

Weatherly Weekly

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“YOU CAN BE WISE”

Michael W. McLemore

Ask any kids Bible class what Solomon requested when God told him He would grant him one request in and almost always the answer will be “wisdom.” In principle this is correct. But Solomon’s specific request was in reality for “understanding and discernment” — “And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” *1 Kings 3:8-9*.

This caused us to think of another of God’s great leaders, Joseph. By the power of God Joseph was able to interpret Pharaoh’s dreams and give him a plan of survival for the entire nation of Egypt. Pharaoh responded to Joseph by asking him to lead the nation, second under his command. Notice the two characteristics Pharaoh mentioned, “ Then Pharaoh said to Jo-

seph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are,” *Genesis 41:39*. Both are essential to leadership.

Solomon teaches his readers to receive and treasure God’s words, *Proverbs 2:1*. In this text he says to “incline your ear to wisdom.” First, wisdom can be heard by listening to God — God’s word. Incline “your heart to understanding,” *Proverbs 2:2*. Second, God’s word can be understood. Too many today are comfortable in ignorance toward the Bible. Often friends are heard to admit that they really don’t know the Bible. Sad, but true! God’s wisdom is lost on them.

Joseph and Solomon are examples of truly wise men. They listened to God. They fully submitted to Him. They depended upon Him. It began with listening to His word and inclining their hearts toward what He said and taught!

Would you be wise? Listen to God’s word. Incline your heart toward it! You can be wise! □

Make Me a SERVANT

Adapted

We sing a song from our supplemental book entitled, “Make Me a Servant.” I wonder if we realize what we are singing?

Most will say, “I am happy to serve.” That is, as long as it fits in with my schedule and doesn’t get in the way of my goals and my favorite activities and tv shows. I am happy to serve on my terms, when it pleases me and when I will get credit for it from others. I am happy to serve when others are watching and take notice.

But am I really happy to be a servant? A servant doesn’t serve when it is convenient. A servant is one who serves because the master says to (cf. Luke 17:7-9). A servant simply serves because that is his job. He doesn’t stop to ask if it fits in his schedule. He doesn’t stop to ask if it meets his terms. He doesn’t stop to see if anyone is looking. He simply serves.

I don’t mind serving as long as I get to remain in control. I get to choose when, where and how far I am going to go in my serving. Once I lose that control, I become vulnerable. If I take this serving thing too far, you might take advantage of me. I certainly don’t want that to happen. Surely God doesn’t expect me to let that happen of does He?

Do I really want God to make me a servant, just like His Son? Do I really want to spend my life in the service of God and others knowing full well that most of the

people I strive to serve won’t appreciate it, won’t care about me and might even turn on me? Do I really want to be a servant knowing it will cost me my life in more ways than one?

That is the struggle we face when we become Christians. According to I Peter 1:22, we were purified for a sincere love of the brethren. One of the reasons we obeyed the truth and received cleansing was so we could love God’s children. Further, in Philippians 2:3-4 we are told to view others as more important than ourselves. Being a servant is merely a natural response from those who truly love and truly see others as more important.

The next time my wife wakes me from a doze asking me to do something I know she could do for herself, I must not gripe and complain. I must not lash out. I should serve. After all, I am to be a servant.

The next time a brother or sister puts out a plea for help, I shouldn’t rely on everyone else to get the job done. Rather, I should be there to love and serve. After all, I am to be a servant.

Don’t get me wrong. I am not saying I have this servant thing down. I am growing in it as well. However, if we are going to sing “make me a servant just like Your Son,” then I am going to have to be ready for the consequences. I am going to have to quit serving on my time and become a servant. □



Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

The **Hagewood family** has been overtaken by the COVID virus. **Steve & Shelia** are the latest victims. Both are in various stages but seem to be responding well. Please keep this family in your prayers.

David Hand contracted COVID recently. He was diagnosed early the week before last. He is out of quarantine. He said he had moderate cold symptoms and did not require any medications. We are thrilled that it was not worse. Please keep David in your prayers. **Susan** was affected several months ago and seems to have avoided any reinfection.

Mike & Peggy Coward are both better following their COVID diagnosis. Peggy still has laryngitis. Her doctors don't seem to be too concerned about it. Mike now has bronchitis. When it rains it pours. Pray for Mike & Peggy.

Susan & Dwight Ivey are both doing good. Thankfully Dwight dodged infection. The Ivey's are appreciative of your prayers for them over the last couple of weeks.

The **McLemore's** grandchildren, **Bentley** (10) & **Maelie Garlock** (7) who live in Texas, were diagnosed last Wednesday with COVID. Both have moderate symptoms but seem to be responding to medication. We really appreciate your prayers and other expressions of concern for them.

Betty Dubose's Cardioversion went well on Monday. She is out of AFIB. Please keep her in your prayers. Your encouragement has been appreciated.

Will & Sarah Stark's granddaughter, **Ciera**,

continues on our prayer list as she undergoes both radiation and chemo. Say her name daily to the Lord.

Peggy Shelton's cousin, **Rita Montgomery**, was moved to an acute long term care facility in Athens, North Alabama Specialty Hospital. Pray for Rita.

Please continue to pray for **Mechi Hunt's** sister, **Zoila Herring**.

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

WEATHERLY UPDATES

WEDNESDAY we were again forced to resume a stream only assembly due to high COVID numbers in our Weatherly family. Everyone seems to be doing well. We appreciate your understanding. Our hope is that this will not be necessary going forward.

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

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. **Mike's** lesson today is entitled "Make Me Smile Again!" from **Psalm 51**.

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

Wednesday our study of **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm with streaming and in-person assembly. ☐

Satanic Tactic

James W. Adams

Inspiration portrays the Christian life as warfare with Satan, *1 Timothy 6:12*. Satan is the foe, *1 Peter 5:8*. He employs many "devices," *2 Corinthians 2:11*. one of these is to create confusion among the soldiers of Christ by the introduction of spurious concepts that distract and divide. Thus confused, they ignore the enemy and confront one another. Cry fire in a crowded auditorium when there is not fire, and observe what happens.

History provides an interesting illustration of our point. In a sea-fight

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between Antiochus and the Romans, the former was made victorious by an adroit device of Hannibal. He gathered a great number of serpents, placed them in earthen vessels, and threw them into the ships of the Romans during the thick of battle. The snakes produces such chaos that the Romans were forced to flee.

Christians who man the "Ships of Zion" should be on the alert for the heinous pots of spiritual serpents Satan often introduces among them. Let us not allow anything to become an issue that truth tempered with love does not demand. ☐

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	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 16

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Bill Thompson**
Scripture Reading:

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Make Me Smile Again!
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Wednesday, January 19

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Sunday, January 23

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 4:17-32**
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
A New Life
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, January 26

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

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes January – March 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in January

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

**** Ed Dill (1-2), Kirk Hatcher (1-9), Tommy Hill (1-16), Will Starks (1-23), Marty Hunt (1-30)**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep Building Lockup

Kirk Hatcher

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1-19	Ed Dill	1-20	Edith Turner
1-23	Gordon Dorris	1-26	Marissa Hunt
1-29	Jim Risner	1-29	Will Starks
1-30	Jenny Jacks		

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