

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Expressing Compassion

Michael W. McLemore

Children of God are called upon to show compassion, *Colossians 3:12*. Hard seasons or in times of disaster, whether man-made or natural, invite, even demand our response. Genuine compassion seeks to understand and share the pain of others, but it also must act, giving real-world assistance. How do we do that, expressing care and concern with our hands, not merely our hearts?

**PRAY** – As soon as word of tragedy reaches you, raise the name of the affected to Him who is concerned for the care of all humankind. The amazing privilege of prayer is available to you anywhere, anytime. Lift up the victims, rescue workers, and others involved – “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working,” *James 5:16*. Your words may be few and seem impotent, but pray in faith knowing that the Holy Spirit of God is petitioning the Father for protection, provision, comfort, and all

that is necessary for the moment, *Romans 8:26*.

**DO SOMETHING** – Work, food, labor and donations of money, clothing, tools or whatever may meet a priority need can be your role in helping. Donations of time and resources are also helpful. Seek to know a need and help toward that. Words of comfort and expressions of compassion, a warm embrace or only a listening ear lifts hurting hearts. Sometimes all that is needed is our presence. Through these demonstrations of love, the world will see the light of Christ and give glory to God. In you Jesus Christ brings good news, binds up the brokenhearted, and comforts all who mourn, *Isaiah 61:1-2*.

**HAVE FAITH** – God’s people should take to heart the needs around us. Reach out with Christ’s love within the scope of your ability. Trust God. Your response will have a far greater and more dramatic impact than you can fathom. □

## Biblical Evangelism

Harold Comer



The following is an excerpt from his widely circulated work entitled *Biblical Evangelism*.  
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**TOO BROAD** — There are many Biblical extremes that are sinful. We sin when we loosen or modify a law that God has given. This often happens today in a permissive and loose society. Some preachers think that if they water down their distinctive doctrines that they will appeal to a broader range of people. This fails because the group loses its conviction as it becomes too broad.

**TOO NARROW** — We also sin when we write a law that God did not make. This often happened in New Testament times (circumcision in *Galatians*, cf. *Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; Col. 2:16-2*). Either extreme removes you from the sphere of Biblical evangelism.

**TOO UNSURE AND SAFE** — Brethren also move out of the realm of Biblical Evangelism when they justify so many fears and create so many obstacles that they never can do anything because they don’t know if it is an expedient option or a sinister, seductive, new innovation. They are afraid of anything new. For a people who should know the book which commands them to be greatly evangelistic, they are gridlocked and unevangelistic because they don’t know about filmstrips, Bible seminars instead of gospel meetings, computers, tape duplicators, “expensive” TV preaching, better literature, or a hundred other fears and uncertainties. People who clearly know the law should also clearly know the expedencies and options. Otherwise, they don’t really know the law. Biblical evangelism is so important that it must not be ruled by non-Biblical suppositions and fears. If it is Biblical, it must be guided by clear Biblical command, inference, or example. Also, it is guided by the com-

mand to tell the “Good News.” It must get the job done!

**TOO SECULAR & BUSY** — When we are secularized and don’t reach out with the Gospel, we are not Biblical either. The person who is unexcited about the “Good News” is certainly not “Biblical” because the message of the gospel produces an excited urgency to proclaim it.

**TOO LAZY** — The lazy brother who doesn’t want to learn the 1000 things it takes to be evangelistic is certainly not thinking about what the Bible teaches because it’s message produces great desire to learn and to proclaim the truth. Finally, evangelism and personal work must be recognized as work and our minds must be turned to the work, *Nehemiah 4:6*.

**TOO IMMORAL** — Teaching and personal work by hypocrites and sinners is not a part of the New Testament pattern, *1 Peter 2:12, 3:16; Titus 3:10*. If you are living an ungodly life and you want to help others, the Biblical pattern is to repent and get some help to overcome your sinful habits and temptations. A cursing tongue does not fit with the sweet message of the gospel, *James 3:9-10*.

**TOO FEARFUL** — Finally the godly man is not ruled by fear. “Do not be afraid...” *ie. Revelation 22:8; Acts 18:9, 2 Timothy 1:6-8*. Yet, much potential evangelism is stopped because of the fear of good people who have not learned to trust and plow on. Evangelism that is limited by “fear” is certainly not Biblical Evangelism. New Testament preaching was “bold” and it was not deterred by death, travel difficulties, dangerous localities, or any fear. We need to move up to the excitement of Biblical evangelism and the brave proclamation it produces. □

Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Family Updates

### Prayers:

**Lara Ambrose** is home recovering from surgery. Her surgery went well. Mel's parents have the children for the weekend. **Mel** is her caretaker. We are praying for Lara's full and complete recovery.

