

# Weatherly Weekly

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## A Leader

Unknown

I went on a search to become a leader. I searched high and low. I spoke with authority. People listened. But, alas, there was one who was wiser than I, and they followed that individual.

I sought to inspire with confidence, but the crowd responded, "Why should I trust you?"

I postured, and assumed the look of leadership with a countenance that flowed with confidence and pride. But many passed me by and never noticed my air of elegance.

I ran ahead of the others, pointed the way to new heights. I demonstrated that I knew they route to greatness. And then I looked back, and I was alone.

"What shall I do?" I queried, "I've tried hard and used all that I know." And I sat down and pondered long. And then, I listened to the voices around me. And I heard what the group was trying to accomplish. I rolled up my sleeves and joined the work.

As we worked, I asked, "Are we all together in what we want to do and how to get the job done?" And we thought together, and we fought together, and we struggled together.

I found myself encouraging the fainthearted. I sought the ideas of those too shy to speak out. I taught those who had little skill. I praised those who worked hard. When our task was completed, one of the group turned to me and said, "This would not have been done but for your leadership."

At first, I said, "I didn't lead. I just worked with the rest." Then I understood, leadership is not a goal. It's the way to reaching a goal.

I lead best when I help others to go where we've decided to go. I lead best when I help others to use themselves creatively. I lead best when I forget about myself and focus on my group, their needs their goals — to lead is to serve, to give, to achieve together. □



# Encourage One Another

Adapted

**Y**ou will likely recognize the name of Jackie Robinson as the first African-American to play Major League baseball. In his first season with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Robinson faced hatred nearly everywhere he traveled. Pitchers threw fastballs at his head. Runners spiked him on the bases. Ugly insults were written on cards and spoken from the opposing dugouts. Even the home crowds in Brooklyn saw him as an object of reproach.

During one game in Cincinnati, the taunts and racial slurs seemed to reach a peak. To make matters worse, Robinson committed an error and stood at second base humiliated while the fans hurled insults at him. Another Dodger, a Southern white man by the name Pee Wee Reese, called timeout. He walked from his position at short-stop toward Robinson at second base, and with the crowds looking on, he put his arm around Robinson's shoulder. The fans grew quiet. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career.

That reminds me of a similar story in the Bible. Saul was a most unlikely candidate for Christianity. I doubt if he was on anybody's soul-winning list. Except God's. The reason is that you would have been locked up or killed before you got through the first Bible study. The words Saul and persecution were synonymous. So, Saul had a bit of a problem when he became a Christian. Everybody was afraid to get close to him. The members of the Jerusalem church thought that Paul was pulling a fast one, that he was only pretending to be a disciple, *verse 26*.

After all, that was a perfect plan -- pretend to become a member of the church, get the names of all of the members, call the Sanhedrin and then take the whole bunch to prison. Sounds like a spy story, doesn't it? But, they weren't about to fall for that one! But Barnabas accepted him.

There are a couple of things about Barnabas that we need to imitate. First of all, he was a man who insisted on believing the best in others. When others suspected Saul of being a spy, Barnabas insisted on believing he was genuine and real. The world is largely

divided into people who think the best of others and people who think the worst of others. "[Love] doesn't keep track of wrongs....never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up," *1 Corinthians 13:5,7*, paraphrased.

Barnabas was also a person who didn't hold a man's past against him. It happens so often that whenever a man makes a mistake, he is forever condemned in our eyes. It is a wonderful characteristic of God that he doesn't hold our past sins

against us. We, too, should never condemn a man just because he has failed in the past.

What a great example! We've all been there -- standing in need of someone to face our problems with us. And we have those around us who need the encouraging arm around the shoulder. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of meekness..." *Galatians 6:1-2*. □

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Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Isabella Hatcher is Baptized



Isabella was able to spend a week at Bible camp with her good friend Addison Matlock and some of her cousins from Montgomery. During the week she made the decision to be baptized into Christ! While we of course would have loved to witness the event, we are nevertheless extremely happy with her decision, as we know the whole Weatherly family will be.

Kirk & Brooke Hatcher

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

In Terry Childress' latest update he continued to speaking encouragingly of Peggy's progress. She walked a half mile, rode a bicycle 15

minutes, then walked on a treadmill for 10 minutes. Her progress is phenomenal and we are both amazed and thankful.

Terry's mother, Sandra Ivey, is doing some better but her blood pressure remains low. Terry wanted me to relay their appreciation for all of your prayers for them and of their love for you all.

Prayers for Mechi Hunt's sister, Zoila Herring, are in order. We are continue to pray for her well being as she faces this very challenging ordeal. This family has been through a difficult year.

Pray for those who are in assisted living facilities and memory care — 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	Ron Harmon

## IN PERSON ASSEMBLY

UPDATE: Today marks our third return to in-person assemblies. We are thrilled!

THIS WEEK: Sunday Bible Class begins at 9:30 am. Mike is continuing his series **Divided We Fall**. Morning worship will begin at 10. Mike's lesson today is **Calling on the Lord** from **Romans 10**.

Remember our ZOOM Devo at 7 Sunday evening. If you haven't participated, you will benefit from giving it a try.

Wednesday our **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



8-10	Clark Boles	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-19	Peggy Childress
8-23	Janice Schrimsher	8-24	Mike Coward
8-24	Lucas Hatcher	8-24	Marty Hunt
8-25	Ron Harmon	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-27	Bill McCord	8-28	Adelaide Hatcher

## GO!

### Adapted

There is in these great commission scriptures an unmistakable command — **GO!** As Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With a Mission, reminds us, “Go means a change of location.” Jesus’ promise that He would be with us to the end of the world is liked to His command to “Go.” The extent of Christ’s “Go” in our lives depends solely on His purpose at any given time. Every true Christian understands “he is not his own” and that therefore personal plans are not to detain us against Christ’s call. Many times when we say we don’t *feel a leading*, we are really saying we don’t have a *feeling*.

Our absolute obedience to Christ is a manifestation of our absolute love for Him. We don’t go into the world proclaiming the gospel in order to impress each other with our dedication. We do not go out of a sense of sterile obligation. But neither do we go primarily because we feel such compassion for the lost. No, we do not go for their sakes — we go for His sake, because Jesus Christ deserves to have what He died for. As His servants, we obey His commission of love to go to the ends of the earth in search of a bride. No nation or city, village or island must be forgotten, no street or field overlooked. She is everywhere, and He wants her. We must fetch her. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

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

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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, August 8

Welcome: Tommy Hill  
 Song Leader: Hill Roberts  
 Opening Prayer: Mel Ambrose  
 Scripture Reading:

Romans 10  
 Mike McLemore  
 Calling on the Lord  
 Ed Dill

### Sunday, August 15

Will Starks  
 Mel Ambrose  
 Bill Thompson

Ephesians 4  
 Mike McLemore  
 Worthy of MY Calling?  
 Alex Thompson

### Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

### Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

### Wednesday, August 11

Songs Leader:  
 Invitation: Streamed Bible Study  
 Closing Prayer:

None

## 2021 Singing Cancelled

### Wednesday, August 18

Streamed Bible Study

None

## Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY  
 Divided We Fall  
 Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY  
 First Corinthians  
 Mike McLemore

## Serving in August

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

Lord's Supper PM \*\*

Communion Prep  
 Building Lockup

