

Weatherly Weekly

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Delivered by the Cross

Michael W. McLemore

In ancient Greek mythology, the hero Prometheus was captured and chained to a mountain peak, where he was sentenced to stay forever. Each day, a giant eagle arrived to feast on his liver. Hermes came to him and said, "Do not hope for an end to your suffering until a god appears as your substitute in torment, ready to descend for you into the realm of Hades." According to the myth, this was done by the wise and just god Chiron, who sacrificed himself for Prometheus and delivered him from torment.

This story is in some ways a picture of what happened for us the day Jesus died on the cross. Mankind was bound by sin, and there was no hope of escape unless God took our place. And that's exactly what happened. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on our behalf and paid the penalty for our sin. He provided a way of releasing us from eternal punishment. Were

we to write for a thousand days, we still could not express the meaning of Christ's sacrifice for the sins of mankind. The books could never contain the depth or breadth of the story of His love. Even if such a volume could be abridged its full message and significance would remain beyond our comprehension.

God's Bible story of Jesus is heaven's answer to the need of man. It's message is perfectly suited to humanity's understanding. Would you read it? Would you commit it to your consciousness? Would you embrace the faith engendered by it?

Have you confessed your faith in Christ, acknowledging your sin before with a desire to turn from it? Have your sins been washed away in the watery tomb of baptism? Why not be raised with Him today? If not, there's no better time than today. Trust in Him, and you will know what it means to be delivered by the cross. □

Bearing Burdens

Lawrence Kelly

SIN IS A REALITY of life in a fallen world. Christians, of all people, should not be caught off guard when others become entangled in sin. Instead, God teaches us how to respond, and urges us to watch our own hearts as we reach out to restore our struggling brother to help him carry his load.

THE SITUATION is described in verse one, Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin. This happens when someone's sin becomes known to you: a friend spent the weekend with a woman not his wife, a young man is hanging out and getting drunk on weekends, a damaging lie has been traced to its source. Here is the basic image: Satan has laid a trap, a brother has stepped in it and is caught. Now, you come upon the scene. What are you to do?

THE TASK is found in verses one and two. You are to restore him and help him Carry his burden. The word restore means to set in joint, like a doctor sets a fracture or slips a joint back into its socket. We are not told to stand there and say, "How could you be so stupid?", or "Get out of it your self." We are to help him get out of the trap and we are to tend to his wounds. This may take on many forms and will often involve confronting them about their error, praying for them to overcome it, provide ongoing encouragement and accountability. This means we must be willing to get involved in the situation, which explains why this task is so seldom done. We don't want the trouble. But where would you and I be if Jesus had taken this attitude toward us in our sin?

THE QUALIFICATION. Not everyone is suited to the task of restoring the fallen. This is why verse one adds the qualifying phrase, You who are spiritual. This means, only those who are living under the influence and control of God's Spirit are in a position to help others. In particular, we should be characterized by the fruit of the Spirit found back in *Galatians 5:22-23* where Paul wrote, "the fruit of

Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control." The people most eager to correct others are often least qualified. We must do this to help the fallen, and not out of anger or to give ourselves a sense of moral superiority over those we are helping.

THE WARNING is also found in verse one. Watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Make sure you know how to swim before going in to rescue someone about to drown. A lot of people have gone in after a brother in sin only to end up joining them at the bottom of the pool. Above all, we need to watch our attitude as we help the fallen. Arrogance and pride are always ready to creep into our hearts as we stoop to help "those foolish saps who were led astray."

THE MOTIVE is in verse two, In this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. The expression, law of Christ is the commandment to love each other as Christ loves us. We find this in *John 13:34,35*, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. Christ is a burden lifter. It is important that we be like Him in this regard and not be like those to whom Jesus said, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them. I have seen countless situations where people, already laboring under the burden of sin, have had religious friends come to them and the only thing they have to offer is another weight, another burden, another rock to put in the backpack. This can't be right. May we follow the example of Jesus and be His hands and feet and back. May we lift and carry the burdens of the weak and fallen and so fulfill the law of Christ. □

Watch
LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Louis Garrett has experienced a further transition in declining health. His medication changes seem to occur daily now. His prayer is to “go home” to be with Christ. Last Sunday he is said to have quoted the entire first chapter of Ephesians aloud — not surprising. The family continues to solicit our prayers. Remember **Jan, Dana** and the family to the Lord as you pray. We appreciate his son-in-law, **Rod Summers**, for keeping **Will Starks** abreast of changes.

