

# Weatherly Weekly

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## IN WEAKNESS WE ARE STRONG

Michael W. McLemore

Christ was judged weak, un-empowered. But, men are no judges over what makes one strong: "For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you," 2 *Corinthians 13:4, KJV*. "Out of weakness were made strong," affirmed the unnamed Hebrew writer, *Hebrews 11:34*. How were they made strong out of weakness? "Through faith," he explained. This entire concept escapes the "wisdom of this world."

The murderers who crucified Jesus were not defeating God. They were fulfilling His will, empowering His plan by shedding the redeeming blood. Though appraised weak by the world, the enduring soldier, the law-abiding runner, the fruitful farmer abide in the true grace and strength of God, 2 *Timothy 2:1-6*.

Grace is not earned by human strength. Who

has sufficient grounds or merit upon which to claim God's favor? His indulgence will not be earned by the strong by mounding good works on a scale, compensating for sin and wrong. That is not how one attains Divine favor. Grace is an extension of the Divine benefactor toward those who meekly and faithfully obey Him.

The power and equipment for the ministry of God's people are assured, cf. *Romans 1:5; 12:6*. In Paul's exhortation of Timothy as he dealt with looming spiritual warfare, or the certain trial of faith, all were but light afflictions when each relied on "the grace that is in Christ."

Surely, our beneficent Father will provide the faithful what is needed in the face of even the greatest adversity. In weakness we are strengthened. Paul said, put them in remembrance: "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him," 2 *Timothy 2:11-12*. □

# Leave Your Busy-ness

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"Jesus brought the disciples from doing little things to doing great things."

It may sound shocking but all Christians are not effective evangelists. Some may gleefully agree and say, "I'm sure not. May I be excused?" No, Sir! All Christians may not be effective evangelists, but we all have a role to play in evangelism. We are all a cord in God's net.

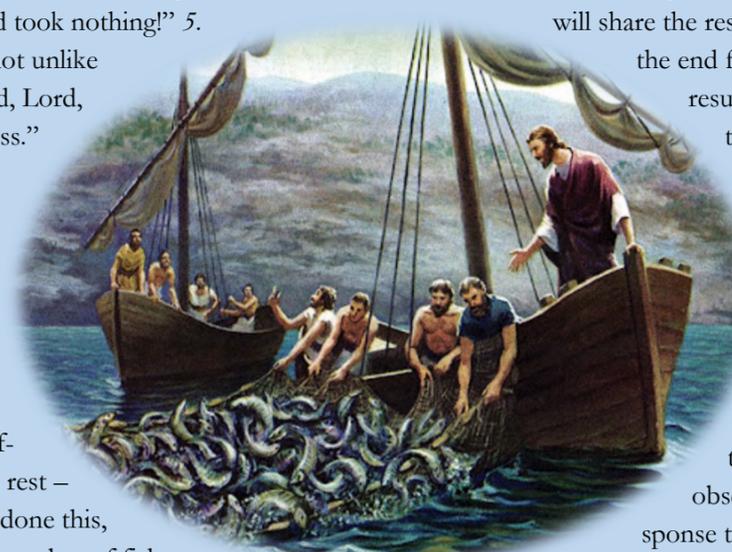
Bible readers may recall Jesus' great demonstration on the Sea of Galilee when He first called disciples to His word – "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch," *Luke 5:4*. Simon responded, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing!" 5. Simon's response is not unlike our own. "I have tried, Lord, but I've had no success."

It is true. By our own power, we fall short of even our own expectations. Listen to Simon Peter's faith, "But at your word I will let down the nets!" He made the effort and Jesus did the rest – "And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking," 6.

Jesus can only use those who make themselves available to Him. Our greatest ability is our availability. In the context of Luke 5 many heard the Lord teach, 1. When the people pushed Jesus to the water's edge He improvised and asked nearby fishermen to take launch into the lake. Teaching required flexibility, 2. Challenges force teachers to adapt their method, 3. Jesus' involvement of other students led to greater opportunities.

They became invaluable partners in His task.

