

# Weatherly Weekly

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## His Saving Word

Michael W. McLemore

Jesus is the incarnate sermon of God to the world. John called Him "the word made flesh," John 1:13. He is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world," John 1:29. He is the "Savior of the world," John 4:42. He is "the only true and living way," John 14:6. His words "are spirit and life," John 6:63. His word alone "will judge" humankind at "the last day," John 12:48. As powerful as the words of Jesus were to His generation, they only had strength to effect change in His hearers when they were taken to heart and lived. It remains true today.

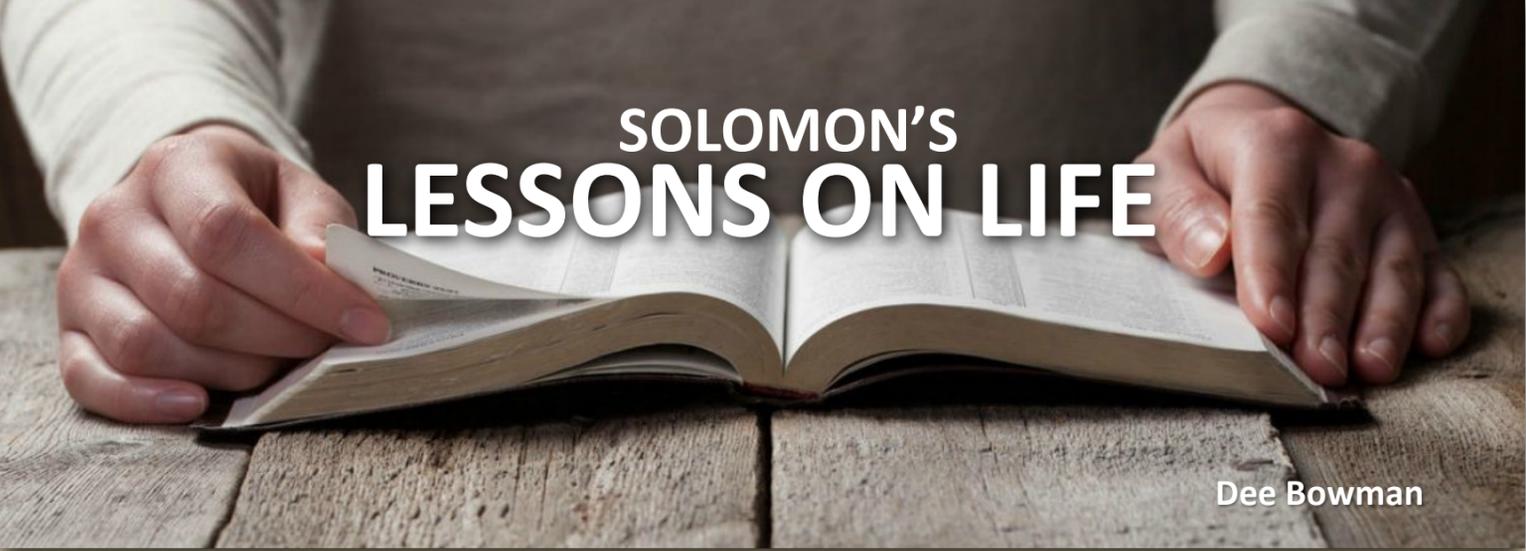
The Bible is God's authoritative word and is His sole means to save souls and transform lives today. Paul wrote of his eagerness to preach the gospel in Rome, saying, it "is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes," Romans 1:16. The Lord's own brother, James, wrote to the early Christians of the dispersion, reminding them that the word of God once implanted into the heart "is able to save your soul," James 1:21.

While the Bible constitutes the plan of

God to redeem the soul, it also is endowed with power to transform men and women into the image, or character of the Son. The inspired unknown author of Hebrews praises the word of God as "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart," Hebrews 4:12.

No human instrument has the force sufficient to propel man into the presence of God. Only the word of God can offer man what he needs to find an eternal home and unending fellowship with God. Listen to the promise of Ezekiel to the captives of Judah in ancient Babylonian captivity, "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. ...And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules," Ezekiel 36:26-27. God offers the hope of change and has sent His Spirit to reveal His saving word that alone has both the power to revive and the power to transform the soul. □

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## SOLOMON'S LESSONS ON LIFE

Dee Bowman

Solomon was the wisest man of his age. When he was but a young man and had just ascended to the throne of his father, God appeared to him in Gibeon and said "Ask what I shall give thee." Solomon, showing that he was a wise man even then, said "Give me an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad..." (I Kings 3:1-ff). God did according to His word and gave him the mind of a man, a wisdom far above all that were before him.

Solomon ran an experiment with life. He decided to consider "all things that are done under heaven," to see what had value and what did not. His experiment ran the gamut of life. He searched in science, in politics, in agriculture, in philanthropy, in pleasure, looking in every nook and cranny to ascertain "what was that good for men all the days of their life."

With a mind filled with determination, he lived life "with all the gusto you can." He sought wisdom and knowledge and found that "in much wisdom is much grief: and 'he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow' (1:18). He worked on inequities and he saw that "that which is crooked cannot be made straight, and that which is wanting cannot be numbered" (2:15). He concluded that "it is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting" (7:2), that there is no good to be had in reminiscing about the "good ole days" (7:10), that prosperity and adversity both have a place in life (7:14), that life is filled with all sorts of inequities (9:11), that a reputation which was a lifetime in the building can be destroyed in a few minutes by just one misplaced word (10:1), that there is no such thing as a secret (10:20), that diligence (9:10), humility (9:12) and prudence (9:16) are a necessary part of good life here. But in none of it did he find any real satisfaction.

