

# Weatherly Weekly

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## A Better Hope

Michael W. McLemore

Alexander Pope in his Essay on Man, said "Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man never is, but always to be blest: the soul, uneasy and confin'd from home, rests and expatiates in a life to come." The child of God has a better hope. Ours is a confident expectation which is found in Jesus Christ, *Hebrews 7:19; 1 Timothy 1:1*.

This better hope is a living hope, *1 Peter 1:3*. It energizes life. It enables the believer in Christ to engage the delightful day, as well as the dreary, with vibrant expectation. This living hope is validated by the resurrection of Jesus. If there is no bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is no living hope. No personal faith in the resurrected Savior, no living hope. No living hope, no hope at all. Without the resurrection man is destined for an endless search to find something or someone to live for and to hope in.

As a brother of the Living Savior, the search is over. Christ lives. He gives those who

believe in Him a living hope, a confidence that energizes their lives through the vicissitudes of day by day living. This better hope is a blessed hope, *Titus 2:13*. It is joyous. It is full of rejoicing even on a Monday morning, or even when a gallon of gas is \$4.25. Even in the most uncertain of times, Christians have a joyous expectation about what, or better yet, "Who is to come."

The family of the Living Savior faces the uncertainties of the future with confident hope. From the simplicity of "living for the weekend" to the complexity of the Divine plan of human redemption that gives assurance even beyond the grave, there is the genuine expectation that somehow, someday everything will be alright. For the Christian, wishful hoping about the future is a thing of the past. It is replaced by the joyous expectation of being with and like the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes again. Our hope truly "springs eternal" We have a better hope in Christ. □

# IT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU

James W. Adams

One of the serious problems confronting the churches today is the instability of the marriages among many of their constituents. A generation ago divorce was common among people of the world, but more or less uncommon among professed New Testament Christians. Today, the churches have caught up with the world in this respect.

One of the chief excuses offered by many who choose to sever the marriage bond is: "Our marriage has become so dull and boring; I just don't love him or her anymore." There are several valid, Scriptural replies that one can make to such a plea, but I should like to focus on just one: namely. If couples would "nourish" their spouses as Paul teaches, *Ephesians 5:29*, they might not find their spouses so dull and their marriages so boring.

Almost twenty years ago (1970's), I read and preserved in my files an anecdote that appeared in Parade Magazine which illustrates my point. It follows:

The jealous husband was sure his wife had a boyfriend, so he hired a detective to shadow her and take movies of what he saw. A few weeks later the detective reported with the film. "Well, here it is," he said, "all of the evidence – and with your best friend too!"

He ran the film, and the husband saw pictures of his wife and his best friend as they ate lunch, took a swim, bowled and danced. After a while the husband shook his head and said, "I can't believe it, I just can't believe it!" "But the evidence is all here," said the detective. "That's not what I mean," answered the husband, "I just can't believe my wife is that much fun!"

There is no telling how surprised many husbands and wives might be, who think their spouses are dull and boring, if they tried "nourishing" them instead of taking them for granted.

Our Lord saw limitless possibilities in sinners and "gave himself up for them" that he might create of them his holy, spiritual spouse, the church. He then "nourished and cherished" his spouse thus created in order to make his vision reality and present her "to himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, holy and without blemish" *Ephesians 5:22-27*.

When two people meet, "fall in love" and marry, they are motivated by a splendid vision of unending bliss. However, too many assume such to be inevitable, that it will just happen. In the words of Paul, "they see in a glass darkly." It doesn't "just happen."

Jesus knew that the salvation of sinners from past sins, thus constituting them his spiritual bride, was not by itself enough [He did not believe in "once saved, always saved!"]. He knew that the relationship had to be "nourished and cherished." Consequently, He provided for the edification and perfection of those thus saved that they might "abide in Him," *1 John 2:1-6*, hence as His holy bride be preserved spiritually from "spot and wrinkle" and "holy and without blemish" be united with him gloriously both in time and eternity!

