

# Weatherly Weekly

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## LIVING BLAMELESSLY

Michael W. McLemore

Jesus taught the importance of loving other people and demonstrated it by blameless living. Peter observed His example then taught Christians how to follow Jesus' lead in our relationships with our fellowman – "Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing," *1 Peter 3:9*.

The natural tendency is to seek retaliation of some kind against those who hurt us. When someone does or says something hurtful to us, what are we to do? Rather than paying someone back, we are to bless the person who hurt us. How can we do that? Simply by forgiving the person and seeking to show God's love to them.

But, "What's in it for us?" God's Word teaches that we reap what we sow. If we sow blessing into the life of a person who has hurt us, we will reap God's blessing in future with Him.

Peter goes on to speak of our response to unbelievers who hurt us, though it could also apply to believers who do us wrong. To follow Jesus is to sow blessing to anyone, no matter how they treat us. Peter reminded, "in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect," *1 Peter 3:15*.

When we are honoring Jesus in our hearts, we will be ready to tell others how He changed us. Our behavior with others is very different from those who are not followers of Jesus. When we are hurt by others, we don't retaliate, but we bless. This is living blamelessly.

Blessing another, Christian or not, involves showing others who Christ is by the life we live before them. Following Jesus means living blamelessly as Jesus did. □

# Our Winter of Discontent

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Richard III's opening speech from Shakespeare's history play of that name is among the most famous speeches in all of Shakespeare's work – "Now is the winter of our discontent." Discontentment is growing by leaps and bounds in this generation. The unrealistic appearances portrayed in social media – Instagram, Twitter, Facebook – along with advertising campaigns and news outlets exploding in our culture are feeding dissatisfaction with circumstances in every age category. We are feeding our spirits with the wrong things, *John 6:51*.

Instead of being delighted by the stories and posts, a person begins dwelling upon what life would be like if "my" circumstances were different. It becomes difficult, expressly for the immature mind, to separate a single filtered-photo from reality. Lest older Christians believe this is an issue exclusively for the young, be assured our culture impacts our own contentment.

The Christian needs to remember that contentment is not determined by circumstances. We often want to blame circumstances for our discontent. This is a false assumption. Contentment is determined by what one believes. And our belief is driven by what we see. Hence, the things a person daily consumes will have a powerful impact upon how that person views themselves in present circumstances.

Younger generations who are developing their own self-image struggle to find contentment. Young married mothers see their friends' seemingly perfect lives and judge their own as inadequate. Young men are increasingly fed the cultural lie that masculinity is toxic to culture. Parents are left with the impression that they are inadequate because they can't take their family on this trip or that because of the vacations others are taking. Older Americans are progressively discontent because of daily "bad news" or political and cultural unrest across the nation. Discontentment touches all.

The first step to defeating discontentment in the life of Christians and in their families is to stop doing what we are doing, then set our affections on higher things, *Colossians 3:1-3*. Modifying the media that one consumes is important to both sparing one's own emotional wellbeing and setting the mind on Christ. It is imperative that "every" Christian take a long hard look at the messaging being consumed and the hours wasted on media sources of every type. Break with social media and the news. But the root of the problem is deeper than the influential messages one consumes. Invest that new found

windfall of time in "things above."

We must get our spiritual eyes back. We must change our thinking, and what we invest mental time upon. What we ponder is what we perceive. We are discontent because we've been meditating on the wrong things and have become weighed down with earthly frustration. Isn't it time to pick up the easy yoke and invest mental time in Christ's things? *Matthew 11:28-30*. Listen to Paul, "...whatever is true... honorable... just... pure... lovely... commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you," *Philippians 4:8-9*. Peace comes from viewing then practicing God's "praise worthy things."

Finally, God holds your future in His hand. Present circumstances have no hold on your earnest hope. King David wrote the timeless truths to which every Christians should learn to cling. He spoke for himself, but prophetically announced the faithful words in which His own King Jesus would later rely in His death, *Psalms 16:5-11*:

"The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.  
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.  
You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Lay aside the sinful weight of discontentment that stems from disappointment and leads to grumbling. Then "run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God," *Hebrews 12:1-2*. Dispense finally with the long hard winter of discontent and run your race with Christ alone in view. □

Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Family Updates

### Prayers:

**Ruth Mitchell's** surgery on Thursday was a resounding success. She has soreness from the procedure but the pain that plagued her since her fall is gone. To be certain, prayers of thankfulness are in order.

**Caryl Eh'l's** appointment with her Huntsville cardiologist has revealed a significant decline in her heart function. This presents several symptoms. Pray for **Caryl & Jim**.

