

Weatherly Weekly

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THINK!

Michael W. McLemore

Every Christian has those times when we feel as though something is missing. It's easy to fall into that "Why isn't God blessing me?" mode. After all, isn't hardship part of life? We can't have everything for which we ask, can we? Such a foolish spirit could in fact hinder us from appreciating some of the good things the Lord has in mind to give us. We must think before we act.

Consider Esau. He was hungry when he returned from doing what he loved, hunting. Jacob, his younger twin brother, offered him a bowl of red lentils in exchange for Esau's birthright. In haste, without thinking, Esau, accepted his brother's offered. For all of human history this example is used to illustrate the vanity of acting out of lustful haste. He didn't really think.

We are all prone to ask, "Why would Esau make such a swap?" Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we all have acted with "spiritual shortsightedness." We often give up what is excel-

lent for a moment of temporary self-satisfaction.

You may recognize these characteristics. We sometimes make decisions based on today, without considering the consequences of tomorrow. We sometimes assign higher priority to appetites and emotions than to the things of God. We sometimes sacrifice what is lasting for something that brings only fleeting satisfaction. We, too often, focus on the temporal, rather than the eternal. We make decisions in a moment of physical, emotional, or spiritual weakness. We don't think!

It's almost comical that we see all of this in Esau's callous act, but refuse its application to our own vain impetuous decisions. It may in the moment be desirable to base a decision upon an immediate selfish desire, but are you willing to pay the price for that kind of shortsightedness? It will never satisfy your heart. Think before you act! □

"Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus," 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Thirty-eight years ago on Sunday, September 12, 1982, Ronald Harmon accepted the responsibilities incumbent upon those who aspire to the Office of a Deacon before a gathering of the saints of the Weatherly Heights church of Christ. Today Ron Harmon our friend, brother and deacon has made known to the elders that he feels the time for him to step down as a deacon has come.

Ron & Phyllis Harmon are the living models of servanthood. The Harmons came to Weatherly in June of 1966. They were among the founding members of the

congregation. Fifty-five years later they remain among the devoted core of this family. Both have been teachers from the beginning. Phyllis taught school every day and Bible classes on Sundays and Wednesdays. Ron served our nation in very important capacities at Redstone Arsenal daily and taught underage classes, adult classes and even



RON HARMON

FRIEND, BROTHER, DEACON

By Michael McLemore



filled in at times in the pulpit when needed. In addition to that Ron served as a ministering servant in the kingdom as a deacon. His work has been stellar. He completed every task to which he was assigned flawlessly and judiciously. He will be missed and could never be replaced.

All who know Ron know that when any need arose he was among the first to respond, "What can I do to help?" If a class needed a teacher, Ron would say without hesitation, "I'll do it!" He has distinguished himself as one of the most generous people that I know. Time and again a need would arise and he would always say, "Let me run to the bank," then ask, "How much do you need?" He would always show up twenty minutes later with more than he should have. That's just who Ron is. If the Lord presented Ron Harmon with an opportunity he would not only accept it, he would go above and beyond.

When Ron retired as a civilian from the government a few years ago he devoted himself even more fully attending to home affairs for Phyllis, doing work around home and serving the local family at Weatherly. His work was superb. Together Ron & Phyllis taught classes, visited, organized meals, called the sick and shut-ins, prepared and mailed cards, and held group



Watch
LIVE!





FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Sandra Ivey, Terry Childress' mother, is doing well following her surgical procedure last week. We are praying that sister Ivey will continue to improve. In the meantime, Terry is staying close to home in Fayetteville on Sundays. He is attending morning worship at South Fayetteville. **Terry & Peggy** want everyone to know that you are missed. They appreciate your prayers for them and Terry's mom.

Marty's brother, **Mike Hunt**, came through his surgery well, but has a long ways to go. Chemo and radiation will be difficult. Pray for **Mike & Karen**.

Please continue to remember **Mechi Hunt's** family in prayer. Several in that family are dealing with serious health issues.

The latest on **Bill Reavis** this week — His doctor visit regarding his stomach issues went well. He is schedule for an ultra sound and other tests to determine why he is unable to keep food down. He has lost a great deal of weight over the last few weeks as a result. Bill wanted me to relay how much he appreciates your prayers for him and his family. Bill is staying with his daughter, **Darlene**, in Owens Crossroads. They are taking great care of him.

Please say **Louis Garrett's** name to the Lord. He is better, but his progress is incremental.

Jerry Eakes, Sam's father, remains on our prayer list as he undergoes extensive rehab at home. **Lori & Sam** appreciate your prayers.

Becky Shaw remains on our prayer list as she recovers in rehab. She still has a ways to go. Your notes are encouraging.

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

Thanks in Order

We wanted to express our thanks to **Phil Furlough, David Jacks** and especially to **Kirk Hatcher** for the exceptional quality of the repair work done in the classroom hallway to the fixture and ceiling. It's as good as new! Thanks guys. Also, thanks to **Hill Roberts** who has worked hard to make repairs to our AV auditorium system for in-person worship. Finally, thanks **Collis Terry** for all of your extra work over this last year in handling our treasury work. You have gone above and beyond. We appreciate your diligence. We have some tremendous deacons, don't we? ☐

WEATHERLY UPDATES

IN-PERSON worship continues. We expect even more of our family today. Many of us have either begun or have completed vaccinations for COVID. More will soon. It is so encouraging to be together in the assembly.

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 beginning a new series in March entitled, **Witnesses to the World**. Today's lesson is taken from **Acts 1**.

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. ☐

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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| 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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TIMES OF SERVICES

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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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Weatherly's Deacons

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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, March 7

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading:

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Witnesses to the World

Closing Prayer:

Sunday, March 14

Mike McLemore
Hill Roberts

Acts 2
Mike McLemore
Keys to the Kingdom

Evening Worship

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

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

Wednesday, March 10

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

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 March

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

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

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