

# Weatherly Weekly

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## A Reason for the Shadows

Forrest D. Moyer

We sometimes speak of life amid the shadows. We refer to such things as sorrow and adversity, calamity and misfortune as shadows. Yet, we need to remember that the same God who made the sunshine also made the shadows. Yea, it is the brilliancy from the sunshine that produces the contrast of the shadows. Is there a value in shadows? Yes, verily, for who could appreciate the beauty of the sunrise were it not for the shadows of the night? To awake on a foggy morning with only the shadows of the misty cloud about us causes us to yearn for the crisp dawn with sin reflecting upon the western hills. Yes, shadows have their purpose.

And it is so with the shadows of pain, and sorrow and adversity. The one who comes out of such shadows as these appreciated the light so much more than the one who has known only peace and prosperity. The pain of sor-

row only intensifies the joy of contentment. The bitter cup of anguish makes the taste of comfort that much sweeter. We must learn to use the shadows to come to appreciate the sunshine.

When adversity comes, the end of it will be determined by how we accept it and how we use it. We can lie down and wallow in the shadows of self-pity or we can move toward the sunshine. The choice is really ours. For as surely as there is a night, there also follows a sunrise. We can walk toward that sunrise and away from the night. Sunset may be coming, but the sunrise we'll see! □

(Editor's note: Brother Moyer's son, Doy, shared this article last week in a Facebook post. I share it with our family joyfully. It fits perfectly with our morning subject matter, but my main motive is my love for Forrest D. Moyer's writing in the Gospel Guardian. He taught me many lessons in my early days. *MWM*.)

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## Red Sails in the Sunset

James W. Adams

In my first full time local work in Vivian, Louisiana during 1935-37, Gertrude and I, being romantic newlyweds, listened with great appreciation to a beautiful, popular love song which was sung constantly over the radio. It was popularized by a Bing Crosby recording, but we heard it sung mostly by a woman singer by the name of Lee, and she gave to it a haunting beauty that lingers yet in our minds after all these years. It was called, "Red Sails in the Sunset."

I ran across a statement from the pen of a nineteenth century, English preacher by the name of Alexander Foote which brought "our song" back to memory. He said, "Of all the passions that possess mankind, the love of novelty rules most the mind; in search of this from realm to realm we roam, our fleets come fraught with every folly home.." His figurative description of the results of an inordinate love for novelty suggested "Red Sails in the Sunset" as an appropriate title for this article.

Red is a symbol of danger. Couple this with Foote's observation that the "fleets" of the love of novelty roam the world in search of the new and different and come home "fraught with ever folly," and you have the thrust of this article. Among conservative Christians today (encouraged by preachers) there is a growing affinity for the new and different and a commensurate lack of enthusiasm for just plain old Jerusalem gospel. We are caught up in the backwash of the "Social Gospel," but perish the thought that we should acknowledge it. When I observe that large crowds will gather to hear a discussion of current social problems ninety percent of which is psychology, sociology, and human opinion supported by generous citations of secular authorities in these fields and ten percent Scripture to give it doctrinal respectability, and embarrassingly small crowds gather to hear a Bible discussion of the great fundamentals of God's eternal scheme for the redemption of sinners, the correctness of the observation made above is incontrovertible.

That we are to be governed by the Bible in social relationships is not denied, consequently, the fact that it is our duty to teach every Bible principle relating to them I accept without argument. However, there is a vast difference between preaching what the Scriptures teach on these matters, and discussing them and seeking solutions of problems in this realm from the standpoint of human philosophy, psychology, and sociology. For example, it is the duty of the "older women to teach the younger women to be keepers at home" (Titus 2:4,5). No one denies

that this is a work in which a church as such may engage. Yet, this does not justify a church as such arranging, advertising, and conducting a course in "home economics." A church must teach people to "maintain good works for necessary uses" (Titus 3:14) and "to labor, working with their hands the thing which is good, that they may have to give to them that have need" (Eph. 4:28), but this does not authorize a church to arrange, advertise, and conduct courses in carpentry, plumbing, and secretarial science. It would seem that brethren, of all people, should recognize this, but it appears some do not!

I commonly hear such expressions as: "Church of Christ doctrine; Church of Christ tradition; we need to project a new image of the church or change the image of the church; continuous cleansing; all of us are brethren in error, hence we should broaden our acceptance and participation in religion to include the pious among the denominations; a church is not an organic functional entity; any act peculiar to being a Christian may be performed by both the individual or a church." These are but a few of the novel concepts vocalized foreign to the Scriptures. There are many more that constitute "red sails" of Novelty's "fleet" bringing home from the far reaches of the ocean of religious confusion about us cargoes of "folly" that may well presage the "sunset" of our efforts to maintain simple, uncorrupted, New Testament Christianity in faith and practice.

On one of the pages of a book in my library, "The New Dictionary of Thoughts," I wrote some years ago, "Somewhere between the chains of mere human tradition and the charms of novelty lies the certainty of truth." This is not true because I wrote it, but I wrote it because it is true. Things are not right because they are old and traditional, neither are they wrong. It is just as true that things are not wrong because they are new, but neither are they right. Things are right or wrong in religion to the extent that they are in harmony or out of harmony with revealed truth contained in the Scriptures.