**Becky Hill** has her last Chemo series of treatments in this regimen behind her. It will take time for her to regain needed strength. Our prayer is that this will have accomplished its goal. Please continue to say **Becky & Tommy's** names to the Lord.

We are continuing to remember our dear sister **Edith Turner** in prayer as she mourns the passing of her daughter, **Glenda Bradner**. Also, remember Glenda's brother, **Jim**, and sister, **Linda**.

**Peggy Monroe** has transitioned to skilled nursing at Regency. This new level of care is reflective of her need for extra help on a daily basis. Pray for **Riley** and the family as they go through this difficult time.

**Wes'** mom, **Louise Caudle** and the family was elated to learn that her surgery had gone better than anticipated. Several in their family have COVID, including Louise. Pray please!

**Paige Pollard**, the 10 week old daughter of **John & Sylvia Pollard**, remains in ICU at Texas children's hospital in Houston. At this printing she is receiving supplemental help breathing but is not intubated. Please pray for the Pol-

lard's. John preaches for the Northwest church on Gaithersburg, Maryland. Sylvia grew up in Huntsville and was a member at Kelly Springs.

**Jenny Jacks** remains on our prayer list. We are trusting the Lord to help her get better.

**Betty Dubose's** brother-in-law, **Leonard Downum**, also needs our prayers as he begins treatments for a rare but treatable cancer.

**Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, **Ciera Elledge**, continues her treatments.

**Sherrie Stovall's** brother, **Parker Jones**, remains on our prayer list as he recovers.

**Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, remains in our daily prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragem Harbin & Betty Dubose**.

## This Week at Weatherly

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE** class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** is continuing his study titled "Maxims for Living" from Proverbs.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10. **Mike** begins a new series today titled, **Overcoming Bad Choices**. Today's lesson is from **Hebrews 11:24-28**.

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP** begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in an informal devotional in an open forum setting. Let's all attend.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his verse by verse study of the book of **First Thessalonians**. Take advantage of this respite from the world in the middle of the week. It will help! ☐

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY 5, 2023

2-7	Maragem Harbin	2-11	Aaron Gore
2-13	Julie Guice	2-14	Brennan Ivey
2-5	Glenda Cavender	2-15	Hilda Wright
2-20	Lara Ambrose		

## Faith That is Seen

Michael W. McLemore

Teaching our faith and values to others is to point out the rewards and consequences connected with what you believe. This is especially true in our homes, before our children or grandchildren.

While this isn't only confined to what is taking place in your home, its impact is greatly effectual in that environment. When things go wrong at home, pointing out the principle or standard you violated leaves a lasting impression to those who look to you for their guidance. When your family is rewarded for an area of faithfulness, helping them see the connection lives on in the next generation. Pointing out God's faithfulness whenever possible aids the young to see it for themselves as they grow. We are shaping our children's worldview – the grid through which they will interpret all the events of life. Take every opportunity to help them develop that framework.

Nothing under God's heaven takes the place of a mother and a father patterning the truth of God before the next generation. It's more effectively caught than taught. Moses told the people of God to diligently teach their children "when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up," *Deuteronomy 6:7*. When they see your faith living in you, they come to desire that same devotion. ☐

## 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>Hill Roberts</b>	<b>Collis Terry</b>
<b>Bobby Wright</b>	

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, February 5th

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Song Leader:** **Mel Ambrose**  
**Opening Prayer:** **WD Patrick**  
**Lord's Table Lead:** **Phil Furlough**  
*Hebrews 11:24-28*  
**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*Overcoming Bad Choices*  
**Closing Prayer:** **Adam Hagewood**

### Sunday, February 12th

**Will Starks**  
**David Jacks**  
**Ed Dill**  
**Bill Thompson**  
*John 6:66-71*  
**Mike McLemore**  
*Next Level Living*  
**Searcy Hall**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
**Songs Leader:** **Mel Ambrose**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Phil Shaver**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Tommy Hill**

### Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**  
**David Jacks**  
**Will Starks**  
**David Jacks**

### Wednesday, February 8th

**Songs Leader:** **Collis Terry**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Mel Ambrose**

### Wednesday, February 15th

**Mel Ambrose**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Alex Thompson**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

January – March 2023

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

*Maxims for Living*  
**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

*1 & 2 Thessalonians*  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in February

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

**\*\* Phil Furlough (2-5), Bill Thompson (2-12), Collis Terry (2-19), Tommy Hill (2-26)**

Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

**Collis Terry**