Life became for him a frustrating experience. He said, "I hated all my labor which I had taken" and he concluded after having slaked his thirst for living by drinking of the very dregs of life, "I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun" (2:11).

Interestingly, as he performed this function, his wisdom remained with him. He was able, for instance, to stand off and view himself when he had "given myself to wine," or when he had "increased more than all that were before" him, while apparently retaining a sense of balance that allowed him to objectively appraise what he saw and felt (cf. 2:3,9).

He does note several things which contribute to happiness and tranquility as life is lived "under the sun." Good food and good friends, along with nice garments are concluded as being desirable for quality living (9:10). Living joyfully with "the wife of thy youth" is recommended. And the ability to accept with resignation the allotments of Divine Providence contributes to a happy life, he says (9:11).

But mostly his experiment is finished in sheer frustration, for he says, "Then the dust shall return to the earth as it was: and the spirit to God who gave it" (11:9). And in one last gasp of desperation he concludes, "Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, all is vanity," indicating that there is actually no lasting benefit to life under the sun.

And so, "let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter," he says, "Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (12:13). A man's focus must be other-worldly, his attitude that of a sojourner or he will never be truly happy. □

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Betty Reavis** underwent Chemo on Friday and is understandably weakened from the six hour process. She has only one more Chemo-therapy treatment to go, March 15th. She will then go on a maintenance medication going forward. We are thrilled that she's doing well.

**Ken Cavender** has a series of appointments early this week as his physicians formulate a plan for addressing his recent diagnosis. The "spot on his liver" proved cancerous. Your prayers for **Ken & Glenda** are solicited.

**Martha "Marty" Haseldon**, daughter of **Don & Lane Roberts**, sister of **Hill**, has been diagnosed with a very serious gastro-intestinal cancer. At this point we have little information, but it is very serious. Please remember her family, husband, **Jeff**, and daughters, **Mandy & Sami**. Prayers are appreciated.

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**Amanda & Jared Jimison** are in Phoenix awaiting the birth of their son. Please remember them in prayer. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

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

## Passing of Carol Risner

**Carol Latham Thompson Risner** passed from this life Thursday, February 28th. Though her light has burned its last in this temporal world, it will shine brightly in the land beyond for all eternity. From the day she arrived at Weatherly Carol made our family better. We will miss her but have all been made more fruitful servants because she touched our lives. A memorial service will be held in her honor here at the building Tuesday morning at 10. Internment will follow a brief indoor service at 2:30 pm in the Franklin Memorial Gardens, Russellville, Alabama. ☐



### Group One Meeting Tonight Leader: W.D. Patrick

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

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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	3-18	Susan Ivey
3-22	Thomas Hill	3-27	Jonathan Matlock

## The Source of Life

Michael W. McLemore

After His baptism Jesus was led into the wilderness and was tempted by the devil for 40 days. Luke tells us Jesus "ate nothing," and "he was hungry," Luke 4:2. "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread," Luke 4:3. In spite of His weakened physical state, Jesus replied, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone,'" 4:4. His response has left us the key to meeting the Devil's challenge. The source of our strength is the written word of God, NOT...

**Things** – Jesus addressed the misnomer that life consist of the abundance of the things we possess. How many have been overcome by the Devil's lie that "a little more and then I will be in a position to serve the Lord"? Life isn't found in things.

**Self** – A trip to any local bookstore will reveal our culture's pre-occupation with building self-esteem. Jesus was God's own Son. We are God's children. Our problem is not too little self-esteem, but too much self-focus. Jesus modeled a life free of "self-focus." Life isn't found in self.

**Knowledge** – James teaches, "He that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin (4:17). It's not enough to just know, God's will must become our way of life. Life isn't just knowing, it's trusting God enough to DO. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

Weatherly Weekly



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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<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 Deacons

<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, March 3

**Welcome:** Tommy Hill  
**Song Leader:** Charles Hill  
**Opening Prayer:** Ron Harmon  
**Scripture Reading:** Jeremy Leshko  
*Haggai 1:2-11*  
**Sermon:** Michael McLemore  
*"First Things First"*  
**Closing Prayer:** David Jacks

### Sunday, March 10

**Tommy Hill**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Collis Terry**  
**Phillip Dill**  
*2 Corinthians 8:1-15*  
**Michael McLemore**  
*"Are You Kidding Me?"*  
**Phil Furlough**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** Michael McLemore  
**Songs Leader:** Charles Hill  
**Opening Prayer:** Bill Thompson  
**Closing Prayer:** Phil Shaver

### Evening Worship

**Hill Roberts**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Forest Summers**  
**Ed Dill**

### Wednesday, March 6

**Songs Leader:** Phil Furlough  
**Invitation:** Louis Garrett  
**Closing Prayer:** Terry Childress

### Wednesday, March 13

**Bill Thompson**  
**Terry Childress**  
**Gene Preston**

### 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

<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>
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<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Julie Guice &amp; Sarah Starks</b>
<b>Building Lockup</b>	<b>Will Starks</b>

