

Weatherly Weekly

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SLAVES TO RECREATION

James W. Adams

The primary “business of every professed child of God should be so to live in this life as to spend eternity with God in that life which is to come. Yet, this all important business often takes second place to modern man’s recreation. This is particularly noticeable in the summertime. Attendance, interest, contributions have an embarrassing way of taking a proverbial nose-dive in the summer months.

Recreation is a necessity. It is extremely doubtful that any individual can have a completely healthy body or mind without seasons of recreation. Recreation is precisely what the word indicates—a means of recreating the used up forces of mind and body. Recreate means to create again, to renew. As a servant to minister to the well being of the mind and body, recreation is a great blessing. As a master to control our lives and actions, it is a great curse.

The amount of time, thought and money that professed Christians are devoting to recreation indicates unquestionably that it has ceased to be the servant in many lives and has become the master. Jesus warns in the parable of the sower against our allowing “the pleasures of this life” to choke out the “good seed.” Have you ever sat down with pencil and paper and compared with figures the amount of time, thought and money you dedicate to the Lord’s work as compared to the amount of time, thought and money that you dedicate to recreation? You should do this. We feel that to many this would bring an enlightenment and challenging experience.

As a side-line, recreation is a worthwhile activity. Infringing upon the main-line, godliness, recreation becomes a snare and a curse. □

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THREE BIG LESSONS FROM DEUTERONOMY

“Faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God”

Michael W. McLemore

The Bible book of Deuteronomy is a collection of three essential sermons from Moses before his death. One author offered a suggestion that it might be subtitled: Identity, Warning, Responsibility. Consider these...

Moses sought with finality to inculcate in the people of Israel a sense of IDENTITY – “You are the children of God!” Know Him! Understand His will for you and your children! Obey Him! Moses wanted God’s children to remember God’s grace in redeeming them from Egyptian slavery. In every respect Israel’s salvation, and God’s choice of them as a people replicates His rescuing grace, His forgiving grace, His restoring grace of us in Jesus. As they are intended to live in light of their identity as the children of God, so are we today.

Moses sought with soberness to warn the people of Israel about rivals to their ALLEGIANCE to God. They are going into a land of promise. Every conceivable identity will assay to assault them. Idolaters and their alluring practices are in every quarter. Listen to Moses’ warning, “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the Lord, who

brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,” *Deuteronomy 6:10-12*. Moses knew idolatry was not merely based in present temptations, but mirrors for mankind “God-forgetfulness.” When God’s children forget the magnitude of what God has given us and He alone is able to continue to give us, we are susceptible to begin to put other things in its place. Moses warned Israel, but his lessons live on for Christians, *Romans 15:4*.

Moses enjoined upon the children of God the weighty pleadings to accept RESPONSIBILITY – “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you,” *Deuteronomy 28:1-2*. Accepting divine charges resulted in good for them as a people. But failure meant doom – “But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you,” *Deuteronomy 28:15*. Moses clearly delineated God’s “bless-ings” and “cursings.” Israel was given fair warning.

Christians have also been called to embrace our own personal responsibility. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people, and looming large is the curse of the disobedient, Hell, a doom to be avoided at all cost. □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ruth Mitchell's surgery went well. She has already begun physical therapy. Our prayer is that she will be back to 100 percent very soon. Say her name to the Lord as you pray.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister, is in need of our prayers. I know many here at Weatherly are following Zoila's journey through cancer carefully and are daily praying for her. Marty will periodically update us. The Hunts are very appreciative of our prayers.

Also, we are continuing to remember **Marty Hunt's** step-mother. Your prayers for her are solicited as she wrestles with the loss of Marty's dad. It's been a great struggle.

Maragem Harbin & Debbie Harbin both are in need of our prayers.

Pray for those who are in assisted living

Terry & Peggy Childress

Terry & Peggy Childress have made it known of their plans to meet with the South Fayetteville church regularly. Terry's concern was for everyone at Weatherly to know of their love for us and appreciation for the constant encouragement during their time here. Of course we understand the difficulty of the drive here, Peggy's condition and of the needs of Terry's mom, **Sandra Ivey**. Please continue to pray for Terry, Peggy & Sandra.

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

WEATHERLY UPDATES

THANK YOU Phil Shaver, Tommy Hill and **Bill Thompson** for standing in for me while I was away visiting family in Texas during the Thanksgiving holiday. Your work was stupendous! I know everyone at Weatherly enjoyed your lessons. We are blessed to have such men in our fellowship! *Mike*

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Plans are underway for 2022! We are looking forward to normalcy. Pray that we will be able to implement all of our plans. In all we will trust Him!

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. **Mike** will return to his study **Divided We Fall!**

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. **Mike's** is beginning a series entitled **The Emmanuel Chronicles 2.0**. His lesson is "Healing the Broken Heart" from **Isaiah 61**.

Remember our **ZOOM Devo** at 7 Sunday evening. Zoom in with us tonight!

Wednesday our **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm. If the Lord wills Mike will be covering the first half of **1 Corinthians 12**. We will stream as well as assemble in person. ☐

Blessed with Less

Michael W. McLemore

The word "blessing" has become synonymous with "gift," hasn't it? Many assume, "If I just listen and obey God, He'll give me more and more!" Some tend to think of blessings as new benefits He gives to be enjoyed. Does obedience insure the extra blessing of a salary increase? Does following God's will call for Him to respond with the blessing of happy relationships?

Some may be surprised to know that God often blesses by taking things away. Doubters may ask, "How can God benefit me by giving me less of what I enjoy?" This attitude reveals the problem of human pride, **Psalm 81:12**. Man tends to believe that he knows what is best for him: "If I enjoy something, then it has to be good and proper." "The Lord should give me more!" Right?

Wrong! The Lord is not a cosmic Santa Claus. Our shortsighted point of view keeps us from seeing the Divine perspective. God sees all things, from beginning to end. He knows whether a particular relationship or more money would ultimately be a blessing or a curse. In some situations, the best thing He can "give" is to take something away, or give less.

God brings things into our lives that He knows will bless us. Sometimes He chooses in His wisdom to "bless with less." Resist the temptation to question whether God is acting in our best interest when a particular loss or disappointment is experienced. With time and perspective, you will see God's loving care for you is demonstrated by taking something away. ☐

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 7:00 pm

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Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood
Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, December 5

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**
Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-3

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Healing the Broken Heart

Closing Prayer: **Bill McCord**

Sunday, December 12

Tommy Hill
David Jacks
Alex Thompson

Isaiah 9:1-7

Mike McLemore
Light in Land of Darkness

Gene Preston

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Wednesday, December 8

Songs Leader: **Phil Furlough**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Alex Thompson**

Wednesday, December 15

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Bobby Wright

None

2021 Lectures Canceled

None

Quarterly Adult Classes October – December 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in December

Serving on the Lord's Table AM ** **Phil Shaver (12-5), Bill Thompson (12-12), Steve Hagewood (12-19), Phil Furlough (12-26)**
**** Overseer**

Lord's Supper PM **

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12-6	Ken Cavender	12-6	John Patrick
12-13	Joanne Abernathy	12-15	Carol Roberts
12-17	Stacey Beshere	12-17	Kayleigh Stovall
12-17	Bill Thompson	12-23	Charles Hill
12-25	Phil Furlough		

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