

Weatherly Weekly

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Wonderful Counselor

Michael W. McLemore

I'm told that there are as many as 175 descriptors of Jesus in Scripture. Perhaps most noted are those in Isaiah 9:6, "For to us a child is born, a son is given... his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The divine title "Wonderful Counselor" is compelling.

Eight Hundred years before Jesus came, God offered hope to His people as the Assyrians were taking captives, conquering the northern kingdom. He described the promised Messiah as the "Wonderful Counselor." He is the incomprehensible guide. The Gospel stories of Jesus and the epistles are replete with demonstrations of Jesus' "wonderful-ness." He healed, *Matthew 4:23*. He taught with authority, unlike others, *Matthew 7:28-29*. He lived without sin, *Hebrews 4:15*. Then, after suffering an agonizing death, He rose from the dead, *Mark 16:6*.

His unfathomable counsel is powerfully demonstrated. He knew people. He taught truth profoundly. He always chose the right, taught the right and expounded upon the benefit of

right. None was able to counsel as was and is He. He showed love, and offered love to all.

Jesus revealed counsel for both the saved and the unsaved, for young and old, for the rich and the poor, for the learned and the unlearned. "Enter by the narrow gate." "Do not be anxious about your life." "Work while it is day." "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." "No man can serve two masters." "Seek first the kingdom of God." "Judge not, that you be not judged." "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." "No one comes to the Father except through me." "Go into all the world and proclaim." "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." Plus so much more.

The Wonderful Counsellor has called His people to the duties of His counsel. We are laborers charged to lay this counsel before every misguided wanderer who is not in Christ, and to remember that He is our Counselor for every day and every relation in life. One and all, rich, poor, learned, unlearned, we must be willing to seek His counsel as "Wonderful Counselor." □

Inspiration The Very Words of God

Michael W. McLemore

If the Bible is inspired its very words are inspired. The term "plenary inspiration" is over the head of many in this present generation. "Plenary" is "full, complete or absolute." What is intended by its use in this way is that "the very words of the Bible are inspired of God." That the words used by each writer in Scripture are the words given by the Holy Spirit is also known as "verbal inspiration."

While many will accept that the Bible is a remarkable book, they reject that it is inspired "to the word." The preponderance of the religious world ascribes to the view that God merely inspired the thoughts of the writers, and left man to bear these divine thoughts in uninspired verbiage. Careful students of the Lord's own assurances on the subject of God's future communication to man in His absence will find this interpretation as in error. Listen to Jesus, "For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me" *John 18:8*. Again, "I have given them your word," *John 8:14*.

If one does not believe the words are inspired, what guarantee does he have that he has the divine revelation? If merely the thoughts are inspired, readers could never be certain what part of the communication is God's thought, and what is man's. Scripture denies this "false doctrine" emphatically. Jesus spoke to His disciples of the specificity with which the Holy Spirit would speak in the matter of inspiration, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come," *John 16:13*. Scripture was not left in the hands of imperfect men. The Holy Spirit revealed God's message, in words He heard. If the Bible is inspired at all its very words are inspired.

Many accredit the existence of modern denominationalism to the view that "no two people understand the Bible the same." While it may be true that two men can read

the same thing and understand it differently, it does not mean God intended it to be so. It may mean one or both of them are in error. It may mean one has a greater depth of understanding than does the other. Paul addressed precise-

ly this issue to the divided Corinthian church. He first pled for a spirit of unity among the believers – "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment," *1 Corinthians 1:10*. The inspired apostle rejects division.

Paul continued his instruction of the Corinthians relating the source of the words communicated in Scripture: "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual," *1 Corinthians 2:12-13*. The thoughts were "God-breathed," or inspired of God. Another way of stating it is, "Divine thoughts were clothed in Spirit-given words." This is a proper understanding of God's revealed word. If the Bible is not "inspired to the word," the Bible is not inspired at all.

Most who claim to believe in God attribute the Bible to Him. Each then must acknowledge that no book breathed from God by His divine agent, the Holy Spirit, can declare untruth. God is careful to assure believers that His book, the Bible, unequivocally declares its very words are inspired. Thus, great care should be exercised in discovering the application of God's inspired words.

Virtually every home in our country has a Bible. Most have many. The tragedy is that, while we have Bibles in almost every home, the very words of the Bible often are not lived. In truth millions throughout the world claim the Bible as the source of authority, but that authority isn't lived. Faith that does not originate in the very words of God is not faith in God at all. We must get back to the Bible. We must read its words. We must plant every word in our heart. Only then will the very words of God find root and bear fruit after its kind in our lives. □

Watch
LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

We are all praying for **Carol Risner**. She remains in Crestwood hospital. She has made some progress, but at age 93 her condition remains of great concern to all who love her. Please refrain from visiting. Pray for **Jim** and the whole family.

