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The Associated Press carried a story some years ago of a Texas man who bought a 1,905 carat sapphire at a jewelry show for \$10.00. Purposefully he went to an area where the amateur dealers displayed their merchandise. He knew professional dealers charged hefty prices for their gems. At one vendor's booth he found the stone in a box of rocks priced at \$15.00. He realized that the rock was valuable and inquired about it. The dealer cut the price to \$10.00 and the purchase was made. The sapphire was later appraised at \$2.28 million!

The same uncut sapphire had probably passed through the hands of many people before someone finally recognized its value. Everyone would love to have an opportunity to purchase a sapphire for a fraction of its worth. The problem is that many of us would not recognize it, even if we held it in our hand.

Since the Gospel was first proclaimed more than two millennia ago a treasure far more

valuable than sapphires has not been recognized for its value. It is well within their grasp, yet they do not realize its worth. The treasure? Eternal life in an eternal kingdom, the kingdom of heaven!

Jesus told his contemporaries that "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, ...which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it," Matthew 13:44-46.

The kingdom came at a tremendous price, the death of the only begotten of God. Jesus, the Son of God. He purchased the kingdom, the church with His own blood, Acts 20:28. He purchased the kingdom (the church) with His own blood, Acts 20:28. This treasure of being a part of a glorious, eternal kingdom is available to all who will submit to the King. Yet, so many "miss the treasure." Don't make that mistake!

KNOWING THE KING'S VOICE

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

John 10:27-28

James W. Adams

here was once a wise and powerful king, who that he might the better acquaint himself with the actual condition of his people determined to travel through his realm in in disguise. So, laying aside his jeweled crown and his robes of state, and assuming the plain attire of a common peasant, he set out unobserved and unattended upon his journey.

Of the many who met him day by day, few gave him more than a passing glance; for none suspected that beneath this ordinary and homely exterior was hid the form of their great sovereign, who had exchanged his crown for a cap, his scepter for a staff, and his palace for such chance lodging places as he might find by the way.

It happened that he stopped at a wayside inn for rest and food. On entering, he found that many other travelers had arrived before him, and among them he observed a knight who he quickly recognized as a resident at his distant court. Scarcely any notice was taken of the disguised king, and at first not even the host himself seemed disposed to pay any attention to so humble a guest; until presently the king advancing to the host as he sat the centre of a noisy knot of gossipers, made known his wants, when of a sudden the knight just mentioned, who only momentarily glanced

at the stranger to resume immediately the polishing of his scabbard, started at the sound, and springing to his feet, came forward with the exclamation, "Who is this?"

"Only some beggarly peasant," replied the innkeeper, contemptuously eyeing the object of remark.

For a moment the hum of voices hushed, and all eyes turned toward him whose appearance had provoked such a question and such an answer, while the knight drew still nearer to the mysterious stranger, as if to remove or confirm some suspicion that filled his mind. And before another word could be uttered the knight cried out in tones which brought everyone in the room to his feet: "This may be the dress of a peasant and a beggar, but the voice is that of my lord the king!" (Krummacher)

Happy is the man who knows the voice of the Lord of Heaven, our Eternal King, so well that no garb in which it may come clothed can camouflage it sufficiently that he will fail to recognize it and do His bidding: Too many in the realm of religion in our day judge matters by the world-power, prestige, wealth, education, culture the standards of etc. Lord is often not clothed in these accourrements. \Box

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Weatherly Weekly

FAMILY MATTERS



News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members

FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Our prayers are with the **Godette family** as they travel to and from the funeral services for **Melvin's** mother, **Annie Godette**. We are saddened by her loss to this world because of this dreaded malady that has invaded our world. Please continue to pray for **Melvin**, **Donna**, **Keion**, **Keria** and their family.

Dianne, Ed & Phillip Dill have thankfully put COVID in their rearview mirror. We are thankful that their cases were not terribly serious. Our Lord is truly good.

Bill Reavis remains on our prayer list as he now anticipates his upcoming surgery to repair his two aneurysms. We will let you know as soon as the date is certain.

Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, Ciera, was diagnosed with COVID on top of her treatment regimen for cancer. Ciera was able to receive antibody infusion to preempt the COVID. She is undergoing radiation, but the Chemo had to be put on hold temporarily. Your fervent prayers are solicited and appreciated.

We are sad to report that Peggy Shelton's cousin, Rita Montgomery, passed away last week. Please remember this sweet family to the Lord as you pray. Her loss is keenly felt by all of those who love and know her.

June Furlough's sister-in-law, Doris Moore, was released from rehab. Also, June's sister continues to do well after her surgery. We are thankful for their progress.

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:

Glenda Cavender Laura Phillips Charlotte Hagewood Bill Reavis Melvin Godette Dot Summers Lane Roberts Ron Harmon

WEATHERLY MILESTONE

Yesterday some of you received an email from Facebook in celebration of Weatherly's fifty-sixth birthday. That was in error. Weatherly actually first met September 21st, 1965. You might be interested to note that today, February 6th, marks the 56th anniversary of the first meeting of the Weatherly Heights congregation at this location — 930 Weatherly Road. Just a handful of our current membership was present in that assembly. I thought you'd like to know that bit of history. *MWM*

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. Mike concludes his study, Divided We Fall!

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. Mike is beginning a new series today on "The Heart." His lesson today is "Fighting Heart Disease" from Acts 8:9-24.

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

Wednesday Mike begins a study of 1 Timothy. We hope you will be with us for the Bible classes. We meet at 7 pm with streaming and in-person assembly. □

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Maragem Harbin 2-7 2-11 **Aaron Gore** 2-13 Julie Guice 2-14 **Brennan Ivey** Glenda Cavender 2-15 Hilda Wright 2-15 2-23 2-27 Penny Hill Layla Belle Besherse

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Wait! Michael W. McLemore

A re you impatient? Most will confess to the common struggle with the malady known as CANT -WAIT-FOR-DINNER! The fast food industry thrives on it. But it's not our only battle. We wrestle with standing in line, with sitting in traffic, waiting on the doctor, being kept on hold, waiting on the oven to pre-heat and dealing with ignorance and inexperience. I recently read a piece entitled 23 Things That Are Struggles for Impatient People. We all have our problems with "waiting."

Think back to when you were a child. One word you likely detested hearing was WAIT. It's a difficult thing, being patient — especially when it keeps you from something you deeply want. But your parents had a reason for making you wait. Our parents had reasons for making us wait. God does too, *Mt 7:9-11*.

Whatever we felt as children, it's safe to say that in adulthood the stakes are often higher. Whatever we long for, the Bible tells us God "acts in behalf of one who waits for Him," *Isaiah 64:4*. Think of Mary and Martha in John 11, waiting for Jesus to rescue their brother Lazarus from illness. No matter how long the delay, the Lord is working in our best interest, even when there's no visible evidence. In the end, it's what He wants for us that matters — nothing short of resurrection.



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



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, February 6 Sunday, February 13

Welcome: Tommy Hill Will Starks
Song Leader: David Jacks Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Will Starks Tommy Hill
Lord's Table Lead: Collis Terry Bill Thompson
Acts 8:9-24 Psalm 138:1

Mike McLemore

Fighting Heart Disease

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Heart-Filled Worship

Closing Prayer: Kirk Hatcher Adam Hagewood

Evening Worship Evening Worship

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Songs Leader:

Sermon:

Opening Prayer: Virtual Devotion on ZOOM Virtual Devotion on ZOOM Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, February 9

Songs Leader: David Jacks Mel Ambrose
Invitation: Mike McLemore Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Bobby Wright WD Patrick

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes January – March 2022

Wednesday, February 16

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall **Mike McLemore**

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians *Mike McLemore*

Serving in February

Serving on the Lord's

Table AM** Collis Terry (2-6), Bill Thompson (2-13),** OverseerPhil Furlough (2-20), Steve Hagewood (2-27)

Lord's Supper PM **

Communion Prep Building Lockup

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