

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Walking Wisely

Michael W. McLemore

The Psalmist pled, "Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in a level (plain, *KJV*) path because of my enemies," *Psalms 27:11*.

Contrary to what may seem fair or right, the people who walk in the way of truth will have many enemies. Jesus reminded His generation, and ours by extension, that people have always "loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil," *John 3:19*. They have likewise always hated "the light" and do "not come to the light," lest their "works should be exposed," *20*. Blessed are those who accept the consequent responsibility required by these facts.

Rest assured that the eyes of enemies are always upon those who walk in God's truth. Our responsibilities to be circumspect in our God's directed conduct are multiplied. People who do not agree or who are offended by our walk are watching. Some seethe, ready to pounce at any opening. We cannot afford to be careless.

Christ's every word and act must be studied, then emulated. The interests of truth are involved in all that we say or do. We must be willing, even accustomed, to sacrifice our own "liberty" of action on the altar of truth. We dare not act irresponsibly.

Like David of old, we must always pray, "Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in a level path because of my enemies. A "level" or "plain path" is an infallibly right way. Those surrounded by enemies dare not walk in a way that is remotely questionable. Should not my prayer always be for God to help all those who lead in today's battles against apostasy to be sensible of their grave responsibility to walk in a plain path?

It is a fool's errand to seek the endorsement of a world that loves darkness. It has never been so that God's people are loved by the world who hates the light. Instead, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise!"

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# The REASONABLENESS OF FAITH

Doy Moyer

**F**aith is reasonable because trust, which is the heart of biblical faith, is reasonable. Faith does not require that every question be resolved before it can proceed, for that would not be considered trust. A child does not wait for parents to answer every question about difficult matters before trusting them. The child simply trusts that parents know what they are doing, and the child takes comfort in that. Yet how much greater is the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God? We act like we cannot show faith unless God first answers every difficulty to our satisfaction. This is not faith. It is, instead, an attempt to bring all of reality under our own finite reason, and that is itself unreasonable.

This does not mean that faith is naive or without evidence to back it up. Yet there is only so far we will go in understanding overarching reality and having the knowledge and wisdom to discern all matters of ultimate concern. If we cannot be humble enough to admit our own frailties, limitations of knowledge, and need for greater wisdom than we can offer, then our hubris will have destroyed us. Sometimes I fear it already has.

We all trust something or someone to provide a greater perspective on reality,

moral authority, and wisdom. Choosing self or other people with the same limitations is self-defeating and unsustainable. Even more self-defeating is relying on an ultimate nothing, for then we are trusting mindless, purposeless, accidental processes to give us a solid grounding for our own ability to think and reason. Yet how can that be considered reasonable? And what about denying that we have faith at all? That is unrealistic at best and dishonest at worst. We all place our trust in something.

In what, or in whom, do you place your trust? That's where your faith rests. Is it reasonable? That depends on whether what or whom you trust is truly in the position for which such trust is warranted.

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright."

*Psalm 20:7*



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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## We're Back TONIGHT at 6!

Two years ago COVID-19 forced us to cease Sunday evening services at Weatherly. TONIGHT we will resume our evening assembly. Our format will be somewhat different than our typical Sunday evening. We have opted for an open forum Bible study rather than a traditional "evening sermon." Services will begin promptly at 6 with Bible Skillz for the children. We will proceed with assembly worship: song, prayer and Bible study. An invitation and song will follow with the Lord's Supper being offered afterward. Finally, we will dismiss with prayer around 6:45-to 6:50.

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Al Reeder**, long time member of the Chapman Acres church, was laid to rest last Friday. Brother Reeder was a great encourager and friend to many here at Weatherly Heights. He is the grandfather of **Jonathan Reeder**, who has participated in two of our lecture programs in the last few years. Please remember the Reeder family as you pray this week.

We are continuing to pray for **the Britnell family** in the loss of their matriarch, sister **Madelene Britnell**. She is the grandmother of our own **Julie Singleton**. Your thoughtful words and deeds of encouragement are appreciated.

Please continue to remember **David & Jenny Jack's** grandson, **Owen**. He is recovering from a difficult procedure. Your prayers are greatly treasured.