The young woman of the song to which reference has been made prayed earnestly that "red sails in the sunset might bring her lover home safe." We should, conversely speaking, watch and pray lest the "red sails" of Novelty's ships load us down with the self-destructive "folly" of the wild fanaticism, rampant emotionalism, and open fellowship of socially evolving, modern Christendom and derail us from the safe tracts of a "Thus saith the Lord." □



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Melanie Powers** is very slowly getting back into a normal routine. She has a long way to go, but it's really great that she is able to again be with us in worship. God is good!

**Debbie Harbin** has a date for surgery. The difficult part is that it will be August 19th, more than a month away. In the meantime she is wrestling with severe pain at times. Please ask the Lord to comfort her while she waits. Remember **Jimmy** too.

**Edith Turner** is still working to recover her strength. Please continue to remember her to the Lord as you pray.

**Dwight Ivey's** mother, **Neida Ivey**, has been moved to rehab following surgery. Your prayers for her are appreciated.

**Mike McLemore's** mother, **Jimmie**, is doing well. We are thankful that she will not need surgery. She will be confined to home for the next four weeks.

## Aladean Jacks Passes

**David Jacks'** mother, **Aladean**, passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon. **Sister Jacks** had been in declining health for some time. This is the end of a long and faithful sojourn on this earth. She will be missed by many in the Lord's church.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday in Bessemer. Visitation will begin at 1 pm. with the service to follow at 2. **Browns Service Funeral Home** is in charge of arrangements and is located at 1300 4th Avenue N., Bessemer, AL.

Your prayers, calls, cards and expressions of kindness for **the Jacks family** are greatly appreciated. Please continue to ask for the Lord to watch over this faithful family. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Barbara Woodard</b>	<b>Melvin Godette</b>
<b>Glenda Cavender</b>	<b>Ken Cavender</b>
<b>Betty Reavis</b>	<b>Marty Haselden</b>
<b>Pam Davis</b>	<b>Laura Phillips</b>
<b>Brenda Dorris</b>	

## Summer Study Series

Tonight is week #4 of our Summer edition of Sunday Night Study Series. We are thrilled with the participation in the effort. Make your plans to be here tonight.

Tonight we will be studying "Tabernacle: A Tent for God's Dwelling."



**2019 Weatherly Singing, August 9th**, with Jack Bradford, John Kilgore & Tim Stevens. It will be a great night.

## Group Two Meeting

Group Two, led by **Phil Furlough**, postponed their meeting until next Sunday at the home of **Phil & June Furlough** for a covered dish and group meeting immediately following morning worship.

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Phillip Dill	8-1	Thomas Little
8-2	Wanda Castleman	8-6	Forest Summers
8-10	Natalie Frazier	8-11	Phyllis Harmon

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## Fruit-bearing

Michael W. McLemore

We serve a God who supplies both the seed and the power to give His increase. One of Jesus' most remembered parables is His Parable of the Sower. In it He argued for an accepting heart that permits the seed to grow, and flourish, allowing the Spirit of God to effect the desired changes He intends. Listen to Jesus' explanation in Mark 4:20,

"Those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty-fold and sixtyfold and a hundred-fold."

Jesus expresses conditions that will produce fruit-bearing, describing the converted heart in three ways — "The ones who..."

HEAR it — How many of us are hindered because we do not "hear" information that later proved very important? Jesus said fruit-bearing begins with hearing the word of God.

ACCEPT it — Man is hindered from serving because the truth is in conflict with the desires of the heart. Trials of life and the things of the world are great forces that militate against application of God's word. Until it is internalized and allowed to be the authority in every decision, the Christian will struggle to bear fruit.

BEAR FRUIT — Fruit-bearing only comes with hard work. We will not produce the same. The one constant is God. He will supply both the power and the increase. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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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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<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, July 14

**Welcome:** Will Starks  
**Song Leader:** Hill Roberts  
**Opening Prayer:** Will Starks  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Dill  
*Ephesians 6:10-20*  
**Sermon:** Michael McLemore,  
*"Spiritual Warriors"*  
**Closing Prayer:** Ken Cavender

## Sunday, July 21

**Will Starks**  
**David Jacks**  
**Ron Harmon**  
**Wes Caudle**  
*1 Corinthians 1:18-31*  
**Michael McLemore,**  
*"The Problem of Pride"*  
**Gene Preston**

## Evening Worship

**Summer Series** Mike McLemore  
**Songs Leader:** Hill Roberts  
**Opening Prayer:** Tommy Hill  
**Closing Prayer:** Jimmy Harbin

## Evening Worship

Mike McLemore  
**David Jacks**  
**Phil Furlough**  
**Ben Little**

## Wednesday, July 17

**Songs Leader:** Mike Coward  
**Invitation:** Mike McLemore  
**Closing Prayer:** Louis Garrett

## Wednesday, July 24

**Bill Thompson**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Bobby Wright**

## Group 1

**2019 Weatherly Singing**  
August 9th

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

## Group 2

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
July – September 2019

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

More Lessons from Isaiah

**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Philippians: "God Gave You to Me"

**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in July

<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	<b>Adam Hagewood</b>	<b>Steve Hagewood</b>
<b>** Overseer</b>	<b>Nick Holland</b>	<b>W.D. Patrick</b>
	<b>Jim Ehl</b>	<b>Clark Boles</b>
	<b>Tommy Hill **</b>	<b>John Patrick</b>

<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	<b>Ed Dill **</b>	<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>
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<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Jenny Jacks &amp; Wanda Castleman</b>
<b>Building Lockup</b>	<b>David Jacks</b>

