

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Love from a Pure Heart

Michael W. McLemore

Who is unaware of the Biblical requirement that all members of the family of God “love one earnestly from a pure heart?” *1 Peter 1:22*. What church leader or preacher among us has not insistently extolled, over and again, the purifying, ennobling, cohesive power of a fervent spiritual love? This love is divine in origin, extent and intensity. It binds all who know its goodness and power into a single, inseparable Body bearing the likeness of God who is perfect love.

Peter used the Greek word “philos” for love. It is most often used to command and to instruct us to love one another. It is the ordinary word for love, “love of bothers.” The word conjures thoughts of unselfishness and sweetness. In many ways it is the sentimental emotion that draws us to one another, though our backgrounds and personalities vary. It is a word rich in beauty and significance. Philos is expressive

of man at his very best.

Peter intensified this love when he said, “love one another *earnestly*.” His idea is richly expressed with the Greek “ektenos.” Originally this was a word describing the stringing of a stringed instrument; signifying the stretching of the string to a degree of tension that would produce, when vibrated, the perfect musical tone. Our love is to be stretched so as to produce the “perfect note.” Christians are thus to “love one another” in the way that accurately corresponds to the “perfect love of God.”

This is the love which, whenever present, inevitably binds the family of God together. This is the love that will cure all division; correct all error. It will prevent every schism. It will heal all wounds. It will strengthen every weakness. It will purify all lives, and save all souls. This is the love that is the perfect measure of the pure heart. □

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# what You Say!

By Bubba Garner

Christians are “called out” of the world, *1 Peter 2:9*. That doesn’t mean we never have associations or dealings with other people, for then we would have to “go out of the world,” *1 Corinthians 5:10*. Rather, we shine our lights in the dark places so that people can see the way to God, in Whom there is no darkness at all. In so doing, those in the world also see the difference in God’s people, in whom there ought to be no worldliness at all.

This distinction should be noticeable in several areas of our lives: from the priorities we set to the decisions we make to the type of clothes we wear to the kinds of places we won’t go. But if we’re not careful, we allow our boundaries of separation to be determined more by what is socially acceptable or politically correct than what is right in the sight of God. Especially is this the case with the language we choose to use.

The reason our words are so important in defining who we are and Who we represent is because we live in an age of constant communication. We’re always talking. Whether it’s on the phone, emailing, texting, tweeting, or even, perish the thought, face to face! There’s hardly ever a time when we’re not saying something. So we must be all the more diligent to say our words carefully, whether they come out of our mouths or off the tips of our fingers. Either way, they proceed from the heart.

A common reminder is “It’s not just what you said; it’s how you said it.” Well in today’s world, we need to be careful what we say no matter how we say it.

Just because you abbreviate something doesn’t mean you’ve changed its meaning. We’ve gone from euphemistic ways of saying, “Oh my God!” to clever ways of shortening it: OMG! But it’s still using the name of the Lord in a flip-pant, irreverent manner. The principle behind the third commandment given to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai, *Exodus 20:7*, is just as true among spiritual Israel today. If God’s own people don’t even respect His name, why should the world show any regard to His word?

Just because you don’t speak it out loud doesn’t mean it’s not heard. Some things are easier said behind a computer screen or from a keypad. That doesn’t mean they should always be said. We wouldn’t retell a joke with questionable humor in a circle of people but we’ll hit the forward button when it comes to our Inbox. We wouldn’t flirt in public or say suggestive things to someone who is married but we’ll send them inappropriate text messages because we think no one else is listening. If the “eyes of the Lord are in every place,” *Proverbs 15:3*, doesn’t that suggest the same thing about His ears? Jesus assured us that we would be held accountable for “every careless word,” *Matthew 12:36*. Perhaps

we should take better care of what we’re communicating, no matter how we’re saying it.

Just because you find it funny doesn’t mean the Lord is laughing. We love to be entertained. But when we allow society to set the standard for what is acceptable, it won’t be long until we start saying what we see. Paul set the bar extremely high when He wrote by inspiration, “let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth,” *Ephesians 4:29*. The word unwholesome is literally rotten and means “having no value.” What value or wholesome quality is found in such graphic phrases like, “That sucks”? They may get a laugh, but Whose approval is most important? And who in the world is being shown the value of our vocation?

