

# Weatherly Weekly

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## A LIFE LIVED FOR HIS GLORY

Michael W. McLemore

Numerous times in his letters, Paul exhorted believers to live a life worthy of God — “And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,” *Colossians 1:10*. Though we cannot enhance the glory of God, He is perfect in His own glory, we can draw attention to His glory by our manner of life. God created us 'in his image so that we would reflect his glory in the world. We were made to be prisms refracting the light of God's glory into all of life. How can we reflect His image to our contemporaries? Consider the following...

Living for the glory of God is an act of complete surrender. Only when we acknowledge God's sovereignty over every aspect of our lives can we begin to show forth His nature. This includes casting aside our worldly worries, which are in actual fact subtle lapses in our faith that our omnipotent God is in full control, and

that He in all his wisdom knows and cares for our needs, *Matthew 6:25-34*.

Living for the glory of God means giving Him due reverence as our Creator and Savior. Honoring the Lord for giving us all things that pertain to life and godliness is essential. True reverence for God invites the worship and adoration of those who have accepted His benefits freely offered. How can one claim to be His child, and thereby the beneficiary of His promises, but refrain from service to His name?

Living for the glory of God means living lives separate from the world. “Come out from among them and be ye separate,” *2 Corinthians 6:17*. Paul then asked, “What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people,’” *6:16*. We actively seek not to defile our lives with sin, but aspire to a life lived for His glory. After all we are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” □

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## Attitudes that Edify!

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There is told of a young woman who moved with her husband to a military training center in the middle of the Mojave Desert. The two lived in a one-room shack in the unbearable 125 degree heat. Soon she became lonely. She had no one with whom to talk. One day she wrote to her parents and told them she was giving up and coming home. She said she would rather be in jail. This two-line letter her mother wrote back changed her life.

“Two men looked out from prison bars. One saw the mud, the other saw the stars.”

She read her mother's words again and again. Her loneliness was turned to shame. The young woman decided that she would try to see the stars in her present situation: making friends with the natives, taking an interest in their weaving and pottery. She learned about their customs, different forms of cacti and the habits of the prairie dogs. Her life was transformed. The Mojave Desert had not changed. She had! Her mother from a distance had lifted her daughter up to a higher plane of living. She was her encourager. I've long ago forgotten the source of this story, but it resounds powerfully for every discouraged heart.

The word, “edify,” means, “the act of building.” Biblically it is an act of one who promotes another's growth in wisdom, piety, holiness, and happiness according to Thayer. Thayer continues suggesting its verb form lends itself to the work of “a builder, or architect.” Without nailing a single plank the mother reached across the nation and became the architect of a better life.

The Bible admonishes the child of God to be busy with the work of edification. Preaching is preeminently a work of edification. Consider these five attitudes which characterize the “encourager.”

### THE ATTITUDE OF LOVE

The Bible says, “...knowledge puffs up, but love builds up,” *1 Corinthians 8:1*. Love is the basis for all other constructive attitudes. Love says, “I care about you.” “I want to help you.” “I want to encourage you.” “I'm interested in you.” Love edifies when it exhibits the qualities of *1 Corinthians 13*. Love is kind, patient, unselfish... It always looks for a way of

being constructive. Love edifies.

### THE ATTITUDE OF RESPECT

One can observe a general lack of respect in this generation among variant social, economic and racial groups. It is seen in government, in our communities, in our homes and even too often in local churches. The Bible exhorts, “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves,” *1 Thessalonians 5:11-13*. The attitude of respect, esteem and honor should not only be expressed toward our leaders, but all of God's people. Paul commanded, “...do what is honorable in the sight of all,” *Romans 12:17*.

### THE ATTITUDE OF SERVICE

Ephesians 4:12-16 teaches that every member of the body of Christ has a function. Everyone has a part, a place and a role in service. When that happens, Paul says, “The body edifies itself in love.” Jesus taught, “He that is greatest among you shall be the servant of all,” *Matthew 23:11*. Serving others edifies!

### THE ATTITUDE OF PEACE

Too often Christians are characterized by a divisive spirit; one that tears down, causes confusion, and fractures fellowship. Some local churches are breeding grounds for murmuring, grumbling and griping. The Bible simply admonishes us all to “...pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding,” *Romans 14:19*. Unlike little children that often delight in irritating and aggravating their siblings, Christians look for those things that calm, encourage and ennoble. A local church ought to provide an atmosphere of serenity, solace and comfort.

### THE ATTITUDE OF COOPERATION

Jerusalem Christians were of “one accord,” one mind, one heart, one soul. They worked together, prayed together and shared with each other, *Acts 2:46*. What if brethren in all local churches followed this Biblical exhortation? “Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up,” *Romans 15:2*. Think how much more could be accomplished? And, what a great spirit of unity and harmony would prevail?