Ken & Glenda Cavender are both in our prayers. We are trusting the Lord to watch over them. Say their names to Lord this week as you approach His throne of mercy and love.

Betty Reavis was with us Sunday morning for worship. We were all very excited to see her and **Bill**. She will be continuing her chemo and regular infusion of fluids. Your fervent prayers for **Betty** are powerful.

Sharon Dubose was able to drive to Bible study on Wednesday evening. We are glad that she is regaining a level of independence since her injury. Pray for **Sharon**.

Wanda Castleman has not been with us following a fall at home. Pray for her strength.

Donna Godette is home from Kuwait. It was great to see her and the children Wednesday evening at Bible study. Your prayers during her protracted trip are greatly appreciated.

Mike Gore remains under hospice care at home. **Sandra** will be on leave from work for the next few weeks attending to his needs. Please pray for **the Gores**.

Several families at Weatherly have been affected by the seasonal illnesses that are going around. Please be mindful of those who

are not in their normal places. Pray for them as they improve. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

Barbara Woodard **Melonie Power**
Melvin Godette **Travis Barnett**
Jeff Harbin

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday Night Study Series March 17—April 28

We are looking forward to our Spring Sunday Night Study Series. Mark your calendars for March 17th. It promises as always to be a great series. Invite your friends and family to bring their entire family. Let's make this our best yet!

Weatherly Heights Lecture Series May 2-5

Preparation for our annual lecture series is well underway. Our theme this year is "Living in Christ." Make your plans to participate in each of the service. Every lesson will benefit those present. Mark your calendar. ☐

Group Three Meeting Tonight Leader: Murray Castleman

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

FEBRUARY - MARCH BIRTHDAYS



2-17	Olivia Holland	2-27	Penny Hill
2-28	Virginia Skinner	3-5	Gina Curtis
3-6	Harold Smith	3-11	Evelyn Hall
3-12	Stevie Hagewood	3-13	Collis Terry
3-14	Becky Hill	3-15	Bennett Matlock

Waiting

Michael W. McLemore

I love the sentiment of David's 27th Psalm put to music a few years ago, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." The refrain is taken from verse 14, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" While I love the hymn, I'll admit that waiting isn't my strong suit. Living as we do with finite understanding it is difficult for most of us to rely on and anticipate God's timing.

David lived according to the Lord's planned schedule. Although anointed king at age sixteen it was fourteen years before David actually took the throne. He lived for many of those years in the caves of the Judean wilderness, hiding from Saul. Those years equipped him for the future. God used his hurts and his disappointments to mold David's heart after His own. Do we realize that God uses delays to prepare us for His work and to teach us so that we will be effective in doing it? Three lessons:

Be active while you wait! Continue to be productive while praying, studying and waiting.

Live with purpose while you wait! Serve with expectancy of greater opportunities to come.

Listen to His word and be ready to respond when the time is right. The best doesn't always come quickly! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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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Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood
Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Ben Little
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, February 17

Welcome: Forest Summers
Song Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Ben Little
Scripture Reading: Phillip Dill
Psalm 51:1-12
Sermon: Michael McLemore
Power of a Guilty Conscience
Closing Prayer: Gene Preston

Sunday, February 24

Welcome: Forest Summers
Song Leader: Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer: Will Starks
Scripture Reading: Searcy Hall
Romans 10:14-21
Sermon: Michael McLemore
"The Citadel of the Soul"
Closing Prayer: Jim Ehl

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Jared Jimison
Songs Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Collis Terry
Closing Prayer: W.D. Patrick

Evening Worship

Michael McLemore
SINGING
Hill Roberts
Bobby Wright

Wednesday, February 20

Songs Leader: Mike Coward
Invitation: Ben Little
Closing Prayer: Louis Garrett

Wednesday, February 27

Collis Terry
Mike Coward
Riley Monroe

Group 3

2019 Weatherly Lectures May 2-5

"Living in Christ"

Jason Moore, Gary Patton & Eric Reynolds

Group 4

Quarterly Adult Classes January – March 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!
Mike McLemore

Serving in February

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Dwight Ivey	Marty Hunt
** Overseer	Wes Caudle	Ron Holland
	Gene Preston	Phil Shaver
	Tommy Hill **	Jerry Mitchell

Lord's Supper PM	Kirk Hatcher **	Jim Risner
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Communion Prep Building Lockup	Phyllis Harmon, Susan Hand & Ellie Ron Harmon
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