

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Strong in Weakness

Michael W. McLemore

“Time would fail me to tell of [ALL who were, *mmm*] ... made strong out of weakness,” Hebrews 11:32-38. Some of the greatest people of human history have become such in spite of great hardship and adversity. Consider...

Robert Louis Stevenson was a semi-invalid most of his life but became one of the world’s great men in the field of literature. Helen Keller born blind, deaf and mute is one of the world’s most loved women. Herbert Hoover was the orphaned son of an Iowa blacksmith but became one of the world’s most beloved and famous men of his generation – former President of the United States, statesman and humanitarian. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States during both the Great Depression and WWII, one of the world’s superlatively great leaders of his day (whether one agrees with his politics or not), stricken with polio, spent most of his life in a wheel chair. Lord Byron, one of England’s great poets, had a maldeveloped foot. Julius Caesar, renowned emperor of Rome and most illustrious soldier, suffered from epilepsy. Napoleon Bonaparte,

world-conqueror, was but five foot seven inches tall. Mozart, idolized musician, suffered from consumption, a wasting disease caused from pulmonary tuberculosis. Beethoven, one of the world’s most noted composers was stone deaf when he composed his most significant symphonies. Jesus of Nazareth was born in semi-poverty, brought up in a despised village in the Galilean countryside under the taint of suspected illegitimate birth, and crucified between thieves, yet stands in history, apart from his Deity, as the world’s GREATEST man. Saul of Tarsus hampered by “a thorn in the flesh” and despised by his own nation as a traitor to its cause, next only to Christ himself, became one of the world’s most eminent spiritual leaders.

Need we say more? Those who excuse themselves on the ground of handicaps, real or imagined, or who would take refuge in bitterness because of them, is effaced before such mighty examples of endurance. Adversity should become, not a weight to drag us down, but a steppingstone to accomplishment. Look for the blessings in your adversity! ☐



Watch LIVE



## Standing on the Promises

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The world says use your body to indulge your passions. The word of God teaches us to give control of our lives to God who made us then redeemed us to Himself in Christ. Our bodies must honor Him. As His people we are called to use our body as an instrument to His glory.

I must ask, “Am I standing upon God’s promises? Or, am I standing upon my contrived desires? Many are anxious when it comes to God’s promises and seek to wrest the Bible to endorse their own selfish desires. Phrases as “whatever you ask in my name, you shall receive” are twisted to make human desire into God’s will.

Listen to Peter,

“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Peter 1:16-21.

Faith is discovered by the scheming of men, but through knowledge of God’s will. Peter reminds us that we do not follow “clever men,” but we follow Christ, just as he and his contemporaries did. The magicians in Exodus who attempted to skew truth in the corridors of Pharaoh were shamed and Egypt was brought to her

knees by God’s power. The world of that generation witnessed his power. Simon the sorcerer was considered to be some great power by first century Samaria, but when he heard the gospel preached and saw the miracles he believed and obeyed, Acts 8:9-13. Those who believed the gospel in the first century did not believe a cleverly devised tale. Each in turn saw the power of God and staked their lives on the promises of God.

It is difficult for some to bring themselves to simply stand on what God has said. I read a story of a liberal theologian who was asked to give his dissertation on the subject of the apostle Paul’s teaching on justification by faith. He is reported to have made a superb effort to teach what Paul taught. Afterwards a colleague came to him, congratulated him, then inquired, “I didn’t know you believed what you taught today?” The speaker replied, “I don’t! I wasn’t asked to teach what I believe on justification by faith, I was asked to teach on Paul’s teaching about justification by faith.” How sad!

How can one stand on God’s promises if he doesn’t believe in God’s promises? It is through faith in God’s promises that we escape the corruption of the world caused by evil desires. Declared Peter,

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire,” 2 Peter 1:3-4.

The word of God reveals his promises. It is through these promises we find life as God meant it to be. It is through God’s will that we partake in His divine nature. It is through His promises alone we find the means to escape sin. ☐



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Carol Risner** was moved to rehab at Redstone Village as planned last week. We are praying for her strength and for her recovery. Please pray for her, for **Jim** and the whole family.

**Betty Reavis** remains on our daily prayer list. Please say her name to the Lord this week as you pray. We are thankful for the progress that she has made in recent weeks. Remember **Bill** in prayer also.

We are glad to report that **Wanda Castleman** is doing better since her fall.

**Amanda & Jared Jimison** are scheduled to leave for Phoenix Thursday morning to be there for their son's birth on Friday. Pray for all to be well. We are very excited!! ☑

### Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Barbara Woodard</b> | <b>Melonie Power</b>   |
| <b>Melvin Godette</b>  | <b>Glenda Cavender</b> |
| <b>Travis Barnett</b>  | <b>Jeff Harbin</b>     |

## Welcome Roberts

We are pleased to welcome **Don & Lane Roberts** to our Weatherly family. **The Roberts** moved to Huntsville back in November. They are a joy to us and we are so pleased to have their fellowship. **Hill, Carol** and **family** are overjoyed to have them close.