Our own **Peggy Childress** needs our prayers as she deals with her illness. It has been wonderful to see both **Peggy & Terry** in the assembly the last two Sundays. They drive all the way from Fayetteville with all that they have hanging over them. We are made better because of their amazing example! **WE LOVE YOU BOTH!**

Peggy Shelton is undergoing different procedures right now to relieve both her knee and back pain. In spite of all she is dealing with she plans to be in the assembly today. It will be wonderful to see her. Pray for Peggy.

Lane Roberts continues to have an interest in our prayers. We are thankful for her many years and for her great devotion to the Lord. We pray for her comfort in the days and weeks that are to come. She is able to have visits for those who are able.

Remember the Hunt family as **Mechi's** sister, **Zola Herring** and **Marty's** brother, **Mike Hunt** both battle cancer.

Cyndi Vanatta, **Phil Shaver's** sister, also needs our prayers as she undergoes Chemo-

therapy to treat her lung cancer. Pray for those who love her and are concerned for her well being.

We were blessed to have many more in the assembly last Sunday for the first time in many months. More and more are passing the hurdles that relate to the vaccine. It's most encouraging. Several have indicated that they plan to be with us soon. Pray for all of our Weatherly family, especially the vulnerable.

Pray for those who are confined in care facilities and memory care — **Louis Garrett, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavender	Melvin Godette
Laura Phillips	Dot Summers
Charlotte Hagewood	Lane Roberts
Bill Reavis	

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's live streamed study today as he continues his series entitled **Christ Clashing with Culture**.

Sunday morning will begin at 10. Mike continues his series entitled, **#OWNIT**. Today's lesson, **Stewards for the Master**, is taken from **Matthew 21:33-46**.

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

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike is will begin his study of **The book of Colossians & Philemon**. We stream at 7 p.m. No public assembly. ☐

APRIL & May BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 25, 2021

4-25	Sue Terry	5-2	Cathy Preston
5-7	Bill Reavis	5-8	Hill Roberts
5-9	Nick Holland	5-9	Ruth Mitchell
5-12	Betty Dubose	5-14	Sarah Starks
5-15	Dot Summers	5-17	Megan Caudle

A Model of Faith

Michael W. McLemore

King Hezekiah of Judah faithfully served the Lord with his whole heart, *2 Chronicles 29:1-2*. After the nation had fallen into idolatry, he reestablished proper worship of God. But his devotion to the Lord also extended into his personal life. He modeled faithfulness for all. Seeking God should be characterized by...

WHOLEHEARTEDNESS

A united heart has one preeminent desire to please the Lord. A divided heart tries to live both for self and for God. Warning that we cannot serve two masters, Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and follow Him, *Matthew 6:24; Luke 9:23*.

DILIGENCE

Devotion to God includes careful attention to His Word and unwavering effort to obey Him. Faith is the foundation upon which we diligently build qualities of Christian maturity, *2 Peter 1:5-8*.

PERSISTENCE

The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. We are not adrenaline Christians, but heart-driven ones. We need endurance to overcome obstacles that hinder us from finishing the course God has set for us, *Hebrews 12:1*.

Thanks be to God we serve by the power He provides for the doing. If we'll humble ourselves and ask, He will give us the grace to diligently and persistently live for Him. Let's get to it! ☐

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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Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, April 25

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

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Stewards of the Master

Closing Prayer:

Sunday, May 2

Mike McLemore
Hill Roberts

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Mike McLemore
Tending His Temple

Evening Worship

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

Wednesday, April 28

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

None

2021 Planning Underway

None

Quarterly Adult Classes

April — June 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Christ Clashing with Culture
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Challenge of Colossians
Mike McLemore

Serving in April

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

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

