

Weatherly Weekly

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TRUSTING IN MAN

Michael W. McLemore

Life is hard! It's true. I once was given this counsel when life gets hard, "Get a helmet!" It may seem funny, but every person will grasp for something when trials come. Jeremiah cautioned against fixing trust in the wrong place.

Listen to *Jeremiah 17:5-6* — "Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land...'"

He makes flesh his strength, 5. The human body and mind are impressive. They create great works and solve complex problems, but the mind will be overcome with fog and the body will fail. When man believes himself self-reliant, he will think himself independent of God.

His heart turns away from the Lord, 5. Independence from God leads man to turn toward his own purpose, provision and wisdom.

He makes himself the authority for life and action. The one who trusts in man turns his heart away from the Lord and ultimately to ruin.

When the inevitable heat comes and man trusts in his own strength or in that of another person the result is disastrous. Jeremiah assures that we will become just like a shrub in the desert. Maybe you've been that way already, or are there now. We've all turned from Him, and we relied on our own strength. This is sin's cause. If left in our sin, we will not see any good come and we, ultimately will have no hope.

Thanks be to God, that the Lord Jesus did something amazing. He died for rebellious, sinners — just like you, just like me. When we trust in the Lord and turn to Him in faith-driven obedience, by His own grace we are moved from living under a curse of death to being the blessed man, flourishing in His care. □

Salt, Peace & My Brother

Michael W. McLemore

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Mark 9:49-50

Salt speaks of purity and purification. It was used as a preservative of food in Jesus' day, and remains so today. Salt was commonly used in temple sacrifices, again as a means of purification. But, what did Jesus mean when He declared, "everyone will be salted with fire"?

Fire in this text forespeaks of the persecution or the attacks of the world on Jesus' followers. Their lives are to be sacrifices to God, purified as with salt. When one responds in faith to those attacks, the attacks don't harm the believer but actually serve to purify from any sin in the life of the faithful.

This type of purity, represented by salt, must continue to be evident in the life of the believer. If they lose their purity by giving into sin, they will have lost everything. Jesus explains to His disciples, that when they have this salt of purity in themselves, when they consider others more important than themselves, they will be at peace with one another.

But this text is about more than salt and

peace. It is about my brother. This whole section began with the disciples arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus was calling them to serve Him and each other without sin.

One of the issues that we have with sin in our culture is that we see a downward spiral towards more sin and greater sin. The tendency of people is to compare any sin in our lives with those around us. And we like to find others who are worse sinners to excuse ourselves. This same type of comparison leads people to believe that God only sends people to hell for really heinous sins. That is completely false. Any sin, not forgiven will send a person to hell. That's why Jesus speaks so bluntly in these verses about the importance of cutting off all causes of sin in one's life.

We are surrounded by evil of every variety in our generation. The internet, media, cultural pressures are unrelenting influences. We must be diligent to guard ourselves from their influence. These mediums must be used wisely and understood as potential temptations to sin.

Be aware that others are watching. For those persons you may well become a standard of what is acceptable; perhaps your children or grandchildren. If there's something in your life that you don't think is sin, but it may lead another person to violate their conscience and sin, the problem is yours, not theirs. Jesus' teaching is clear, you must give up your own rights so as not to cause a little one to sin. □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Terry & Peggy Childress

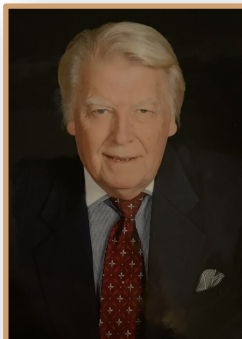
Terry and I would like to thank all of our Weatherly Family for their words of encouragement, cards and prayers. We appreciate the kindness shown us during my recent health crisis. The power of prayer is MAGNIFICENT!

You have made our little corner of the world a happier place to be!

Love all of you,
Terry & Peggy Childress

Ken Green Passes

Ken Green (80) passed away peacefully into his heavenly rest on Saturday, December 4th. Ken preached for a number of years in Huntsville for the Jordan Park church. He touched many lives around the world and in Huntsville. We are saddened by his loss to this world but rejoice in his hope. Our prayers are for his wife, Peggy, his children and all those who love him.



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ruth Mitchell asked that we relay her

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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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		

thanks to everyone at Weatherly for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. "I am doing great — walking without a walker. I have less pain than before surgery. I appreciated my Weatherly family. Ruth Mitchell.

We are rejoicing in the baptism of **Brenden Sanchez** (18) last Wednesday evening. Brenden has been visiting our assembly worship on Sunday for several weeks. He is a close friend of **Will Patrick**. Help us welcome and encourage Brenden.

Please continue to pray for **Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, as she battles cancer.

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

Building Maintenance 12/20

Monday, December 20th the Weatherly meeting house will be closed for maintenance; the carpets and pews are being cleaned during the morning hours. No work can be done in the building the rest of the day due to wet/slippy carpet. Please plan any work in the building or classrooms for later that week.

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 "Light in a Land of Darkness" from **Isaiah 8:1-7**.

Improve Faith Daily

Michael W. McLemore

Faith is more than one's acceptance of testimony. That's the beginning — the result of an objective response to God's word. But faith in the heart affects the life, *1 Thessalonians 3:2*. Paul knew the Thessalonians would suffer tribulations, and wanted to "know your faith lest... the tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain," *4-5*. If they had given ground, drawn back, because of their trials, Paul would assign this to lack of faith.

Timothy brought good news of their "faith and love," *6*, so Paul was comforted "by your faith," *7*. He said, "We live (i.e., in joy and gratitude) "if ye stand fast in the Lord," *8*. Yet, he prayed he might visit them and "perfect that which is lacking in your faith," *10*.

The powerful lesson of this exercise in demonstrates that faith needs constant improvement daily. Great faith is needed for such things as forgiveness of one who repeatedly trespasses against us, and repeatedly asks forgiveness. No wonder even the apostles said, "Lord, increase our faith" *Luke 17:3-5*.

We need a better equipped faith — one to which has been added, or in which one has supplied virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love, *2 Peter 1:5-8*. These characteristics can be realized to a God-pleasing extent only by one who has strong faith — who lives as a citizen of heaven, though a sojourner on earth.

The heart is changed by faith, and thus the issues of life, *Acts 15:9*. Live so as to improve faith daily! ☐

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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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, December 12

Sunday, December 19

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**
Scripture Reading:

Sermon: **Isaiah 9:1-7**
Mike McLemore
Light in a Land of Darkness
Closing Prayer: **Gene Preston**

Will Starks
Hill Roberts
Collis Terry

Isaiah 11
Mike McLemore
The Spirit of the Lord
Riley Monroe

Evening Worship

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

CANCELLED

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Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer:
Closing Prayer:

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

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Wednesday, December 15

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Wednesday, December 22

David Jacks
Mike McLemore
Alex Thompson

2021 Lectures Canceled

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
**** Overseer**

**** Phil Shaver (12-5), Bill Thompson (12-12),
Steve Hagewood (12-19), Phil Furlough (12-26)**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

