

# Weatherly Weekly

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## For Fathers

Michael W. McLemore

Men's Health magazine did a survey among American fathers some years ago. Its findings were striking. Money and fun didn't top their list, but "family" was the top priority. "Being a great husband and father," 86%, followed closely by "Leaving work at 5 every day to be with children," 83%. "And they are not just giving lip service to it; it's real," said the magazine's publisher. "It used to be you were a good father if you could pay for your children's lives. Today, their roles have really broadened."

We fathers meet all sorts of challenges and we have some very interesting responses – "Don't ask me, ask your mother. Close the door, were you raised in a barn? Wipe it off. Keep your eye on the ball. Who said life was supposed to be fair? You call that a haircut? "Hey" is for horses. Do you think I'm made of money? Don't give me any of your lip, young lady. We're not lost. Shake it off. Wipe that smile off your face. Act your age. Don't make me stop the car! What did I just get finished telling you?"

I agree that some of the things we fathers say are embarrassing. In our finer moments it is our intention to give advice that will shape our children into the people God wants them to be. Though our children don't believe we can relate to anything that goes on in their lives, we can. With what we have learned over the years by listening to others and in experiencing the tragedies of making wrong decisions, we want to share with our children a wisdom that will keep them on the right path.

"Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law. When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, he also taught me, and said to me: 'Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth'" *Proverbs 4:1-5*. □

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# "Teach Us to Number Our Days"

By Michael W. McLemore

It would be no big deal if it didn't hurt so much. A recent fall by one of my brothers resurrected thoughts of my own aches and pains. I used to think it a bit comical when my grandfather stood from his recliner, "Ho Humm," he would cry. Imagine my shock when I heard those same sounds emerge from my own mouth.

All of this is just a stabbing realization that I'm not getting any younger. One writer lamented all of the candles on his cake to a colleague who chided him with a birthday card showing an old guy standing beside a cake covered with candles. On the front it read: Don't feel you're getting old if you can't blow out all the candles. On the inside of the card "... just BEAT" em out with your cane." I beginning to relate.

Why does age and with all of its pain happen? Why is it necessary for the birthdays to keep coming? It's a divine reminder. C.S. Lewis in his Screwtape Letters reminded of the answer to our questions:

"The safest road to hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts... The long, dull, monotonous years of middle-aged prosperity or middle-aged adversity are excellent campaigning weather for the devil."

Birthdays, and their pains, are God's reminders. Time is passing. A great day is coming and I need to be ready for it. Each numbered day should be properly accounted for as they add up, then begin to multiply into years.

You can't mark your calendar with the deadline. It's illusive. At work we set limits for the completion of objectives and projects. Ignoring

those deadlines brings consequences. Living without deadlines is to live an inefficient, unorganized life. It is a life adrift. Moods and impulses compete successfully without deadlines. Deadlines help us accomplish the essentials. They are a form of discipline in the use of our time.

Aren't birthdays Heaven's lifeline? Each passing year invites appraisal, a kind of required self-assessment. My salvation is nearer now than when I first believed. I'm not simply getting older, my date with God is drawing nearer. Preparation is necessary.

Moses' Psalm says, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." *Psalm 90:12*. Am I growing in wisdom that is from God? Wisdom comes surreptitiously from God. It is the natural by-product of right decisions, godly reactions, and the application of

