 7. We will email a link Sunday. Join in.

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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

Doing Our Best

Michael W. McLemore

A story is told of a rich man who wanted to help a poor man. The rich man hired the poor man to build a house on the hillside and went away on a long journey. The carpenter said to himself, "my boss is away and I can use cheap materials for the parts of the house which will not show. The house will be weak and undesirable but nobody will know except me."

But when the rich man returned he said, "The house isn't for me—it's for you!" The carpenter accepted the key in astonishment. Instead of a first class home he now had a fourth-class home.

God gives us a job, a life to build. We have to live in the house we build. If we do a shoddy job, we cheat one person, ourselves.

Heaven gave up its most treasured possession to see that mankind had a means of escaping the Tempter's deception. Sad it is when WE give in return less than our best in service and devotion to Him!

As God's children we have been called to the greatest work this world will ever know, building the kingdom of God, living stone by living stone. Having been entrusted such important work, shouldn't we give our best to do our best? After all we are building the home in which we dwell. ☐

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	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Stream ONLY

Sunday, February 14

Sunday, February 21

Welcome:	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Song Leader:	Hill Roberts	Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer:		
Scripture Reading:	Psalm 37:4	Galatians 4:1-7
Sermon:	Mike McLemore <i>Delight in God</i>	Mike McLemore <i>Adoption: The Heart of the Gospel</i>
Closing Prayer:		

Evening Worship

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

Wednesday, February 17

Wednesday, February 24

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 February

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

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

