

Weatherly Weekly

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Finding Courage in Him

Michael W. McLemore

When God called Joshua to lead Israel He urged him to “be strong and courageous.” It was daunting duty. Moses was dead. Where would he find the courage?

Jericho was the first city that the Israelites conquered in their quest for the land of Canaan. A pair of spies went to survey the city. He probably didn’t realize that he would receive a glimpse of God’s impressive work.

God wants us to look at every obstacle through the lens of His own unlimited strength and resources. Anything that appears to block His plans is an opportunity for Him to demonstrate His sovereign power. Just because we don’t see anything happening, that does not mean that He is not working.

We must remember that God is at work on the other side of our obstacles, arranging the details and bringing His plans to fruition.

When the spies returned to Joshua, they reported that the people of Jericho were frightened. Having heard about the Jews’ deliverance from Egypt and the parting of the Red Sea, they were gripped by fear of the Lord. The conquest was set, but to date Joshua had done.

Sometimes we think we need to be involved in the solution to our problem, but God is not limited with regard to whom or what He can use to accomplish His will. At Jericho He instilled demoralizing fear in the hearts of the enemy. Joshua found courage in God.

For Christians, great obstacles need not be reasons for discouragement. Although much of the Lord’s activity is silent and invisible, we can be sure He is dynamically working out His will for our lives. When the pieces of His plan are in place, He will move us on to victory. Trust Him. It is only in Him we find true courage. □

Toward Better Communication

By Sewell Hall

“This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger, for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God,”

James 1:19-20.

We may fancy that our anger is “righteous indignation,” but the Holy Spirit says: “The anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.”

Can you imagine better advice for getting along with others? How often we hear it said that the problem in a family, a plant, an office, a school, or even a church is a breakdown of communication. Obedience to this verse would change all of that.

“Be quick to hear.” Listen! Try to understand where the one who is talking “is coming from” and what he or she really means. See if you can repeat what was said so accurately that the one who said it will agree that you have stated the position accurately.

Now, make sure a reply is needed. We do not have to correct every mistake we hear. Some are not serious enough to require attention. Others, though serious, may have to wait for a more suitable time to be corrected.

Even if a reply is needed, take your time. “Be slow to speak.” Think of what you are

saying. Think how it will sound to the one hearing it and how it will sound if it is repeated to someone else. Ask yourself if what you are about to say will do good or do harm. Ask God to help you to say only what needs to be said. Nehemiah was asked a question by the king and managed a prayer before he answered, *Nehemiah 2:4-5*. Remember that once you have spoken, you cannot recall your words.

Above all, “be slow to anger.” Anger almost always breaks down communication; shouting matches seldom end in a better understanding of each other. And, besides jeopardizing human relationships, they endanger our relation with God. We may fancy that our anger is “righteous indignation,” but the Holy Spirit says: “The anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.”

Are you thinking, “That’s not much of a way to win an argument”? RIGHT! But it is a pretty good way to stop one. How would you like to by to argue with someone who is “quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger”? □

Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Peggy Coward is making progress in her recovery from foot surgery. Your prayers are appreciated.

Ed Dill is doing well. We are trusting he will be 100% very soon. Say his name this week as you pray.

Debbie Harbin's surgery is still more than four weeks away — August 19th. Though she was able to be with us Sunday, Debbie is suffering with severe pain. Pray for her and for **Jimmy**.

Betty Reavis is still undergoing periodic treatments as maintenance. Her most recent scan was good. Your prayers have surely been heard.

Forest Summers is better after a few days of medication to treat an infection. We are thankful he is back with us. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Barbara Woodard	Melvin Godette
Glenda Cavender	Ken Cavender
Pam (West) Davis	Laura Phillips
Brenda Dorris	Melonie Power
Marty (Roberts) Haselden	

Ladies Meeting Cancelled for August 1:

The monthly "Ladies Meeting" will not be held in August as originally planned. It will resume on September 5th. Please take note. Summer schedules and other considerations made this change seem appropriate to those who organize the effort.

Guest Speaker Today

Gary Patton from Decatur, Alabama will be speaking in Mike McLemore's absence today. We are fortunate to have him with us today. The Patton family has a long history with the Weatherly congregation. Welcome **Gary & Billie** personally. ☐

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

Summer Study Series

Tonight is week #6 of our Summer edition of Sunday Night Study Series. Let's try to have all of our families with children present. Make your plans to be here.

Tonight we will be studying "Crossing Jordan: A New Generation Arrives Home." **Phil Shaver** will be teaching the auditorium class.



Group Four Meeting

Group Four, led by **Ron Harmon**, will meet today immediately after morning worship at the home of **Tommy & Becky Hill** for a covered dish and group meeting. We hope everyone in the group will be able to attend.

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



JULY 28, 2019

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	8-14	Anna Holland
8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher

Moms Are Special

Michael W. McLemore

A first grade teacher seated her students in a circle. She asked them what they wanted to be when they grew up. One by one, each child got up and announced, "I'd like to be a nurse like my mother," or "I want to be a banker like my father," or "I want to be a teacher like you, Miss Smith."

The last child to speak was the most shy and timid little boy in the class. He said, "When I get big, I'm going to be a lion tamer in the circus. I'm going to face those animals with my whip and chair and make them leap through hoops of fire and obey all of my commands."

Seeing the unbelieving looks on the faces of his classmates that he could ever act so boldly or bravely, he was quick to reassure them, "Well, of course, I'll have my mother with me."

I remember an incident during a Mother's Day class project when my Amanda, now a mother herself, was in the first grade. Amanda's paper was entitled:

My Mom is Special

"My mom is special because... I love her. I like it when my mom hugs me. My mom can do many things! I think she's best at cooking. My mom has a pretty smile! I like to make her smile by making a 100. My mom is as pretty as a rose. My mom is smart! She even knows the Bible!"

Children have a keen perspective don't they? They seem to know what's important. ☐

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	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, July 28

Welcome: Will Starks
Song Leader: Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer: Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading: Jim Ehl
To Be Announced
Sermon: Gary Patton
Guest Speaker
Closing Prayer: Steve Hagewood

Sunday, August 4

Forest Summers
Charles Hill
Bill Thompson
Jeremy Leshko
Matthew 4:12-22
Mike McLemore
Fishers of Men
Charley Skinner

Evening Worship

Summer Series Phil Shaver
Songs Leader: Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer: WD Patrick
Closing Prayer: Bill Thompson

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Charles Hill
Phil Furlough
Terry Childress

Wednesday, July 31

Songs Leader: Terry Childress
Invitation: Jared Jimison
Closing Prayer: Riley Monroe

Wednesday, August 7

Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Gene Preston

Group 4

2019 Weatherly Singing
August 9th

Tim Stevens, John Kilgore
& **Lane Alexander**

Group 1

Quarterly Adult Classes
July – September 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

More Lessons from Isaiah

Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Philippians: "God Blessed Me With You"

Mike McLemore

Serving in August

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Riley Monroe	Marty Hunt
** Overseer	Jeremy Leshko	Phil Shaver
	Jimmy Harbin	Wes Caudle
	Will Starks **	Jim Risner

Lord's Supper PM	Ron Harmon **	John Stokes
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Communion Prep	Gwyn McLemore & Amanda Jimison
Building Lockup	TBA

