

# Weatherly Weekly

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## I Dream'd in a Dream

Michael W. McLemore

Walt Whitman in his classic *Leaves of Grass* left his readers a short verse under the anterior title. Its longing is for a community immune from attack by its neighbors. Of all earth's metropolis' none surpassed Whitman's dreamland of "new friends."

Men have for all time pined for peace. With great pain and perspiration cities and nations have sought to make themselves invincible to assault. Today as in Biblical times, men like President Reagan pursue peace through strength. Consider mighty Jerusalem. It was a fortress. The ancient walled-city sat perched above the valley beneath, but its Jebusite inhabitants couldn't fend off David's onslaught. Neither did Israel's Zion withstand the Babylonian invasion. It lay in ruin again under the feet of the Roman, Titus. Jerusalem was not inoculated against attack. No city is. Men search. Like Whitman, they dream.

Abraham looked for a city. He looked for a city

whose builder and maker is God, *Hebrews 11:10*. The city Abraham sought is beyond the reach of vile men and women. It is a city that "lies foursquare" and in whose walls is no sorrow, sickness or suffering. The old Patriarch's city can be ours. His dream can be realized for us as it was for him. Heaven is there "not far from our sight." Whitman's dream-city exists, or should. He said, "Nothing was greater there than the quality of robust love, it led the rest, it was seen every hour in the actions of the men of that city, and in all their looks and words."

We all want to go to heaven, don't we? If such "robust love" does not characterize us now, how can we expect it to then? Heaven will be populated with members of the body of the Lord. Does Christ see love in every moment's action and duty? Is it heard in every spoken word and unspoken thought? Whitman's dream should be demonstrated in us. □

## Is it Well With You?

By Ron Mosby

Paul wrote to Timothy that "godliness with contentment is great gain...If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content" – *1 Timothy 6:6, 8*. We are further exhorted in *Hebrews 13:5* to "keep our lives free from the love of money, and to be with what we have."

A perfect example of godliness with contentment is found in the account of Elisha and the woman at Shunem – *2 Kings 4:8-37*. The record says she was a prominent woman and apparently a godly woman because she recognized Elisha as a holy man of God. She and her husband extended their hospitality to Elisha as often as he passed by and persuaded him to stop and eat bread at their house. They further extended hospitality by making a little walled upper chamber for him with a bed, a table, a chair and a lampstand, that when he passed by he could turn in and rest. The walled upper chamber would allow him to come and go freely without having to join in with their family life each time he passed that way.

Elisha appreciated her kind hospitality and wanted to repay her in some way. He had Gehazi call the Shunammite woman who came and stood before Gehazi who acted as a go-between for her and Elisha. Elisha offered to speak to the king or the captain of the army in her behalf. She just answered in effect, no thank you, "I dwell among my own people." This illustrates the contentment of this great and godly woman. Had she been a covetous person, she might have read off a list of things she already had formulated in her own mind. She did not.

When Elisha asked Gehazi for a suggestion to repay her kindness, he said, "Truly, she has no son and her husband is old." Gehazi called her back and Elisha said to her, "At this season, about this

time next year, you will embrace a son." The woman was so taken aback she said in effect, "Since you are a holy man of God, surely you would not deceive me about this would you?" Elisha did not deceive her. The child was born and the context suggests he had grown probably to the age of four or five years old because he was old enough to go out in the field with his father, but young enough for a servant to carry him back to his mother when he had become ill (maybe with a sun stroke, we are not told). The child sat on his mother's lap until noon and then died! The woman became bitterly troubled. She took her son's body to Elisha's room since it was he who had promised the miracle birth of her only child.

When her husband questioned her wanting to find Elisha at this odd time since it was not a feast day or the Sabbath day, her answer here is significant. She said, "It will be well," (with probable reference to the child). When Elisha saw her coming, and not knowing of the child's death, he sent Gehazi to ask her three questions: "Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?" Again, her answer here is significant. She merely said, "It is well."

The story has a happy ending, but there are always lessons we can glean: You may have to learn to smile through pain and tears, but it will always be well and great gain for the godly who learn contentment. But, it will always be ill for the wicked who will get what they deserve in the end, *Isa. 3:11; Matt. 25:24-30; Rom. 6:21*.