Jesus was not content to leave his partners in the shallows. He commanded, "Put out into the deep" for a deeper understanding. They had labored into the night but bore no fruit, But, when Jesus comes in futures are altered, 3. Launching into the deep might have seemed fruitless, 4. Jesus taught them that past experience is no measure of effectiveness, 5. Divine guidance always produces in abundance, 6. The work will become too much for a few. Other partners are needed, and they will share the result, 7. When we've seen the end from the beginning, faith results, 8. It is strengthened at the sight of His divine power, 9.



Jesus dispelled fear. He always changes what we are concerned about into what He is concerned about, 10. Perhaps here the greatest lesson of all is observed in the disciple's response to Jesus – "And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him," 11. True availability means leaving behind our busy-ness!

Jesus brought the disciples from doing little things to doing great things. It all began with a teacher improvising and partners becoming involved. You may not think yourself up to the task at hand. Leave behind your busy-ness and rely upon your greatest ability, availability! Jesus will take you and use you to greater things than you have ever seen. □

Watch LIVE!

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Note from Searcy & Evelyn

Thank you so much for the food, calls, flowers and cards. We especially thank you for all of your prayers during the loss of our Cathy. Your expressions of love are deeply appreciated. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring and loving family.

We love you all!  
Searcy & Evelyn Hall

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Mike Coward** has been struggling with allergies and coughing of late. They participated via live stream last week. We are continuing to pray for both **Mike & Peggy**.

**Ruth Mitchell** was able to be with us for assembly worship on Sunday. We are glad to see her doing so well following surgery. Please continue to pray for her.

**Phil Shaver** has been suffering from a head-cold in recent days. He wasn't able to be with us Wednesday. We are praying that he is better.

Please make note of **Brenden Sanchez-Ferretiz's** address. Brenden is our newest Weatherly member.

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## DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



DECEMBER 19, 2021

12-23	Charles Hill	12-26	Phil Furlough
12-27	Searcy Hall	12-29	Peggy Coward
12-29	Gene Preston	1-1	Sharon Dubose
1-4	Isabella Hatcher	1-6	Keria Godette
1-7	Bobby Wright	1-9	Wes Caudle

## THE BLESSED

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At the commencement of His "Sermon on the Mount," *Matthew 5:3-12*, Jesus taught that the truly "blessed" (happy) are those who acknowledge they are spiritual paupers without God, who weep over their sins, thus seeking Heaven's pardon. The happy are those who meekly submit themselves to divine control, who incessantly hunger and thirst for the spiritual righteousness that truly satisfies. They lovingly extend mercy to others, just as they have received it from the Lord; happily maintain pure (unmixed) motives focused upon God; they strive to live in peace with their Creator and others. These are so spiritually dedicated that even persecution cannot extinguish their joy. One cannot but think of our fore-parents in faith "who loved that their lives unto the death" and who sang praises because "they were counted worthy to suffer" for Him who redeemed them from spiritual ruin.

How very foolish we are when we allow ourselves to be enticed from godliness by the temporal and exceedingly shallow emotions of passing mirages. In the end they prove to be nothing more than cruel illusions in the eternal order of things.

Brethren, pray that we enter not into such temptations, *Luke 22:40*. In reality, temptations are far more common than we realize, and are becoming more so in the increasingly crass world in which we live. Don't let Satan leave the impression that our circumstance governs our state of mind. ☐

## 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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live stream during  
all Weatherly services



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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 19

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

*Isaiah 11*

**Sermon:** Mike McLemore

*The Spirit of the Lord*

**Closing Prayer:** Riley Monroe

### Evening Worship

#### Bible Skillz

CANCELLED

**Songs Leader:**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**

*Virtual Devotion on ZOOM*

### Wednesday, December 22

**Songs Leader:** David Jacks  
**Invitation:** Mike McLemore  
**Closing Prayer:** Alex Thompson

### Sunday, December 26

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

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

**Sermon:** Mike McLemore

*The Gift*

**Closing Prayer:** Dwight Ivey

### Evening Worship

CANCELLED

**Songs Leader:**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Wednesday, December 29

**Songs Leader:** Hill Roberts  
**Invitation:** Mike McLemore  
**Closing Prayer:** David Jacks

## 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**

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**Communion Prep  
Building Lockup**