**Mackenzie Steele**, granddaughter of **Cathy & Gene Preston** remains on our prayer list. We

will relay any new information as soon as it is available for distribution.

**Ciera Elledge**, granddaughter of **Will & Sarah Starks** continues her treatments. This is a trying time for Ciera and for all those who love her. Your prayers for her are solicited.

**Mechi Hunt's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, remain on our daily prayer list. The family greatly prizes every pray for Zoila.

Pray for those who are in assisted living facilities and memory care — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, & Lane Roberts**. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Glenda Cavender</b>	<b>Melvin Godette</b>
<b>Laura Phillips</b>	<b>Ron Harmon</b>
<b>Charlotte Hagewood</b>	<b>Lane Roberts</b>
<b>Bill Reavis</b>	

## TODAY AT WEATHERLY

**Sunday morning Bible Class** begins at 9:30. **Mike** will conclude our study of **1 Timothy — Holding Faith in a Good Conscience**.

**Sunday morning worship** begins promptly at 10. **Mike** is continuing his series — **"Just Like Your Son."** His lesson today is titled **Make Me a Servant** from **Mark 10:45**.

**Sunday evening worship** begins at 6. We hope to have a large number of our children on the front seat for **Bible Skillz!**

**Wednesday Mike's** class will begin a study of **2 Timothy**. We hope you will be with us for the Bible classes. We meet at 7 pm. ☐

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4-5	Carolynn Barr	4-6	Jerry Mitchell
4-8	Williams Hill	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-18	Peggy Monroe	4-20	John Stokes
4-21	Charley Carter	4-21	Dianne Dill
4-21	Mechi Hunt	4-23	David Jacks
4-25	Sue Terry	4-27	Lauren Thompson
4-29	Harrison Smith		

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## Love My Enemies?

Michael W. McLemore

We are aware that Jesus said, "Love your enemies." We believe this should be done without question or without looking for reasons to do so. By the title of this article I do not seek to question the wisdom of the Lord Jesus' command. It's simply designed to emphasize another reason why we might love our enemies, even cherish them, as difficult as the exercise may be.

The following observation was long ago uttered, "It's a tossup which helps more — the praise of our friends or the criticism of our enemies!" Each can motivate can it not?

An enemy often sees in us poor traits of character, wrong attitudes and acts to which a friend is blinded by his love for us and his closeness to us. I could ask, "Is that not a thing of value?" Granted an enemy rejoices to point our failings out to us, often brutally and frankly. A friend on the other hand would tend to palliate and excuse them, knowing our best intention and more often observed good will.

Do you not see the sage wisdom in the observer's thought provoking dilemma? Love of friends is of great value. But, we ought also to be thankful for our enemies. Without them we might never see ourselves as we really are! ☐

## 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>	<b>6:00 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, April 3

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Song Leader:** **Mel Ambrose**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Will Starks**  
**Lord's Table Lead:** **Collis Terry**

*Luke 19:28-44*

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*Blessed Be the King!*

**Closing Prayer:** **Bill McCord**

### Sunday, April 10

**Will Starks**  
**David Jacks**  
**Marty Hunt**  
**Phil Furlough**

*Luke 22:1-6*

**Mike McLemore**  
*Betrayed!*

**Adam Hagewood**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**

**Songs Leader:** **Mel Ambrose**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Kirk Hatcher**  
**Closing Prayer:** **David Jacks**

### Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**

**David Jacks**  
**W.D. Patrick**  
**Ron Harmon**

### Wednesday, April 6

**Songs Leader:** **Bill Thompson**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Alex Thompson**

### Wednesday, April 13

**Hill Roberts**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Collis Terry**

## 2022 Lectures TBA

## Quarterly Adult Classes March — June 2022

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Faith & A Good Conscience  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
Second Timothy  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in April

**Serving on the Lord's  
Table AM & PM**  
**\*\* Overseer**

**\*\* Collis Terry (4-3), Phil Furlough (4-10),  
Bill Thompson (4-17), Phil Shaver (4-24)**

**Communion Prep  
Building Lockup**

**Phil Furlough**