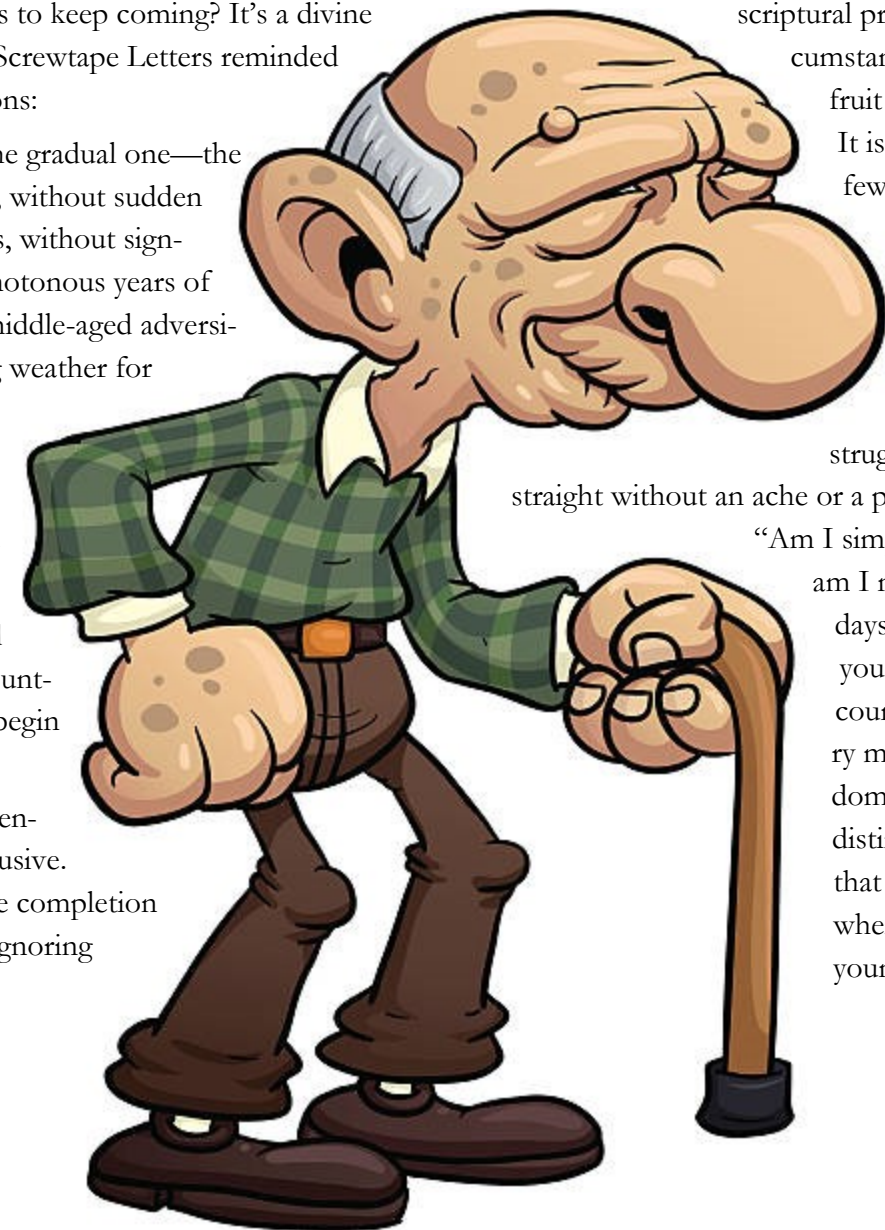
scriptural principles to daily circumstances. Wisdom is the

fruit of a disciplined life. It is faithfulness in the few obscure tasks that few ever see or know about.

The next time you stand from your chair and struggle to stand up

straight without an ache or a pain, stop and reflect,

"Am I simply getting older, or am I numbering my days?" As you "number your days" don't merely count years. Find in every minute marks of wisdom accompanied by distinct character traits that were not there when you were younger. □



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Jenny Jacks** is recovering from gall bladder surgery. It is slow but she is making progress. We are thankful that her surgery went well. It will just take a bit of time for her to get over the soreness. Please pray for **Jenny & David**. Our family has been so good to help out and it is greatly appreciated.

**Brooke Hatcher** is getting along well following her surgery. We are continuing to pray for her well being. It will take a few weeks for her to get back to 100%.

**Peggy Childress** must remain within a two hour drive of Vanderbilt. For the time being **Peggy & Terry** will be worshipping at South Fayetteville. We are praising God that she is on the transplant list. Pray for her and Terry as they wait.

We learned last week that **Marty Hunt's** dad, **Buddy Hunt**, has been diagnosed with an advanced stage cancer. He is very ill. He lives in the Brentwood area. Please pray for him.

