

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Receive Me to Glory

Michael W. McLemore

The Psalmist said, "You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory" Psalm 73:24. The writer subtly states the condition upon which one may anticipate being "received into glory" or heaven.

All who believe the Bible know that those God approves will be those received into glory. The peculiar thing is we hardly ever find a person who does not think that he will be among that number. When people die, almost invariably the one speaking in the funeral will find some indication in the life of the person and project it as evidence of eternal salvation.

It is natural that men would attempt to widen the "strait gate," enlarge the "narrow way," and increase the number of "the few" that ultimately will enter into eternal life. While it is not our desire to inflict emotional trauma on those who hold out hope for those they love, we would be derelict not to forewarn the living of judgement to come for those who have not lived in accord with divine "counsel."

Those who expect to be received into

glory in the world to come, must, while they live, be guided by the counsel of the Almighty. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven," Matthew 7:21. Simply claiming association with Jesus is insufficient assurance of glory to come.

My beloved friend and mentor John Nosker, was an elegant and precise individual. He was often called upon to speak in honor of the deceased at funerals. Without fail John would include the cautionary counsel: "Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Hell is a doom to be avoided at all cost!" He was right.

Men and women whose lives have been shaped and guided by the counsel of the Wicked One need not expect to be received into glory in the world to come. Too few people, in religion, recognize the place and importance of the Word of God in that realm. Sentiment rather than sense reigns. Reception into glory and the counsel of God are inseparable. □

## Living in a FOREIGN LAND

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**"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God."**

"I don't recognize my country anymore!" is a phrase I have heard repeated a number of times in recent months. While this may be expressive of emotions many feel, opening God's Book will unlock a treasure trove of stories about men and women who lived faithful lives in times far worse than our own. One such man is "Father Abraham."

Abraham awoke to find himself behind cultural enemy lines. Little changed with God's call to leave the Ur of Chaldees. He went "not knowing where" he was going. God called him; he trusted enough to go. Even in Palestine, a strange new world, he was surrounded by unbelief and the requisite behavior that always accompanies it.

Consequently, he lived as a stranger, a "resident alien," in a foreign nation and world. He lived his life in a kind of free exile. Though God removed Abraham and his family from an idolatrous society, He had deposited him among a polytheistic culture, which we know looking back, was more conducive to His divine plan. But, Abraham had no concept of the big picture.

Abraham was obedient to the governmental and municipal authorities with which he came in contact—Pharaoh in Egypt (Genesis 12:10-20), Abimelech in the Negeb (Genesis 20-21) and the Hittites in Hebron (Genesis 24). Yet, when confronted with the decision to take a reward from the king of Sodom after his rescue of Lot, Abraham refrained lest an alliance be presumed on the part of the heathen king and his citizenry (Genesis 14).

Abraham paid tithes of all to the lone voice for Jehovah in all Canaan—Melchizedek who served as priest and king of Salem (Genesis 14:17-21). When it was time for his son Isaac to choose a spouse, he sent his serv-

ant to Haran under an oath to bring a woman from among the believers of his and Sarah's family (Genesis 24). Abraham never lost sight of the fact that he was a believer living in an unbelieving world.

Abraham's fidelity rested in Jehovah. He trusted God to provide for him and for his family in the future. The Holy Spirit offered this commentary on what was in Father Abraham's mind, "For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God" Hebrews 11:10. He saw his time on earth as temporary. He believed and trusted God. Though Abraham lived 175 years on the earth. His real home was never here!

How do we develop the challenging mindset of the Pilgrim Mentality possessed so long ago by Father Abraham? How do we become more heavenly minded, more trusting of God in our uncertain culture?

Paul addressed and answered our dilemma in Colossians 3:1-3. It requires the Christian to exchange the old desires, attitudes, and actions that were characteristic of our former lives for those that are indicative of our new rank and standing. The path to true and lasting change begins with a "change of desires," "seek those things above, where Christ is," 1, that leads to a "change of thought," "set your minds on things above" 2, and results in a "change of action," "for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God," 3.

To be heavenly-minded is to continually desire and long for, to pursue after, those qualities that characterized the life of the Lord. As we long for these qualities and meditate upon them, our lives will be transformed. Soon, we will realize that though we spent our whole life here, "this never really was our country." □



**Watch LIVE**



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

**Prayers:**  
**Glenda & Ken Cavender** remain on our daily prayer list. We are trusting the Lord to watch over each of them as they address the various health challenges that they face. We will continue to update you as the **Cavenders** know more.

**Betty Reavis** is in the "wait and see phase" between treatments. We are thankful for her good progress to this point and are continuing to pray for her and for **Bill**.

**Mike Gore** faces uncertain days. We are asking you to please be mindful of him and of his caring family.

**Becky Hill** is still contending with her immobilized arm. We are praying that she will be back to 100% very soon.

**Peggy & Mike Coward** both are moving better. Your prayers for them are appreciated.

Continue to pray for **Travis Barnett**. He is a very special part of our family. His struggles in recent months have been extraordinary.

**Travis** and his family needs our prayers.

**Jeff Harbin**, **Mary's** son and **Jimmy's** brother, will begin radiation treatment soon. Please remember **Jeff** and his family in prayer.

### Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

- Barbara Woodard**      **Melonie Power**
- Godette family**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|------|--------------|------|------------------|
| 2-7  | Mary Harbin  | 2-8  | Travis Barnett   |
| 2-11 | Aaron Gore   | 2-13 | Julie Guice      |
| 2-14 | Brennan Ivey | 2-15 | Glenda Cavender  |
| 2-15 | Hilda Wright | 2-17 | Olivia Holland   |
| 2-27 | Penny Hill   | 2-28 | Virginia Skinner |

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## Bobby R. Lipscomb

We learned late this week of the sudden passing of Bobby R. Lipscomb, 56, on Monday. Bobby and his wife, Donna have been attending with us at Weatherly on Sunday evenings for several months. The news of his death came as a shock to us. Bobby was in attendance on Sunday evening for our monthly singing.



Bobby leaves behind his wife Donna, and daughter, Erin. Funeral services will be held today at 1:00 pm. at the New Hope Funeral home. Please pray for Donna, Erin and the entire Lipscomb family. ☐

### Matters of the Heart in February

During the month of February we will be exploring "Matters of the Heart" during our Sunday morning assemblies. Our hope is to instruct, challenge and encourage all.

### Group One Meeting Tonight

Leader: W.D. Patrick

Will meet immediately following the evening worship service. See you there...

## Making a Difference

Michael W. McLemore

In his book Ethics 101, John Maxwell asks his readers to take a quiz. "Name the five wealthiest people in the world... the last five Heisman trophy winners... the last five winners of the Miss America contest... ten people who have won the Nobel prize... the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress... the last decade's World Series winners." He followed the quiz asking, "How well did you do?"

Well, "How well did YOU do?" Most of us did not fair well. In spite of the great accomplishments of these, who in their field of expertise surpassed them all, they had little or no impact on ME.

Maxwell goes on, "I want you to take another quiz: Name three teachers who inspired you to achieve in school.... three friends who helped you through a difficult time... five people who taught you something worthwhile... three people who made you feel appreciated and special... five people with whom you enjoy spending time... half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you." Most of us could score 100% on that test.

Resist the temptation to think yourself incapable of making a life changing difference in the lives of others. Making a difference is not about great talent or knowledge. It's about actively taking the time to connect with those around you and "redeeming the time." ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

**Weatherly Heights CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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### TIMES OF SERVICES

- Sunday Bible Classes**            9:00 am
- Sunday AM Assembly**            10:00 am
- Sunday PM Assembly**            5:00 pm
- Wednesday Classes**            7:00 pm

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### Weatherly's Shepherds

- Louis Garrett**            256 883-7785
- Tommy Hill**            256 883-0010
- Will Starks**            256 883-5273
- Forest Summers**        256 348-2251

### Evangelist

**Michael W. McLemore** 256 698-5941  
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### Weatherly's Deacons

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| <b>Phil Furlough</b> | <b>Steve Hagewood</b> |
| <b>Ron Harmon</b>    | <b>Kirk Hatcher</b>   |
| <b>David Jacks</b>   | <b>Ben Little</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, February 3

- Welcome:** Forest Summers  
**Song Leader:** Charles Hill  
**Opening Prayer:** David Jacks  
**Scripture Reading:** Adam Hagewood  
*Romans 10:1-11*  
**Sermon:** Michael McLemore  
*"Matters of the Heart"*  
**Closing Prayer:** Bill Thompson

### Sunday, February 10

- Welcome:** Forest Summers  
**Song Leader:** Hill Roberts  
**Opening Prayer:** Phil Furlough  
**Scripture Reading:** Jim Ehl  
*Romans 4:1-12*  
**Sermon:** Michael McLemore  
*"Believe in Your Heart"*  
**Closing Prayer:** Steve Hagewood

### Evening Worship

- Bible Skillz**            Mike McLemore  
**Songs Leader:** Charles Hill  
**Opening Prayer:** Ed Dill  
**Closing Prayer:** Terry Childress

### Evening Worship

- Bible Skillz**            Hill Roberts  
**Songs Leader:** Hill Roberts  
**Opening Prayer:** Marty Hunt  
**Closing Prayer:** Jimmy Harbin

### Wednesday, February 6

- Songs Leader:** Phil Furlough  
**Invitation:** Louis Garrett  
**Closing Prayer:** Ron Harmon

### Wednesday, February 13

- Songs Leader:** Bill Thompson  
**Invitation:** Jared Jimison  
**Closing Prayer:** Forest Summers

### Group 1

**2019 Weatherly Lectures**  
 May 2-5  
**"Living in Christ"**  
 Jason Moore, Gary Patton & Eric Reynolds

### Group 2

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
 January – March 2019  
**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
 Fulfilled Prophecy  
 Steve Hagewood  
**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
 Hebrews: Don't Go Back!  
 Mike McLemore

### Serving in February

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| <b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b> | <b>Dwight Ivey</b>                                       | <b>Marty Hunt</b>     |
| <b>** Overseer</b>                    | <b>Wes Caudle</b>  | <b>Ron Holland</b>    |
|                                       | <b>Gene Preston</b>                                      | <b>Phil Shaver</b>    |
|                                       | <b>Tommy Hill **</b>                                     | <b>Jerry Mitchell</b> |
| <b>Lord's Supper PM</b>               | <b>Kirk Hatcher **</b>                                   | <b>Jim Risner</b>     |
| <b>Communion Prep Building Lockup</b> | <b>Phyllis Harmon, Susan Hand &amp; Ellie Ron Harmon</b> |                       |

