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survey conducted by LinkedIn revealed \square that as many as 75% of working Americans say they experience the "Sunday Scaries." While anxiety over going back to work on Monday is nothing new, the depth of that anxiousness and its debilitating impact may be rooted in something that is unrecognized by a culture moving away from faith. What's missing in the lives of those who are frightened by the week ahead? How can people combat the "Sunday Scaries"?

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PILLARS — Foundational truths about God and one's relationship to Him are missing. Question, "Over what are you really in control?" The answer? Nothing. You are not in control of life, but God is. The sun, moon and stars obey Him. He is Creator and Sustainer. Once a person relinquishes control of life and circumstances to the One who has proven His Omnipotence, little troubles pale in comparison. We need trust in God.

PRAISE — Worship is analogous to "kissing

the hand." At its core is humility and its voice emanates from the heart of the worshipper. It praises Him who is greater than all. People are often anxious because they find nothing within worthy of praise; "self worship" leaves them empty. When we develop faith to praise the "giver of all good things," we will involuntarily and joyfully praise Him upon whom we rely.

PEOPLE — Fellowship with others who share a comradery for God and for living faithful lives produces courage and perseverance. People who live life alone with no supporters upon whom to depend are often aimless and anxious. Partnerships with people of shared faith diminishes anxiety.

PROMISE — The promise of more beyond is the hope of every Christian. In His resurrection Jesus assured every man of life beyond death. Work is not the sum total of life; Heaven is and Sunday becomes a hopeful day of faith, praise, sharing, anticipation and no more "Sunday Scaries."

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e live in troubled times. Life seems full of holes. Everywhere you look there are problems. Political problems, social problems, racial problems, problems in the home, in the business world, in the medical community. No matter where you look there are problems. Life is just full of holes. It's hard to know what's going on. There are bumps, curves, potholes and trash in the streets. There are stop signs run, and speed limits violated. And honesty? It has suffered damage in almost every area of life.

As if that weren't enough, along comes the catastrophic invasive coronavirus pandemic. Never in the recent history of mankind has there been such a worldwide invasion. Every nation has been infected by the virus. It has disrupted world trade, travel, and politics. The health of every community in the world has been sorely affected. People don't know which way to go, where to turn, what to say, what to wear. We hide out from the invasion only to turn and face it again. It has not only affected health and welfare, it has affected attitudes and dispositions of every person. We turn to face the difficulty and find it where we turn. It is confusing. We ask what can we do, where we can go, how to overcome. The frustrations continue, perplexities persist.

The world is in a mess. What do we do?

The answer to the question for the Christian is not as difficult as one might expect. The fog around us is lifted when we turn to the Lord for the answer. I would like to suggest three things to help us be wise small in the midst of all this conflagration.

First, we have to face in the right direction. In Proverbs 4:25, the wise man said "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee." This world is not our home, but we must en-





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dure it while "looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." For the faithful Christian there is a home beyond this world where there are no conflicts, no disorder, no sickness and death. "Set your affection on things above and not on things on the earth, for you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ and God. When Christ, who is our life, will appear, then you shall also appear with Him in glory," Colossians 3:2-4. It is imperative that we look up to God for strength and stability during these turbulent times. "For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken," Proverbs 3:26.

Second, we must look up to better things. Do right. One day things will be better. Hope is our mentor. It reaches into the future and attaches itself to something glorious, something free from doubt. Something permanently pleasant. The Hebrew writer calls it "the anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil," Heb. 6:19.

Finally, to live a good life in the midst of the ever present daily trials, we must come to realize that death is inevitable, no matter how it comes, and judgment is coming. Ultimately, things will be straight, hurt will be gone, disease will be no more. There will be no crying, no sadness, because if you live a good life, heaven will be your home and all things will be good. "Those things which you have both learned, and received, and heard and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you" Phil. 4:9. One day things will be different, so don't forget where you are going.

"Let your conversation be without covetousness: be content with such things as you have: for He hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, so that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me," Heb. 13:6-7.



News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members

Family Updates

Prayers:

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of **Tommy Hill's** cousin, **Patricia Howard**, in Florence on Thursday. Funeral services are planned to be held at Greenview Funeral Home Monday at 1 pm. Pat and her husband, **Clyde**, are members of the Singing River congregation in Florence. Clyde is one of the elders.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, has seen some help from recent radiation. The plan moving forward is to do radiation on other manifestations of the cancer. Please pray for these treatments.