On the night of Jesus’ trials, Peter, afraid that he too might be arrested, denied any association with Him and His followers. Some of the bystanders approached Peter and said, “Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away,” *Matthew 26:73*. They most likely were referring to his Galilean accent, but the application is unescapable. Would people who don’t know you assume that you walk with Jesus just by the way you talk? If not, then your speech betrays you.

Watch your language. No matter how you say it. □

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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Marty Hunt's** brother, **Mike**, is doing well following surgery. The doctor feels that he was able to locate and remove all of the cancer in the liver. The questionable spot on his lungs will not be addressed at this point. His next phase of treatment will be to begin chemo and then radiation. "We are so thankful for all of the prayers, calls and messages," **Marty, Mechi & family**. Also, please pray for Mechi's family.

**Bill Reavis** has been suffering from a stomach virus. Bill is staying with his daughter, **Darlene**, in Owens Crossroads. Bill asked that we please relay to Weatherly how much he and all of the family appreciates all that has been done on their behalf.

**Louis Garrett** is slowly getting stronger. He is still is not able to move around very quickly. But, we are glad that he is improving. Brother Garrett wanted us to pass along how much he appreciates all of your prayers.

**Sam Eakes'** dad, **Jerry**, was released from the hospital and is home! He will be undergoing extensive rehab at home and has a great deal of healing to do, but we are thankful that he is on the mend. **Lori & Sam** asked me to relay their "thanks to all for all the prayers!"

**Becky Shaw** is slowly improving. She remains in rehab and still has a ways to go. Email is a great way to stay in touch with Becky.

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Pray for those who are chronically ill and those who are confined — **Louis Garrett, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers**. ☐

## Anna Holland Baptized

Our family is rejoicing in the baptism of **Anna Holland** on Monday afternoon. It was a grand occasion with her



parents, grandparents and a small gathering of friends looking on. Anna is a wonderful example and a great encouragement to our Weatherly family. ☐

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

We continue to be excited that we have resumed **IN-PERSON** worship. We had a great number last Lord's Day and expect an even better crowd as members complete their vaccination process. It is most encouraging.

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

**Sunday morning** will begin at 10. Mike is continuing his February series: **A Heart for God**. His sermon today is entitled, **God's Heart for the World**, from **John 3:1-21**.

**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. ☐

## Salvation Belongs to the Lord

*Michael W. McLemore*

David sang, "Salvation belongs to the Lord," *Psalm 3:8*. Too many religious people pay little more than lips service to this truth, for in their practice they often deny it entirely. Why so?

Many want salvation, but they want it on their own terms. Intellectually many recognize a need for divine involvement in salvation, but where Biblical precept countermands human thinking, desire or emotion, the Bible is disregarded. In this way, the refrain "salvation belongs to the Lord" is mere lips service.

Feelings many times constitute the determining factor in man's religion. So many depend upon feelings and emotion for evidence of salvation. They say, "I know what I feel, and I feel so good. I know that I'm saved!" Never mind the divine warning, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death," *Proverbs 14:12*. For these "salvation is what I feel it to be," not God's

Some depend upon an inner testimony of conscience. Who could speak with more authority to this than Paul who described himself as "chief of sinners" while living "in all good conscience," but persecuting the Son of God "ignorantly in unbelief?"

Salvation belongs to the Lord. Man will only be saved when he has complied with the conditions upon which God promises salvation in His Holy Word. Human intellect, feelings, and conscience only guide man rightly when guided by Divine Truth. ☐



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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, February 28

### Sunday, March 7

**Welcome:** **Mike McLemore** **Mike McLemore**  
**Song Leader:** **Hill Roberts** **Hill Roberts**  
**Opening Prayer:**  
**Scripture Reading:** **John 3:1-21** **Acts 1**  
**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore** **Mike McLemore**  
**God's Heart for the World** **Witnesses to the World**  
**Closing Prayer:**

### Evening Worship

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

### Wednesday, March 3

### Wednesday, March 10

**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**

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**Lord's Supper PM**

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

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



3-6	Harold Smith	3-11	Evelyn Hall
3-11	Chase Leshko	3-12	Steve Hagewood
3-13	Andrea Leshko	3-13	Collis Terry
3-14	Becky Hill	3-18	Susan Ivey
3-22	Thomas Hill	3-28	Adrienne West

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## WEEKLY WALK

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