

Weatherly Weekly

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"I Know Where They Ain't"

Michael W. McLemore

Over the years I have read a number of versions of this story but my favorite is this. "Many years ago one of the presidents of the United States was taking a trip down the Mississippi by steam paddle boat. Being a friendly man, he walked freely among the passengers and members of the crew, striking conversation along the way. Invited to tour the helm of the vessel, the president found himself standing along side the boat's pilot. "How long have you been piloting boats on the river?" asked the president.

"Nigh onto forty years," answered the pilot.

Then said the president, "I suppose you know exactly where the rocks are in this part of the river."

"Nah, Sir," he replied, "I don't know where the rocks are, but I know where the rocks ain't!"

Our lives are like boats on the river. The Devil seeks to undermine faith, wrecking unsuspecting victims, as men drift through life

unaware and without divine bearing. On the surface the way may seem clear and unobstructed, but below await treacherous rocks and angry shoals that will wreck life and ruin souls.

The only advantage is knowing first that very real danger looms. Deceitful peril is placed by the Devil with calculated precision. One may be clueless as to when this temptation will come, but it will come. The rocks move. The Devil places them carefully. But, like the old wise pilot, we are given further advantage.

God has mapped a course, a safe channel that will keep us from the rock of offence intended to cause His people to stumble. The secure route can be discovered in God's guide, the Bible. It must be read, taken to heart, memorized and employed as we prepare ourselves for the daily trip through the treacherous waters of life. It is true, "we don't know where all the rocks are, but we do know where they ain't!" □

SALVATION

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The interest in salvation is largely universal. It's need is common to all men, thus universal in its scope: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," *Romans 3:23*. The penalty for sin is eternal death: "The wages of sin is death," *Romans 6:23*. "The soul who sins shall die," *Ezekiel 18:20*. Since, every accountable person is a sinner, all are condemned to eternal death, hence in need of salvation. No man will be saved

until he becomes conscious of his condemned state before a Holy God. Too many labor under the delusion that they have never done anything that would merit eternal death. They expect to be saved on the ground of their own morality or good works. This places the sinner in the position of setting himself up as a competent judge of the character of sin in the eyes of a sinless God. The fact that man is a sinner prejudices the possibility of his being able to judge correctly concerning this matter.

The hope of the sinner lies not in the degree of which he has been guilty, but in the recognition on his part of the fact that he is a condemned sinner utterly dependent on the grace of God. Pardon is the only hope of the sinner. Pardon can only be enjoyed by those who accept Christ and His blood as their sacrifice for sin. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out

for many for the remission of sins," *Matthew 26:28*. "Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot," *1 Peter 1:18*.

The blessings of the shed blood, the sacrificial death of Christ are not enjoyed universally and unconditionally. They are universally offered to mankind but conditionally enjoyed. Man has a part to play in his salvation. "Save yourselves from this crooked generation," *Acts 2:40*. "Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers," *1 Timothy 4:16*. "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," *Philippians 2:12*.

The conditions of salvation are imposed by the Creator and Savior. Man is in no position to set the terms by which redemption to God is proffered. Faith, repentance, confession and baptism are the divine terms: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned," *Mark 16:15-16*. "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent," *Acts 17:30*. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved," *Romans 10:9*.

The grace of God that brings salvation has been made available to all. Will you receive it and obey its terms? □

Watch
LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Dot Summers was with us on Sunday. She still has limits and difficulty, but “she was a sight for sore eyes” as they say. Hundreds of prayers have been offered by our family for her. We are rejoicing that she’s doing as well as she is. Every expression for **Dot & Forest** has been received both with humility and appreciation.

Edith Turner has graduated from the boot. Finding a shoe that is comfortable has proven a bit more challenging. She is still not sure footed and may not be able to be with us today, as she originally planned. Continue to pray for her.

Wanda Castleman was able to be with us on Sunday night for the very first time since her odyssey began. We were universally thrilled to see her. She looks amazing. While she is not completely healed, she has passed a milestone. Please continue to pray for her complete health and be sure to express thankfulness to our Lord for all He has done for her and for **Murray**.