Gentle reader, how is it with you and me? Is it well with my soul? Am I a godly one with contentment? Are you a godly one having learned contentment in this life? If so, it will always be well with your soul! □

Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Peggy Childress** was released from Vanderbilt on Wednesday of last week. She and **Terry** are currently staying at a hospitality house near the hospital. She will need to remain within ten minutes for the next several weeks. If you wish to send a card, please send it to their home. Terry will be picking up their mail. Also, no visitors at this time. We can't afford to bring in any germs. Doesn't Peggy look awesome? Thanksgiving is surely in order!



**Cyndi Shaver Vanatta**, **Phil Shaver's** sister, was laid to rest on Monday in Titusville, Florida. Please continue to remember this family to the Lord in prayer.

**Buddy Hunt**, **Marty's** father, was laid to rest a week ago yesterday near Nashville. Your prayers for this family are appreciated.

**Wanda Castleman**, & **Cathy Preston** are still facing some challenges. Wanda's shoulder is doing well. It's her knee that is giving her problems. Pray for these.

**June Furlough's** latest procedure went well. We pray that it will prove helpful.

Many of you will remember little **Buddy Taft**, the grandson of **Betty Dubose**, who came with his mom, **Vanna**. Well, Buddy isn't little anymore. He recently graduated from High School, but he was recently been diagnosed with Epilepsy. He may be coming to stay with his grandmother, **Shirley**, later in the month. Please about both of those things.

Some good news from **the Hunt's** for a change. They can use some! **Marty's** brother, **Mike**, will have his port removed, signaling the end of his treatments. And, **Mechi's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, received a good report from her last tests. The cancer has not shown up in any other locations. They will be scheduling her surgical procedure shortly. Please pray for Zoila and her family.

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>

## Welcome to Our Family

We are happy to welcome **Mel & Laura Ambrose** and their children **Knox, Noah, & Allie Kate**. We will include their info next week.

Also **Shirley Laney** expressed her desire to worship with us at Weatherly. Her address is **2021 Pennylane, SE, Decatur, AL 35601**. Her phone number is **256 355-0856**.

We are happy to have them and look forward to fruitful labor in the kingdom. ☐

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Phillip Dill	8-2	Wanda Castleman
8-6	Forest Summers	8-10	Clark Boles
8-10	Natalie Frazier	8-11	Phyllis Harmon

## The Bright Side

Michael W. McLemore

Phil Furlough posted an anonymous quote this week that made me think — “There is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking on the bright side of things.”

For most of us the tendency is very real for us to see only the bad. The media sensationalizes bad news. But, we tend toward the negative in our own thinking plenty. When we choose to mediate and wallow in the mire of negativity we are setting ourselves up for failure and regret.

Listen to Paul as he wrote to the family at Philippi — “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you,” *Philippians 4:8-9*. He is not telling his friends to ignore evil or sin, whether in their own lives or in the lives of others. Rather, he calls upon them to model their thought life after God's remedy for sin. How so?

Think about truth, the foundation of all conduct. Respect the dignity of God's creatures. When it depends on you, let justice be rendered to the superior and inferior. Avoid every species of pollution, be pure. Esteem the beauty of what is exceptional. And, always admire what is laudable. Meditate upon the bright side — the praiseworthy things. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Classes** 9:30 am  
**Sunday AM Assembly** 10:00 am  
**Sunday PM Assembly Zoom** 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday Classes Stream** 7:00 pm

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## Weatherly's Deacons

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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, July 18

**Welcome:** **Will Starks**  
**Song Leader:** **David Jacks**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Steve Hagewood**  
**Scripture Reading:**

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*"We're Not All the Same!"*  
**Closing Prayer:** **Ken Cavender**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** CANCELLED

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

### Wednesday, July 21

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

None

## 2021 Singing Cancelled

### Sunday, July 25

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**W.D. Patrick**

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*I Want to Be in the Kingdom*  
**Bobby Wright**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** CANCELLED

**Opening Prayer:** **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**

### Wednesday, July 28

**Streamed Bible Study**

None

## Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2021

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Frist Corinthians  
**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Frist Corinthians  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in July

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

**\*\* Will Starks, Bill Thompson, Kirk Hatcher, Phil Shaver**

**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep  
 Building Lockup**