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## FEBRUARY - MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- |      |                        |      |                         |
|------|------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 2-27 | <b>Penny Hill</b>      | 2-28 | <b>Virginia Skinner</b> |
| 3-5  | <b>Gina Curtis</b>     | 3-6  | <b>Harold Smith</b>     |
| 3-11 | <b>Evelyn Hall</b>     | 3-12 | <b>Stevie Hagewood</b>  |
| 3-13 | <b>Collis Terry</b>    | 3-14 | <b>Becky Hill</b>       |
| 3-15 | <b>Bennett Matlock</b> | 3-18 | <b>Susan Ivey</b>       |

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## Passing of Mike Gore

**Mike Gore** passed from this life to the next shortly after noon on Wednesday. He left



this world peacefully with **Sandra** and **Aaron** at his side. **Mike's** illness was long and took a great toll, but his spirit was remarkable. He was happy to the last. We all were thrilled when he obeyed the gospel a few weeks ago. Your thoughtfulness and prayers in these last months has meant the world to this family. Funeral services for **Mike** will be held this afternoon at 2 pm. at Hampton Cove funeral home. A visitation will be held before the service from 1-2 pm. Internment will be a private gathering of immediate family on Wednesday. Let's all rally around this sweet family. ☑

## Group Four Meeting Tonight

**Leader: Ron Harmon**

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

## Convince Your Children

Allen Malone

The following piece appeared on Cindy Malone's Facebook page this week. I've been friends with Allen for almost 30 years. We met in a mutual friend's home shortly after we both moved to Mississippi. Allen and I both were privileged to serve as evangelist of the West End church in Richmond, Virginia at different times. When I read this piece, I thought that our young parents might profit from its sentiment. *Mike*

"It is hard to convince our children that the work of the Lord and His church is really important if we are not taking an active part in the work ourselves.

It is hard to convince our children that faithfulness to the Lord is the most important loyalty in life if we permit them to forsake worship assemblies to visit friends and engage in non-spiritual activities.

It is hard to convince our children that they should eagerly serve the Lord and others if we constantly complain and criticize the efforts of those who care enough to zealously serve.

It is hard to convince our children that they should give God their all if we do not love and trust God enough to seek first His kingdom and righteousness ourselves.

It will be hard to convince our children until we become convicted and consistent in our own walk with the Lord." ☑

## WEEKLY WALK



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## TIMES OF SERVICES

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Sunday Bible Classes</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>Sunday AM Assembly</b>   | <b>10:00 am</b> |
| <b>Sunday PM Assembly</b>   | <b>5:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday Classes</b>    | <b>7:00 pm</b>  |

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## Weatherly's Shepherds

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Louis Garrett</b>  | 256 883-7785 |
| <b>Tommy Hill</b>     | 256 883-0010 |
| <b>Will Starks</b>    | 256 883-5273 |
| <b>Forest Summers</b> | 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 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**

## Sunday, March 3

- Tommy Hill**
- Charles Hill**
- Ron Harmon**
- Jeremy Leshko**
- Haggai 1:2-11**
- Michael McLemore**
- "First Things First"**
- David Jacks**

## Evening Worship

- Bible Skillz** **Michael McLemore**
- Songs Leader:** **SINGING**
- Opening Prayer:** **Hill Roberts**
- Closing Prayer:** **Bobby Wright**

## Evening Worship

- Michael McLemore**
- Charles Hill**
- Bill Thompson**
- Phil Shaver**

## Wednesday, February 27

- Songs Leader:** **Collis Terry**
- Invitation:** **Mike Coward**
- Closing Prayer:** **Riley Monroe**

## Wednesday, March 6

- Phil Furlough**
- Louis Garrett**
- Terry Childress**

## Group 4

## 2019 Weatherly Lectures

May 2-5

**"Living in Christ"**  
**Jason Moore, Gary Patton & Eric Reynolds**

## Group 1

## Quarterly Adult Classes

January – March 2019

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Fulfilled Prophecy  
**Steve Hagewood**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
Hebrews: Don't Go Back!  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in February

- |                                       |                          |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b> | <b>Adam Hagewood</b>     | <b>John Patrick</b>                   |
| <b>** Overseer</b>                    | <b>Nick Holland</b>      | <b>John Besherse</b>                  |
|                                       | <b>Bobby Wright</b>      | <b>W.D. Patrick</b>                   |
|                                       | <b>Forest Summers **</b> | <b>Steve Hagewood</b>                 |
| <b>Lord's Supper PM</b>               | <b>Collis Terry **</b>   | <b>Terry Childress</b>                |
| <b>Communion Prep</b>                 |                          | <b>Julie Guice &amp; Sarah Starks</b> |
| <b>Building Lockup</b>                |                          | <b>Will Starks</b>                    |