We learned yesterday that **John Beshers**’s father was transported to Huntsville Hospital in the early morning hours on Saturday. We will update you as the family relates the information. Prayers please.

Great news for **Jeff Harbin**. His most recent scan shows no cancer! That is awesome and cause for prayers of thanksgiving.

Mechi Hunt’s father needs our prayers as he continues his recovery from surgery.

Laura Phillips, **Jenny Jacks**’ mother, re-

mains on our prayer list as she recovers from a serious fall in Hueytown.

Pam Davis, daughter of **Adrianne West**, continues her treatment for cancer. Say her name this week as you pray.

Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

Barbara Woodard	Melonie Power
Melvin Godette	Glenda Cavender
Ken Cavender	Betty Reavis
Aladean Jacks	Marty Haselden
Pam Davis	

Thelma Poole

Thelma Poole was laid to rest on Monday. Her sweet spirit among God’s people will be missed. Your prayers for **Kathy & Rick** and family are appreciated.

A number of our members were present to pay tribute to Thelma’s life. Though a member at Weatherly for only a few years, she was a big part of our family here. We have missed her since her move to Regency and back to Jordan Park as a matter of convenience for the family. ☐

Group Two Meeting

Group Two, led by **Phil Furlough**, is scheduled to meet after worship tonight. You will be dismissed from the assembly immediately after the Lord’s Supper. Plan to attend.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



6-3	Rick Morgan	6-12	Erin Riggs
6-13	Adam Hagewood	6-15	Murray Castleman
6-16	Jaxie Rogers	6-16	Phil Shaver
6-23	Jared Jimison	6-23	W.D. Patrick
6-26	Keion Godette	6-30	Susan Hand

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The Paradise of God

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Paul used the word, “paradeisos” to describe the eternal home of the soul: “And I know that this man was caught up into paradise,” *2 Corinthians 12:4*. It is an interesting term with a long history.

Our English “paradise” is actually a Persian word that has been given an English sound. It was used by the historian Xenophon to describe the parks of Persian kings and nobles. One such park was built by king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar married a girl from the mountains of Media. Babylon was built on a plain. Soon after their marriage his young wife became homesick for the mountainous terrain of her homeland. Nebuchadnezzar, determined that he would soothe her melancholy, built his new bride a mountain of her own right in Babylon. He erected what would later be known as one of “the seven wonders of the ancient world” as a tribute to his love for a young woman. This place we know to be the “Hanging Gardens of Semiramis.” Paul borrowed from that term to describe heaven as a garden.

Surely no more beautiful figure could here be employed than that of man’s reconciliation with God to that “garden” from which he was first estranged by sin. Are we longing for that day when we can walk with our Father in the cool of the day in the paradise of God? ☐

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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Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Ben Little
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, June 9

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **David Jacks**
Scripture Reading: **Wes Caudle**
Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon: **Michael McLemore**
“With All Your Heart”
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Sunday, June 16

Tommy Hill
Bill Thompson
W.D. Patrick
Philip Dill
Philippians 1:12-18
Michael McLemore
“Living Above Circumstance”
Jeremy Leshko

Evening Worship

Bible Skills **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Ed Dill**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Bill Thompson
Ben Little
Jim Risner

Wednesday, June 12

Songs Leader: **Terry Childress**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Terry Barnett**

Wednesday, June 19

Mike Coward
Mike McLemore
Louis Garrett

Group 2

2019 Weatherly Singing
August 9th

**Tim Stevens, John Kilgore
& Jack Bradford**

Group 3

Quarterly Adult Classes
April – June 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Living Responsibly
Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Lessons from Isaiah
Mike McLemore

Serving in June

Serving on the Lord’s Table AM ** Overseer	Dwight Ivey Bobby Wright Charley Skinner Ben Little **	Gene Preston Ron Holland John Beshers Jerry Mitchell
Lord’s Supper PM	Collis Terry **	Terry Childress
Communion Prep Building Lockup		Julie Singleton Jared Jimison

