

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Different Ships

James W. Adams

A grumpy, middle-aged couple stood before a counter in a Travel Agency. When asked what could be done for them, they said, "We'd like a pleasure cruise, but book us on different ships," Saturday Evening Post.

This brings to mind a number of brethren we have known through the years. They plan to have a joyous time in heaven, but they have such an aversion to other brothers and sisters who are planning to do the same things that they are determined to make the journey on "different ships." This explains why, in a relatively small city, one may often several "sound" congregations with considerably less than 100 members each totally out of fellowship with one another.

Paul said, "Brethren, yet have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another," Galatians 5:13.

One wonders how that those unable to tolerate one

another on their professed journey to heaven will be able to tolerate one another in heave and be happy at the same tie. Abraham's reminder to Lot when a danger of cleavage arose should admonish us today. We also need to remember that, "We be brethren!" Too, we should remind ourselves that the enemies of truth have no more potent weapon in their ceaseless battle than the unlovely and unnecessary divisions among professed Christians. Paul's reminder that we are "servants" of one another, and the yoke that binds us is "love" which always seeks the highest good of its object should develop within us a spirit of mutual toleration in matters that do not affect one's personal conscience and thus preclude division among us.

By all means, let us do our best to make our "pleasure cruise" to heaven on the same ship otherwise our cruise may no be "pleasant" and its ultimate destination may not be heaven! □

## Membership

Michael W. McLemore

What is your view of your membership in the local church? Far too many view "church membership" the way they view membership in a country club. Country club membership means "perks." Membership means privileges. Membership means others will serve me. Just pay the monthly dues and you can have others taking care of you while you enjoy a life of leisure.

Unfortunately, some local Christians have a similar, very unbiblical, view of their relationship to the local church membership. For them membership is about receiving instead of serving, rights instead of responsibilities, and entitlements instead of sacrifices. This wrongful view of membership sees contribution as membership dues that entitle them to a never-ending list of privileges and expectations, instead of an unconditional cheerful gift to God.

It would be easy to blame secular culture, or the godless politics of our nation, or even on the hypocritical members or uncaring a preacher for the decline of involvement in a local church. But, we would ALL do well to look in the mirror. Could it be that we are not as strong and growing because too many Christians have lost the biblical understanding of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ? Are we expecting others to serve us, to feed us, to care for us. We don't hypocrisy in the church, but we fail to see our own hypocrisies.

God never intended the local church to be a "country club." He gave Christians the local church in his wisdom as a place for us to serve, to care for others, to pray for leaders, to learn, to teach, to give, and, in some cases, to die for the

sake of the gospel. "Membership" in the Bible is very different from a secular understanding of "Bible membership."

Consider Paul's admonition to the Corinthians: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ," 1 Corinthians 12:12. We are all different, suited to different tasks and varied abilities. Yet, we are compelled to work together toward a singular end. Paul directly addresses what it means to be a functioning member of a local church: "For the body does not consist of one member but of many," 14. Just as in the human body there are different parts, it is still a unified whole. And this unified whole is made up of many parts, each with unique and essential purposes and functions. The foot, the hand, the ear, the eye, the nose, each has a necessary function and yet it is still a part of the whole body, 15-26.

The Lord in His wisdom has given every Christian responsibilities which can only be fulfilled in a local fellowship. He has made us each partners with the whole, locally. "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it, 27. Christians are all supposed to function in the local church.

It occurs to me that the concept of an "inactive church member" is an oxymoron. Biblically, no such church member really exists. Because we are all different with different gifts and abilities, we will function differently from other members. But, if we are true and biblical church members, we will be functioning members. If you are a member, you must be a functioning member. It's just that simple. □

Watch LIVE!

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Elaine Dorris** is better but was not up to being at services Sunday. We are thankful that she continues to improve and are praying for her to be 100% very soon! **Gordon & Elaine** are very appreciative of your prayers and your concern for their well being. They plan to be with us today.

**Marty Hunt** finally has an explanation for his heart rate and blood pressure issues from which he has suffered for the last three months. His doctor found the root of the problem — a strep infection. He is being treated and is already feeling better. We are thankful and prayers of thanksgiving are in order.