Since the union of Christ and His church set forth by the Holy Spirit a model for the married, we who are married should recognize the absolute necessity of "nourishing and cherishing" the relationship with the same sacrificial love for our spouses that Christ manifested toward us in the spiritual realm. Let us "give ourselves" for one another, nourish and cherish each other, in every aspect of the relationship in the fear of God. No marriage thus established and maintained will ever become "dull and boring." It is worthy of repetition: It might surprise you "how much fun your husband or wife can be!" □



Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Family Updates

### Prayers:

**Bill McCord** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on July 18th. Rehab will follow that procedure. Let's be praying for Bill in anticipation of this surgery. We are trusting that the Lord will watch over him and that his recovery will go well.

**Lara Ambrose** was able to be at worship on Sunday. Please continue to pray for her as she goes through rehab on her knee and that her recovery will get her back to 100% soon.

**Wanda Castleman** could use our prayers. She has good and bad days. Please remember her in your daily prayers.

Also, say **Glenda Cavender's** name in your prayers. We miss her and think often of her.

**Pat Gamble, Shelia Hagewood's** mom, had a set back and was hospitalized for several days. She is back at Sanders Ridge Health for rehab now and doing better. Your prayers are coveted. Remember Sheila's dad, too.

**Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, will now have the summer off from any treatments. She will undergo a PET Scan at a later date to determine how well the radiation has performed. Please pray for a good result.

We are continuing to pray for **Elaine Dorris** as she recovers. Say her name to the Father this week. We look forward to the time when she will be pain free from her recent injury.

**Harold Smith** keeps pressing onward. He was able to be at worship on Sunday and we are thankful.

**Silvia Henderson's** sister-in-law, **Ann Hen-**

**derson**, remains on our prayer list. Please continue 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.

Our apology for the misspelling of **Edith Kent's** sister's name. Her name should have been **Sanda Martel**. She was laid to rest last week.

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. **Tommy Hill** will begin his quarter long study, **Building Strong Homes**, this week. We will be handing out class material to each one in attendance. Everyone needs their own book.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10. **Mike** is beginning at series entitled "A When God is Silent." Today's lesson is taken from **Isaiah 58**.

**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**. See you then. ☐

## JULY BIRTHDAYS



7-3	Lesli McCary	7-8	Brenden Ferritiz
7-10	Will Patrick	7-14	Barry Slaton
7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Phillip Dill		

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# Give Me the Truth!

By Bill Crews

If you are my friend, if you are concerned about my soul, give me the Truth. Do not flatter me. Do not praise virtues while remaining silent about my vices. Do not fear the Truth will offend me. Do not treasure our friendship, or friendly relations, above my salvation. Do not think by ignoring my sins, you can help me. Do not think that being blind to my sins will make you charitable. However I may react to it, whatever may be my attitude toward you after you have done it, GIVE ME THE TRUTH!

For the Truth, and only the truth, can make me free from the shackles of sin, strengthen me in the pathway of righteousness and lead me into the joys of Heaven. If I am wavering, weak, lukewarm, indifferent, neglectful; if I have been overtaken in a trespass; if I have been drawn into the pleasures off the world; if I have left my first love; if I have been led astray by error, or if I have done none of these things, but simply need to grow in knowledge and then be edified, GIVE ME THE TRUTH!

I would rather have thousands say to me on judgment day, "We heard you preach and you hurt our feelings", than to have even one lost soul say, "I heard you preach but, you did not tell me the WHOLE TRUTH." ☐

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## 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

Stay informed and engaged online at  
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**LIVE** Sermon archive or live stream during all Weatherly services



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<b>Hill Roberts</b>	<b>Collis Terry</b>
<b>Bobby Wright</b>	

# Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

## Sunday, July 2nd

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**  
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**  
Opening Prayer: **Marty Hunt**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Ed Dill**  
**Isaiah 58**  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
**When God is Silent**  
Closing Prayer: **Doyle Wray**

## Sunday, July 9th

Welcome: **Will Starks**  
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**  
Opening Prayer: **Phil Shaver**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Phil Shaver**  
**Leviticus 10:1-7**  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
**Serious Silence**  
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

## Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
Songs Leader: **David Jacks**  
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**  
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

## Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**  
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**  
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**  
Closing Prayer: **Mel Ambrose**

## Wednesday, July 5th

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **Wes Caudle**

## Wednesday, July 12th

Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **Jim Ehl**

## 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**