**Pat Gamble, Shelia Hagewood's** mom, underwent hip replacement surgery last Tuesday in Louisville, Kentucky. The surgery went very well and she was up walking by the end of the day. Unfortunately she had a couple of bad days since surgery. Sister Gamble was able to move to Sanders Ridge Health Campus in Mount Washington, Kentucky for rehab on Friday evening. We are praying that she will improve from the new surroundings. For those wishing to send her a card, please address it to her at

80 Scarlet Court  
Fishersville, Kentucky 40023

**Riley Monroe** is much improved. We were thrilled to see him at worship last week. Pray for his increase in strength.

**Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, remains on our prayer list. Say her name as she continues to battle onward.

**Elaine Dorris** was able to be with us on Sunday night. We were all very excited to see her back in her place. Her bright smile makes everything better. Please say **Elaine & Gordon's** names to the Father as you pray.

**Harold Smith** was not able to be out last Sunday. Remember him to the Lord this week.

**Silvia Henderson's** sister-in-law, **Ann Henderson,** remains on our prayer list. Please con-

tinue to remember her to the Lord.

Pray for **Susan Watson's** mother, **Janie Cheatham.** She is doing well considering.

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

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

**Susan Woodard, Steve's** wife, has been diagnosed with cancer. Pray for her.

**Sandra Martel,** sister to former Weatherly member, **Edith Kent,** passed away on Friday morning. Sandra was a long time and very faithful member of the Anderson church near Rogersville, Alabama. If you would like to send the Kent's a card, their address is **826 Wheeler Street, Rogersville, AL 35652.**

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 conclude his study on "Powerful Prayer" this morning.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10. **Mike's** is beginning at series entitled "A Man After God's Design." Today's lesson is titled "A Man After God's Own Heart," from **Acts 13:22.**

**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 & JULY BIRTHDAYS



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6-26	Keion Godette	6-30	Susan Hand
7-3	Lesli McCary	7-8	Brenden Ferritiz
7-10	Will Patrick	7-14	Barry Slaton

# Was Jesus God?

Michael W. McLemore

A few months ago a friend contacted me about a question that arose during a Bible Study. My friend agreed with my blunt answer to the question, "YES!" Still, more was required in helping his friend to the same conclusion. The question? "Was Jesus REALLY God?"

Jesus' deity on earth is crucial to faith, for our faith hinges on it. Many claim to believe in Jesus and in God, but deny that Jesus IS God. They may believe good things about Him - accept Him as a teacher, marvel at Him as a healer, revere Him as a philosopher, revolutionary, and social reformer - yet, do not believe He is God.

Can one believe these marvelous things about Jesus, yet deny His claims? If He is not God, Jesus was a fraud. In this case the decenter argued that Jesus Himself never actually claimed to be God. Not true!

Jesus places Himself on equal footing with the Father and the Holy Spirit, repeatedly, **John 10:30; 14:6-14.** If Jesus was not God's Son, then He was either a lunatic or the world's most detestable liar. Devoid of mental faculties, the lunatic is deceived, his testimony false. The liar intentionally deceives. Having claimed equality with God, Jesus cannot be "good" and "not God."

Don't let another moment pass before finding the answer to this life-changing question, "Was Jesus really God?" One cannot believe Jesus to be good and deny Him as 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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**LIVE** Sermon archive or  
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all Weatherly services



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<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>	<b>David Jacks</b>
<b>Hill Roberts</b>	<b>Collis Terry</b>
<b>Bobby Wright</b>	

# Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

## Sunday, June 25th

**Welcome:** Will Starks  
**Song Leader:** Mel Ambrose  
**Opening Prayer:** Tommy Hill  
**Lord's Table Lead:** Bill Thompson  
*Acts 13:22*  
**Sermon:** Mike McLemore  
*Man After God's Own Heart*  
**Closing Prayer:** Jim Ehl

## Sunday, July 2nd

**Tommy Hill**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Marty Hunt**  
**Ed Dill**  
*Isaiah 58*  
**Mike McLemore**  
*When God is Silent*  
**Doyle Wray**

## Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** Mike McLemore  
**Songs Leader:** Mel Ambrose  
**Opening Prayer:** Marty Hunt  
**Closing Prayer:** Bobby Wright

## Evening Worship

Mike McLemore  
**David Jacks**  
**Will Starks**  
**Tommy Hill**

## Wednesday, June 28th

**Songs Leader:** Collis Terry  
**Invitation:** Mike McLemore  
**Closing Prayer:** Phil Shaver

## Wednesday, July 5th

**Collis Terry**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Wes Caudle**

## Weatherly Heights Singing August 11th

Tim Stevens, Jim Deason

## Quarterly Adult Classes April – June 2023

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

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

## Serving in July

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

\*\* Ed Dill (7-2), Phil Shaver (7-9), Steve Hagewood (7-16), Tommy Hill (7-23), Marty Hunt (7-30)

Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

Phil Furlough