Love, respect, service, peace and cooperation each build. These attitudes edify. Don't merely stand by and wait for others to change. Let it begin with you. No matter how bleak your situation may be, “Look for the stars.” Edify others, and you will be greatly blessed by the effort. □



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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Family Updates

### Prayers:

**Megan Caudle** underwent gall-bladder surgery on Tuesday afternoon. Megan had been having bouts of increasing discomfort since Levi's birth. Tests confirmed an inflamed gall-bladder. She went home the same day and is doing well. We are glad that she is bouncing back quickly. Please remember **Megan, Wes** & family in your prayers. They are greatly appreciated.

Please continue to pray for **Peggy Shelton's** brother, **Sam Eaves**, who has been diagnosed with Leukemia and a tumor in one of his kidneys. Sam lives in Florence.

**Susan Watson's** mother, **Janie Cheatham**, is home from the hospital. She is still receiving intravenous antibiotics to treat her acute pneumonia. Sister Cheatham is very happy to be home. Your continued prayers for her and the family are appreciated.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Leonard Downum** last Thursday just one day following his 75th birthday. **DeeDee** wanted you all to know how very much that she appreciated your prayers during this very difficult time. Please ask for the Lord's comfort of Dee-Dee and her son and daughter.

**Wes Caudle's** mother, **Louise Caudle**, continues to battle cancer. She's very grateful for your prayers.

**Ciera Elledge** continues to do well. Keep her in your prayers. The family appreciates every expression of concern.

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

Pray for these. Each has their own particu-

lar health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragem Harbin & Betty Dubose.**

## To Our Weatherly Family

"We want to thank you for the special get-together for us. Having a pot-luck dinner and being together after the pandemic was also a big blessing.

It was hard to leave this family after over 50 years. We appreciate each of you and all that you have been to us thru the years, even in our unlovable times. May God continue bless this family, **Mike and Peggy**"

## This Week at Weatherly

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE** class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** will continue to lead our study titled "Powerful Prayer." This will be a great study and will be most encouraging of our faith in God's willingness to hear and respond to our fervent prayers.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10. **Mike's** April series will take a closer look at the Lord's Supper. Our theme is "Remember ME!" Today's lesson is titled **Our Life-Saving Memorial**. Our text is **1 Corinthians 11:23-30**.

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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** begins at 7. **Mike** will conclude his verse by verse study of the book of **Second Thessalonians**.

Lord willing, we will begin a study of the **Gospel of Mark** one week from Wednesday. This will also be a verse by verse class. ☐

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 9, 2023

4-13	Sherrie Stovall	4-18	Peggy Monroe
4-20	John Stokes	4-21	Dianne Dill
4-21	Mechi Hunt	4-23	David Jacks
4-25	Sue Terry	4-27	Lauren Thompson
4-29	Harrison Smith		

# Rejecting Sin

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**S**in is an offence against the goodness of God! In the process of sin we greatly injure ourselves, but that's not the worst thing about it. Sin is an issue that has much more to do with God than with us. And, just as the love of God is the most powerful reason for doing right, it is also the main thing that should keep us from doing wrong.

After committing adultery with Bathsheba, then murdering her husband, David expressed his sin in these words: "Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight; that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge," *Psalms 51:4*. Many were hurt by David's transgression, including David, but compared to the wrong done to God, all of these wrongs were as nothing.

When Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Joseph there would have been a multitude of pragmatic reasons to refuse her advances. Had he been so foolish as to yield, he would have jeopardized nearly every aspect of the good life he had begun to build for himself in Egypt. Yet all of these considerations put together did not weigh as heavily in his thinking as the single factor that mattered most: God's honor. Whatever else might have been said, Joseph showed that he understood the crux of the matter when he said, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Classes** 9:30 am  
**Sunday AM Assembly** 10:00 am  
**Sunday PM Assembly** 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday Classes** 7:00 pm

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**Kirk Hatcher** **David Jacks**  
**Hill Roberts** **Collis Terry**  
**Bobby Wright**

# Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

## Sunday, April 9th

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Song Leader:** **Hill Roberts**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Ed Dill**  
**Lord's Table Lead:** **Tommy Hill**  
**1 Corinthians 11:23-30**  
**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Our Life Saving Memorial**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Searcy Hall**

## Sunday, April 16th

**Will Starks**  
**David Jacks**  
**Phil Shaver**  
**Bill Thompson**  
**Acts 20:7**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Why Every Week?**  
**Jim Ehl**

## Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
**Songs Leader:** **Bill Thompson**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Will Starks**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Wes Caudle**

## Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**  
**David Jacks**  
**Tommy Hill**  
**Dwight Ivey**

## Wednesday, April 12th

**Songs Leader:** **Hill Roberts**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Ed Dill**

## Wednesday, April 19th

**Mel Ambrose**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Murray Castleman**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

April – June 2023

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
*Powerful Prayer*  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
*The Gospel of Mark*  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in April

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

**\*\* Marty Hunt (4-2), Tommy Hill (4-9), Bill Thompson (4-16), Phil Furlough (4-23), Collis Terry (4-30)**

Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

**Will Starks**

