

# Weatherly Weekly

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## FIND REFUGE IN THE LORD

Michael W. McLemore

The Psalmist wondered, “Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?” *Psalm 2:1*. It is a foolish king and reckless subjects who plot rebellion against God. Rulers and leaders of the earth have set themselves against the Lord and His Anointed. They think that they can cast off God’s rule and establish their own kingdoms, but this writer warns them that their efforts are futile — “He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision,” 4.

Psalm 2 is a powerful declaration of God’s sovereignty over all nations and peoples. It speaks of the rebellion of the nations against God and His Anointed — the coming Christ — and His response to their defiance. While it’s fulfillment is in Jesus, its sentiment is relevant today.

The Son is set down as the singular authority over heaven and earth. The nations are His heritage, the ends of the earth are His possession, *Matthew 28:18*. The kingdoms of the earth are broken and consumed by His kingdom, 7-9; cf. *Daniel 2:44*. Nations plot in vain against His

authority. Submitting to God’s rule and to serving the Lord with fear and trembling is their only salvation — “Blessed are all who take refuge in Him,” 12.

Three things come to mind. First, God is in control of all nations and peoples, and no one can resist His will. Wisdom says, “Stand with God! Serve the Lord!” Second, rebellion against God is foolish. Its ultimate end is ruin. Last, Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords, and His kingdom will endure forever. Embrace Him. Only in Him is salvation, blessing and divine protection found.

The message of Psalm 2 is timeless. Its message forms the foundation of the Christian’s appeal to a people who are searching for direction in a nation who has forgotten God. Let us as His people first model submission to God’s rule and then serve Him with fear and trembling. Take refuge in Jesus Christ [the Anointed], our King and Savior, and trust in Him to guide us and protect us. May we be among the blessed who find refuge in the Lord. □

In all history of the world there have been many causes to which men have attached their efforts and influence. Many have been tragic hoaxes deluding many honest and sincere men, while others have been to a greater or lesser degree worthwhile to humanity. Regardless, however, of their ultimate value, great homage has

service.” Herein is embodied the urgent scope of the demands of our Lord’s cause, that all who aspire to the name Christian should come and present themselves without reservation as living sacrifices unto God (pp. 276-277).

The church today is the only stronghold

## LIVING SACRIFICE

Paul Earnhart

always been paid to the men who give their all that a cause might live. If a soldier pours out his life’s blood on some far flung battle field in a deed of heroic daring, he is said to have served above and beyond the call of duty. If some noble individual pays the supreme price as a human guinea pig for medical science that others might be spared the ravages of disease, his name is not soon forgotten, lest he be praised too little for such uncalled-for devotion. Indeed, the world enthrones with honor all who give the last full measure of devotion out of love for a cause.

The purposes of Christianity make it the noblest and greatest cause. Its demands on its followers make it without a doubt the most challenging. Paul writing to the church at Rome made this urgent exhortation “... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your spiritual

of New Testament Christianity. Think now what it would mean if she apostatized. Think of the millions of souls yet unborn that might never hear a gospel sermon. Yet today we’re playing with the fire that could consume the church in apostasy. We hear on every hand, “If you can’t get men who meet all the qualifications of the elder get the best you have.” I have observed that in almost every small congregation for which I have preached that at least one or more so-called elders do not meet the qualifications. This trend has been created by a lack of men qualified for the eldership and ultimately a failure of Christians to be living sacrifices. It is because we do not have enough mothers and fathers who impress upon their young sons the nobility and importance of the work of an elder and consequently cause them to aspire to it. Until this situation be changed the doctrinal soundness of the church rests on very shaky ground (pp. 280-281). □

Watch  
LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Time to Say Goodbye

We are sad to say goodbye to **Mike & Peggy Coward** this week. A splendid gathering was held in their honor yesterday. Many came together to honor them. They aren't moving too far, just to Madison. They are loved and cherished by all. We will never be able to measure the contribution the Cowards have made to our work here at Weatherly Heights. They have touched each of us in very special ways. We are thankful that they will be nearer to family and close enough for us to drop in for a visit from time to time. I will have more to say about some of this in our next issue of *The Weatherly Weekly*. Mike

Also, we wanted to say thank you to our sister, **Susan Hand**, for all of her hard work in coordinating the gathering for us yesterday. It was perfectly organized.