Elaine Dorris remains on our prayer list. We are trusting that she will be feeling better soon. Remember both **Elaine & Gordon**.

Dewitt Uptagrafft was with us on Sunday. He left this note for our family: "Thank you to everyone at Weatherly for your thoughts and prayers during Joan's illness. We appreciated very much the visits, phone calls, text messages, cards and food. Your concern and love for Joan was greatly appreciated. Dewitt."

Silvia Henderson saw Dr. Janssen on Thursday. He confirmed her only medical path forward is full shoulder replacement. She has elected to take care of her shoulder as best that she can. It has healed well and, at least for now, no surgery! *"Thank you for your concern and prayers on my behalf, Silvia."*

Jerry Mitchell continues to struggle with his back. It's hard to see him in pain. Pray for him as he works to regain his normal health.

Please continue to pray for our dear sister **Edith Turner**. We are asking to Lord to

strengthen her and console her through her great challenge. Remember **Jim**, too.

It was so good to see **Harold Smith** Sunday. We are always thankful for his good days when they come. Pray for **Margaret & Harold**.

We are continuing to pray for Silvia Henderson's sister-in-law, Ann Henderson. She remains at Regency Rehab Center.

Pray for Susan Watson's mother, Janie Cheatham.

Louise Caudle remains on our prayer list as she moves forward with radiation.

Forest Summers continues his Chemo. Your prayers are requested.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister continues to have an interest in our prayers

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

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. Mike McLemore will continue to lead our study titled "Powerful Prayer."

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. Mike's is continuing his series titled "Firm Foundations." Today's lesson is titled "Christ's Will Confirmed." Our text is *Acts 8:26-40*.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. Mike will lead us in a devotion. We hope you will plan to gather with us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. Mike will continue his verse by verse study of the Gospel of Mark. Come be a part.

Thermopolis Michael W. McLemore

Thermopolis, Wyoming is a rather remarkable place on earth. The extremes of high and low temperatures alone sparks attention. It's not unusual for the summer temperatures to climb above 100 degrees and in winter to fall below –40. July 25, 1929, Thermopolis recorded a high of 107 degrees; just 175 days later, January 16, 1930, the low temperature was recorded as –42 degrees.

The above may seem random information if it were not for another temperature measure. Thermopolis is the county seat of Hot Springs, county, WY. It is also founded adjacent to their claim of the world's largest mineral hot spring appropriately named "The Big Spring." This is the other measure taken in the summer of 1929 and winter of 1930, 135 degrees. That is the constant temperature of the more than 18,600,000 gallons of water that pours into the Big Horn River every day, summer and winter. External extremes have no impact upon it. The great volume of water flow-

ing from "The Big Spring" assures this constancy in spite of extremes. As water moves away from its source it cools rapidly. Here is our lesson.

Surrounded by flowing influence of the church, faith boils; externals are of no consequence. It's when Christians move away from the power of the body, as in worship, that fervor tends to cool rapidly. Stay close. It will keep you strong.





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Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	6: 00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, May 28th

Welcome: Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Lord's Table Lead:

Tommy Hill Mel Ambrose Bill Thompson Tommy Hill Acts 8:26-40

Mike McLemore

Christ's Will Confirmed

Sermon:

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

Kirk Hatcher

Bible Skillz

Mike McLemore

Songs Leader: Opening Prayer: Closing Prayer: Mel Ambrose Alex Thompson Bobby Wright

Wednesday, May 24th

Songs Leader: Invitation: Closing Prayer: David Jacks Mike McLemore Bill Thompson

Sunday, June 4th

Will Starks David Jacks WD Patrick Marty Hunt Genesis 1:26-31 Mike McLemore God Created Man Doyle Wray

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore

David Jacks Ed Dill Wes Caudle

Wednesday, June 7th

Hill Roberts Mike McLemore Ron Harmon

Quarterly Adult Classes April – June 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY Powerful Prayer Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Gospel of Mark *Mike McLemore*

Serving in June

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

** Marty Hunt (6-4)

Communion Prep Building Lockup

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