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Strong Fathers

Michael W. McLemore

Men's Health magazine did a survey among American fathers several years ago. Its findings were striking. It was not money or fun that topped their list. Family was at the top of their priority list. "Being a great husband and father" scored first for 86%, followed closely by "Leaving work at 5 every day to be with your children." "And they are not just giving lip service to it; it's real," said the magazine's publisher. The role of a strong father in the life of a child cannot be measured in human terms, but has lasting eternal value.

Fathers meet many challenges and we have some very interesting responses to them: "Don't ask me, ask your mother. Close the door—were you raised in a barn? Now you listen to ME! A little dirt never hurt anyone—just wipe it off. I told you—keep your eye on the ball. Who said life was supposed to be fair? You call that a haircut? "Hey" is for horses. Do you think I'm made of money? Don't give me any of your lip, young lady. We're not lost—I'm just not sure where we are. No, we're not there yet. Shake it off. When I was your age.... Because I said so,

that's why! Wipe that smile off your face. You throw like a girl. This is your last warning! Hey, did you hear me talking to you. Act your age. Don't make me stop the car! What did I just get finished telling you?"

"Hey! I resemble that remark!" Some of the things we fathers say are embarrassing. In our finer moments, however, it is our intention to give counsel that will shape our children into the people God wants them to be. Though some children don't believe we can relate to anything that goes on in their lives, we can. With what we have learned over the years by listening to others and in experiencing the tragedies of making wrong decisions, we want to share with our children a wisdom that will keep them on the right path.

"Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding: For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law. When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, he also taught me, and said to me: 'Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth'" *Prov 4:1-5.* □

Following in My Footsteps

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The path of godliness for our children means we must learn to live by faith. We should trust in God and please Him.

Motivating our children to pursue the path of godliness isn't always easy, but the rewards are great. It involves several things including commitment to love God with our entire heart. We should teach our children about His loving care. And we must, but they must see out total commitment at every turn.

The path of godliness for our children also involves sacrifice. We should give up those pleasures and habits that interfere with raising godly sons and daughters. They must see that the cause of the Lord is premier. Our personal sacrifice must be apparent.

Father's we also need to show our children courage. We need to admit we're wrong and ask for forgiveness when we make mistakes. Our family, who already know our weaknesses, will see Christ's light as we adjust our own behavior.

The path of godliness also involves perseverance. We should show our children how to stay the course and not lose heart. It takes time for children to develop godly habits. What

greater example could be shown than a Father pressing daily toward the goal.

Prayer is another important aspect of godly parenting. Pray that your children will grow in understanding the Lord's character, precepts, purposes, and His love. Faithfully practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible study. Children should see their Father in bended knee.

The path of godliness for our children means we must learn to live by faith. We should trust in God and please Him. Recognize our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit. Insisting in moral courage is imperative, but our children must witness godliness in our own life.

Fathers we must return to the Lord a portion of our children's time, talents, and treasure. They should hear us speaking to others about Jesus.

Fathers give your children the gift of a godly role model. As they follow in your footsteps, you'll experience the joy of watching them grow in holiness. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

W.D. Patrick spent the last half of the week at home sick. He had a rough day and night Thursday but was much improved on Friday. Please remember W.D.

Riley Monroe is slowly improving at home. It will take more time for him to be back to 100%. Your prayers and expressions of concern for him are much appreciated.

Jerry Mitchell is doing some better. He was able to be at worship Wednesday and said that he is a lot better. We are praying that this will help him do the necessary physical therapy. Say his name to the Lord as you pray.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, will be undergoing five consecutive days of radiation this week. This will make this week very rough for her. Your prayers for Ciera and her family are requested.

Elaine Dorris is improving and we are thankful. She's still having to be careful how much she does. Please pray for them.

Wanda Castleman was able to be with us this last week. We are praying that she will continue to be stronger.

Edith Turner continues in our daily prayers. Your thoughts, cards, prayers and well wishes are most meaningful.

Harold Smith was with us Sunday. We are always thankful for his good days. Please continue to remember **Harold & Margaret** to the Lord as you pray daily.

Silvia Henderson's sister-in-law, **Ann Henderson**, suffered a heart attack last week and remains in the hospital at this printing.

Pray for **Susan Watson's** mother, **Janie Cheatham**.

Louise Caudle remains on our prayer list as she undergoes radiation therapy.

Forest Summers continues his Chemo. Please pray for him.

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

We learned that **Susan Woodard, Steve's** wife, has been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer. She will be undergoing aggressive chemo and radiation. Many may remember that Steve is the son of **Barbara Jean Woodard** who worshipped with us at Weatherly until her death. **Steve & Susan** live in Owens Crossroads.

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 beginning at series entitled "A Man After God's Design." Today's lesson is titled "Prove Yourself a Man," from **1 Kings 2:1-4**.

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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6-13	Adam Hagewood	6-15	Murray Castleman
6-16	Jaxie Rogers	6-16	Phil Shaver
6-23	WD Patrick	6-16	Keion Godette
6-30	Susan Hand		

Examples

Adapted

As a child I remember my mother reminding to be a "good example." "Others are watching," she said. After all, I looked to the examples of others, especially at church. Those who taught and demonstrated consistency in life. They loved the Lord and I could tell they did!

It's true, one never knows when someone else is watching. They well could be patterning their lives after some of the things that we do. We must strive to be the best example that we can be!

The greatest example of all is surely Jesus. As Christians we are called to "follow in His steps," **1 Peter 2:21**. Patterning our lives after someone that was perfect, without any sin, would be the best possible choice of a hero, mentor or teacher, **1 Peter 2:22**. Jesus is the one that we need to have as our example.

When bad things happen in our lives we might be prone to think of ways to get back at those that caused our hurt. Jesus never did! Peter wrote: "and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed," **1 Peter 2:23-24**. Yes, Jesus was and is the greatest example of all! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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, June 11th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Shaver**
Lord's Table Lead: **Phil Furlough**
1 Kings 2:1-4
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Prove Yourself a Man
Closing Prayer: **Searcy Hall**

Sunday, June 18th

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Lord's Table Lead: **Collis Terry**
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
A New Generation
Closing Prayer: **Will Patrick**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Furlough**

Wednesday, June 14th

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

Wednesday, June 21st

Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Ed Dill**

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), Phil Furlough (6-11), Collis Terry (6-18), Bill Thompson (6-25)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Please add your name to the list