**Wanda Castleman's** rehab is going well. We are thankful that her surgery was successful. Pray for Wanda's recovery. Your help and support of the Castleman's has been most encouraging.

It looks like **Collis Terry** may need knee surgery to repair an issue with one of his knees. We are thankful that his fall was not worse than it was, but he has some challenges as a result. Your prayers are solicited.

**Mike Coward** may need to stay off of one of his medications that he has been taking to deal with potential side effects of his recurrent

AFIB. Of course that is of concern, but at this point his doctors must reorder priorities. Pray for Mike to continue to improve. Also remember **Peggy** to the Lord.

**Cathy Preston** is not doing well after her surgery. Your prayers for her are requested.

**Ron Harmon** was with us again on Sunday. **Ron & Phyllis** are remarkable and a great example to all of us. Your continued prayers for him are greatly appreciated.

**Cyndi Vanatta, Phil Shaver's** sister, **Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** twin sister, **Mike Hunt, Marty's** brother, are all at different stages of chemo for cancer. Please pray for them and their families.

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

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Glenda Cavender</b>	<b>Melvin Godette</b>
<b>Laura Phillips</b>	<b>Dot Summers</b>
<b>Charlotte Hagewood</b>	<b>Lane Roberts</b>
<b>Bill Reavis</b>	<b>Ron Harmon</b>

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** will begin at 9:30 — **Phil Shaver** will be filling in for Mike's class series **Christ Clashing with Culture**.

**Sunday morning** will begin at 10. **Tommy Hill** will speak during morning worship. His lesson is entitled **Count Your Blessings**.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike will review his recent class on **The book of Colossians**. We stream at 7 p.m. No assembly Wednesday. ☐

## JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS



6-23	<b>WD Patrick</b>	6-26	<b>Keion Godette</b>
6-30	<b>Susan Hand</b>	7-10	<b>Will Patrick</b>
7-19	<b>Jim Ehl</b>	7-19	<b>Peggy Shelton</b>

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## Tomorrow

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"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of advancement. Boasting of tomorrow is the lazy man's way of evading today's duties.

"Tomorrow" leaves more tasks undone, more books unread, more house uncleaned, more programs unlaunched, more resolutions unkept than any other factor in life.

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of the church. Our greatest liability is not our ignorance, or our unconcern, or our unwillingness, but "Tomorrow." More absentees have been neglected, more lessons have gone unprepared, more prospects have gone unlisted, more lost people have gone unsaved because of "Tomorrow." It is the great enemy of the soul. Where one man has died and gone to hell because he was an infidel, an agnostic, or an atheist, ten thousand have gone because they have counted on "Tomorrow."

"Tomorrow" is Satan's best scheme in keeping lost men lost. Yes, Satan knows he will never destroy your faith in the Bible or your belief in the love of God. He does not care when you realize that you are lost and need to be a Christian. He knows all of these things are of no avail to you if he can keep you waiting until "Tomorrow." ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Bible Classes</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday AM Assembly</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday PM Assembly</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday Classes</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

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<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>	<b>David Jacks</b>
<b>Hill Roberts</b>	<b>Collis Terry</b>
<b>Bobby Wright</b>	

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, June 20

**Welcome:** **Will Starks**  
**Song Leader:** **Charles Hill**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Bill Thompson**  
**Scripture Reading:**

**Sermon:** **Tommy Hill**  
*Count Your Blessings*  
**Closing Prayer:** **Phil Shaver**

### Evening Worship

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

### Wednesday, June 23

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

None

## 2021 Singing Cancelled

### Sunday, June 27

**Tommy Hill**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Will Starks**  
  
*Acts 2*  
**Mike McLemore**  
*The Fellowship*  
**Riley Monroe**

### Evening Worship

CANCELLED  
**Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**

### Wednesday, June 30

**Streamed Bible Study**

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 June

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

**\*\* Phil Furlough, Ed Dill, Steve Hagewood, Tommy Hill**

**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep  
Building Lockup**