## Family Updates

### Prayers:

A memorial service was held yesterday for former Weatherly member and friend to many, **Donna Rovere**. Donna passed away Thursday morning surrounded by her family. She was 71. She will be missed by many. Please keep her family and those who love her in your prayers.

**Phil Furlough** is recovering well after his outpatient medical procedure on Thursday. Please say Phil's name in prayer this week. Lord willing he won't be suffering too much discomfort as a result.

**Knox Ambrose** is back to 100% since his eye procedure. You can't keep a good man or boy

down. He's definitely a "sport model." Pray that his surgery will be beneficial.

**Caryl Ehl** makes progress daily. I caught a glimpse of her at the grocery yesterday. What a joy! Keep her in your prayers.

**Leonard Downum** remains on our prayer list. Say **Betty Dubose's** sister, **DeeDee's**, name too! The days ahead will be challenging.

**Wes Caudle's** mother, **Louise Caudle**, continues her Chemo. Pray for her.

Remember to pray for **Ciera Elledge** as she continues her immunotherapy. We are looking forward to further good news from her future scans. Your prayers are appreciated.

**Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, remains in our daily prayers. Say her name to the Lord.

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** will continue his series titled, **Firm Foundations**. Today's lesson is **Christ's Authority in His Word** taken from **John 16:13**.

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP** begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in an informal devotional.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** begins at 7. **Mike** is continuing his verse by verse study of the book of **Second Thessalonians**. ☐

## MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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3-18	Susan Ivey	3-28	Adrienne West
4-2	Silvia Henderson	4-5	Carolynn Barr
4-6	Jerry Mitchell	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-18	Peggy Monroe	4-20	John Stokes

## Behold, My Cell Phone

Jason Goldtrap

Behold, my cell phone,  
with its bright, glowing screen!  
With all its games and features  
and its shimmering gleam.  
How convenient, how needful  
for everyday life,  
When the power goes out  
I can use it as a light.  
It's so easy to handle,  
a child can understand,  
Its user friendly message —  
its simple, simple plan.  
It's profitable for business  
and inexpensive to buy,  
Yet its text is so valuable  
that it captures the eye.  
Every morning before  
my feet hit the floor,  
I check it anticipating  
what's in store.  
And at night before  
I slide into bed,  
I make sure its messages  
have all been read.  
I'd like to give you one,  
so you can see,  
How great it is,  
I know you'll agree.  
I would be so sad if  
it ever were lost,  
'Cause the bill's been paid  
On a cross.  
I decided to switch some words  
with this little poem,  
And instead of typing "Bible"  
I wrote "cell phone."  
This world can be tricky,  
lonely, confusing,  
Mostly from neglect it  
by our own choosing.  
We lose the focus of eternity  
by gawking at today,  
And then somehow seem surprised  
when we go astray.  
So when your reception is scrambled,  
when your screen is all blurred,  
Put down your silly cell phone  
and pick up God's Holy Word. ☐

## 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>	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, March 19th

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

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*Christ's Authority in His Word*  
**Closing Prayer:** **Kirk Hatcher**

### Sunday, March 26th

**Will Starks**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Tommy Hill**  
**Marty Hunt**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*  
**Mike McLemore**  
*A Golden Thread*  
**Will Starks**

### Evening Worship

<b>Bible Skillz</b>	<b>Mike McLemore</b>	<b>Mike McLemore</b>
<b>Songs Leader:</b>	<b>Mel Ambrose</b>	<b>David Jacks</b>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Alex Thompson</b>	<b>Ed Dill</b>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Dwight Ivey</b>	<b>Wes Caudle</b>

### Wednesday, March 22nd

**Songs Leader:** **Phil Furlough**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Phil Shaver**

### Wednesday, March 29th

**Mel Ambrose**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Philip Dill**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2023

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

*Maxims for Living*  
**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

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

## Serving in March

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

**\*\* Ed Dill (3-5), Steve Hagewood (3-12),**  
**Phil Shaver (3-19), Marty Hunt (3-26)**

**Communion Prep**  
**Building Lockup**

**Mike McLemore**