**Mike Coward's** visit with his Neuro Surgeon went well last week. The fluid level around the brain seems to be decreasing. Mike will need to have another CT in a couple of months. He is scheduled to see his cardiology NP next week to discuss pacemaker and a return to his blood thinner. Pray for Mike's continued improvement.

**Peggy Childress** is doing a lot better. Her activity is progressing. She has had a couple of low blood pressure incidents but she is otherwise doing well.

**Terry Childress' mom, Sandra Ivey**, continues to have mobility issues because of her legs. The Childress' and sister Ivey are grateful for your continued prayers.

**Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, remains on our daily prayer list. She is doing well considering. Pray for her increased strength as she recovers from the effects of Chemotherapy and anticipates liver surgery. After a period of

recovery she will require a regimen of 24 radiation treatments; then another surgery. Prayers are appreciated!

Please pray for **Sarah Chase**, a very close friend of **the McLemore's**. Sarah is a member of the Northeast church of Christ in Tupelo, MS. She has been diagnosed with an advanced stage melanoma. It is very rare and very serious.

**Edith Turner's** daughter, **Glenda**, who lives in suburban Kansas City, remains on our prayer list. Say her name to the Father.

Pray for those who are in assisted living 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

### THIS WEEK:

**Sunday morning Bible Class** begins at 9:30. Mike is continuing his series **Divided We Fall**.

**Sunday morning worship** begins promptly at 10. Mike's lesson today is entitled, **When the Roll is Called!** and his taken from **1 Corinthians 15:52**.

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. ☐

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 29, 2021

9-5	Kim Barnett	9-9	Abbey Craig*
9-14	Brooke Hatcher	9-17	Aurora Leshko
9-20	Sophia Hunt	9-23	Dylan Craig*
9-25	LaNelle Patrick	9-28	Doris DeCelles

\*Melonie Power's granddaughter & grandson

## BELIEVABLE LIES

Don Truex

He is identified in the Book by a variety of names, i.e. adversary, evil one, dragon, serpent. But perhaps the most telling appellation ascribed to him is that "he is a liar," John 8:44. In his arsenal of lies, there are three that seem to be particularly seductive:

**"God does not have your best interest at heart."** He used this argument with Eve in the garden, *Genesis 3:4-5*. He's been using it ever since. He focuses, not on the myriad of choices God has given us, but on the relatively few things He has prohibited. Satan portrays God as a cosmic killjoy, determined to ruin your fun. In reality, every prohibition (Whether alcohol, lying, promiscuity, etc.) is for our good: A loving Father protecting His children from harm.

**"Adversity ought to produce apostasy."** And yet, suffering in this world can be directly traced to Satan, (e.g., *Job; Luke 13:16; 1 Peter 5:8*). God is the source of life's good things, *James 1:17*. And rather than produce apostasy, adversity properly handled will produce spiritual, physical and emotional strength, *Romans 5:3-4*.

**"One sin is of no consequence."** And yet, how often has it been graphically illustrated that one sin can ruin a reputation, take a life, destroy a family, and sever one's relationship with God? ☐

## 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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<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, August 29

**Welcome:** Will Starks  
**Song Leader:** Hill Roberts  
**Opening Prayer:** Collis Terry  
**Scripture Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 15:52**

**Sermon:** Mike McLemore  
*When the Roll is Called!*

**Closing Prayer:** Dwight Ivey

### Sunday, September 5

**Tommy Hill**  
**Mel Ambrose**  
**Steve Hagewood**

**John 10:1-18**

**Mike McLemore**  
*In Search for Life!*

**Gene Preston**

### Evening Worship

#### Bible Skillz

CANCELLED

#### Songs Leader:

**Opening Prayer:**

*Virtual Devotion on ZOOM*

**Closing Prayer:**

### Wednesday, September 1

#### Songs Leader:

**Invitation:**

*Streamed Bible Study*

**Closing Prayer:**

None

## 2021 Lectures Canceled

### Wednesday, September 8

#### Songs Leader:

*Streamed Bible Study*

**Closing Prayer:**

None

## Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2021

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall

**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians

**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in September

### Serving on the Lord's

Table AM

\*\* Overseer

\*\* **Bill Thomson (9-5), Ed Dill (9-12),**

**Will Starks (9-19), Collis Terry (9-26)**

Lord's Supper PM

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Communion Prep

Building Lockup

