

# Weatherly Weekly

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## FAITH IN NEGATIVE TIMES

Michael W. McLemore

**O**ur world is full of suspicion, anxiety and ambiguity. Those negative emotions can cause the most mature to become distracted. They take our focus off of Christ. How can the child of God combat distraction in those times?

**Remember the source of our assurance.** God's people have every reason to live with confidence. His promised fellowship is ever present. Paul assured that He has granted a peace, which passes all understanding, *Philippians 4:7*. Too, God has promised to provide for our needs at all times. He empowers us to serve and obey Him.

**Reflect upon His past provision.** Our problem is that we often struggle to accept and trust Him for His promised spiritual blessings. It is in those times that we must double down. The Bible tells the stories of God's past aid to those living in trial. It alone reminds us that we live under the care of an all-powerful God. His word

is the source of great assurance. Meditating upon the word of God our single greatest tool.

**Raise your voice to God in prayer.** Drawing near to Him in prayer is a right that belongs exclusively to His children. "Pray without ceasing," *1 Thessalonians 5:17*. In those times when we are alone, prayer proves we are never really alone. Ask! He will hear.

**Rise above daily circumstance.** As we grow in our understanding of the Lord and His promises, our faith is strengthened and confidence in Him increases. God's people don't live in fear when they remember who it is that they serve. Rise up and trust in Him — He promised, "I will never leave you. I will never forsake you!"

Don't allow yourself to be influenced by negative messages that take your eyes off Christ. Focus on the truth of Scripture; put your confidence in our almighty God. Facing each day with His strength drives away doubt and anxiety. ☐

## A Powerful Lesson from Bees

Author Unknown

**M**y dad has bees. Today I went to his house and he showed me all of the honey he had gotten from the hives. He took the lid off of a 5 gallon bucket full of honey and on top of the honey there were 3 little bees, struggling. They were covered in sticky honey and drowning. I asked him if we could help them and he said he was sure they wouldn't survive. Casualties of honey collection I suppose.

I asked him again if we could at least get them out and kill them quickly, after all he was the one who taught me to put a suffering animal (or bug) out of its misery. He finally conceded and scooped the bees out of the bucket. He put them in an empty Chobani yogurt container and put the plastic container outside.

Because he had disrupted the hive with the earlier honey collection, there were bees flying all over outside.

We put the 3 little bees in the container on a bench and left them to their fate.

My dad called me out a little while later to show me what was happening. These three little bees were surrounded by all of their sisters (all of the bees are females) and they were cleaning the sticky nearly dead bees, helping them to get all of the honey off of their bodies. We came back a short time later and there was only one little bee left in the container. She was still being tended to by her sisters.

When it was time for me to leave we checked one last time and all three of the bees had been cleaned off enough to fly away and the container was empty. Those three little bees lived because they were surrounded by family and friends who would not give up on them, family and friends who refused to let them drown in their own stickiness and resolved to help until the last little bee could be set free.

Bee Sisters. Bee Peers. Bee Teammates.

We could all learn a thing or two from these bees. Bee kind always! ☐

Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Bill Reavis** tested positive for COVID Monday during his preop tests to repair the aneurysms in his aorta. This was most unfortunate and resulted in pushing out this most needed surgery for three weeks. He will remain at his daughter's home in Owens Crossroads until he is able to have the procedure. Please pray for Bill. He remains asymptomatic. His doctor gave him strict instructions to stay off of any roller coasters in the mean time.

Please keep **Betty Dubose** in your prayers. For now no AFIB. We are thankful.

**Melvin Godette's** mother, **Annie Godette**, remains hospitalized in Pennsylvania fighting COVID pneumonia. Her condition is serious. Please pray for Annie.

**Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, **Ciera**, needs prayer as she endures treatments.

Please continue to pray for **Rita Montgomery**, **Peggy Shelton's** cousin.

**Brennan Ivey** was able to return to school last week following his COVID diagnosis. We are thankful.

No news is good news! Our Weatherly COVID patients seem all to have mild to moderate symptoms. Those symptoms range from those of a mild cold to bad flu. We prefer the no news to report responses to our question, "How are you doing?" Please pray for all.

**Mike & Peggy Coward** both remain on our prayer list. COVID is a thing of the past for them, but Mike is being treated for bronchitis and Peggy's voice is still plagued with the laryngitis. Pray for Mike & Peggy.

**Ron & Phyllis** were both unsuspectingly exposed to COVID but thankfully seem to have dodged infection. That's the last thing they need.

**The McLemore's** grandchildren, **Bentley & Maelie Garlock** are fully recovered from COVID but their son-in-law, **Bryan**, tested positive last week. His symptoms are mild. You may remember that Bryan had COVID in 2020. Thank you for your prayers.

**June Furlough's** sister-in-law, **Doris Moore**, was released from the Crestwood Hospital and is in rehab. Thank you for your prayers.

**Mechi Hunt's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, continues to have an interest in our daily prayers.

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

**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 "A New Life" from **Ephesians 4**.

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. ☐

## Burden Bearing

Michael W. McLemore

Paul charged, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," *Galatians 6:2*. This "burden" is a spiritual burden. This is suggested by the fact that Paul instructs those who are "spiritual" to help restore such a person. Once he has been restored and is in the process of turning from his sin, he needs the help of all of those who are in the spiritual body of Christ. Bearing the burden of spiritual oppression brought upon him by sin is no easy load. Such oppression separates one from others, and also from God. Paul calls for "help."

God does not want one to try to handle this kind of burden alone. Helping one bear this kind of burden by being forbearing toward him is something that all who are in the body can do and must do.

It is true that there is a "burden" that one must bear alone, *5*. But this is a different kind of burden. Paul uses a different word for "burden" in this verse. This burden has to do with one's own work as a Christian. Every Christian must work out his own salvation, *Phil. 2:12*. Each person has his own work to do. Work that no one else can do for him, or help him do. But when it comes to the burden of sin that Paul is discussing in *Galatians 6:2* God knows that brother must lean on brother. This is what fellowship in the body of Christ is all about. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Bible Classes</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday AM Assembly</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday PM Assembly</b> Zoom	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday Classes</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

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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, January 23

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Song Leader:** **David Jacks**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Phil Shaver**  
**Lord's Table Lead:** **Tommy Hill**

*Ephesians 4:17-32*

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*A New Life*

**Closing Prayer:** **Riley Monroe**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** CANCELLED

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

### Wednesday, January 26

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

### Sunday, January 30

**Will Starks**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Alex Thompson**  
**Marty Hunt**

*Nehemiah 9:17*

**Mike McLemore**  
*Rubble to Restoration*

**Bill McCord**

### Evening Worship

CANCELLED

### Wednesday, February 2

**Mel Ambose**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Phil Shaver**

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

**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep Building Lockup**

**Kirk Hatcher**

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



1-23	Gordon Dorris	1-26	Marissa Hunt
1-29	Jim Risner	1-29	Will Starks
1-30	Jenny Jacks	1-31	Shirley Laney
2-7	Maragem Harbin	2-11	Aaron Gore
2-13	Julie Guice	2-14	Brennan Ivey
2-15	Glenda Cavender+	2-15	Hilda Wright

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