

# Weatherly Weekly

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## God Still Receives

Michael W. McLemore

One author told this story a few years ago. "It was one of the last games of Babe Ruth's career. He was playing for the Boston Braves, this time against the Cincinnati Reds. A large crowd had come to watch the great Babe.

This was not a good day. In the ninth inning Ruth failed to catch a ball, then overthrew third base, allowing the winning run to score. The game was over.

The stadium was filled with the rushing sound of thousands of "boos." Babe Ruth, let down, walked toward the dugout. While the crowd jeered, a little boy jumped over the railing, down on to the field. With tears streaming and arms swinging he ran out to Babe and threw his arms around the leg of his hero. Babe picked the little boy up, hugged him, and they walked off the field, hand in hand.

The crowd grew silent. A reporter observed that the crowd watched the love and

acceptance of a young boy for his hero even when he had failed."

Difficult days come to every man. Even Christians make mistakes. We fumble, falter and fail. The Tempter and his accompanying enticements are often successful in bringing about the man of God's colossal collapse. Like the roaring Boston crowd some pathetically jeer at the misfortune. Others scoff with unconcern for the destiny of the soul. God doesn't!

Our God hasn't forgotten our stalwart stands with Him in adversity past. The day of our salvation remains fresh upon His omniscient mind. He still sees our victories over Satan's device. His love for us swells within, and His compassion for the faltering child is poured out as with the prodigal's adoring Father, *Luke 15:11-32*. The world stands in silent awe as God receives the His penitent son. "Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" □

Watch LIVE

## "Hereby We Know..."

*Do you KNOW that you know Him?*

Dan S. Shipley

To know God in the ultimate and saving sense involves the keeping of His commandments. In fact, as John points out in 1 Jn. 2:3, this is the only sure mark by which one can truly be certain of "knowing" God: "And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." In commenting on this verse Lenski says, "John takes up the question that troubles the mind of so many young people. Is our certainty better than the certainty of men in other religions? Are we Christians merely because we are born in Christian families? If we had been born Jews or Mohammedans would we not feel just as certain and be just as right in feeling that we truly know God? Or is the certainty of the skeptic not as good as the one we claim? Is the whole of religion not a mere subjective matter, unproved and unprovable, especially to a real thinking, scientific mind?"

"Here is the answer", he continues. "God has revealed himself, has made himself known. Those have known and know him, those know that they have known him, who are keeping his commandments." (Interp. of 1 Jn., p.404) Herein lies the difference between professed and true disciples. Many say "Lord, Lord", yet do not the things which he says (Lk. 6:46). The doing demonstrates the allegiance. Thus, "be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..." (Jas. 1:22). He who claims all authority says that men are to be taught to "observe all things whatsoever I commanded you..." (Matt. 28:20). Such passages (and many, many others!) clearly show that to truly know and please God means doing something — but that's not all. Equally im-

portant is what we do. Many have substituted religious activity for keeping His commandments. To be sure, they are busy, busy, busy with their various "church" related programs, but being doers of these projects is often far different from being "doers of the word". The only acceptable doing in the name of religion is God-directed doing and any claim to "know apart from this is false and futile. We live in an age in which religion and religious activity has been accorded an undeserved dignity and respectability. The popular notion that a man can please God while believing and practicing what pleases the man is absurd because it is neither faith nor obedience! Regardless of how many churches may practice a thing (including "OUR" church); regardless of how many "big" preachers and elders may endorse it; regardless of how much good it may seem to accomplish, if it is not doing HIS COMMANDMENTS (truth), it is sinful and divisive! Naturally, most assume themselves to be doing God's will. However, men of conviction will "prove all things" (1 Thes. 5:21); know His commandments; do them and thereby know Him.

Indeed, there can be no substitute for God-directed doing. Rightly viewed, such doing not only does not contradict faith and grace, but rather complements them. God's grace teaches man how to live and serve; through faith man appropriates and applies His word. Thus, it is never a matter of grace only, faith only, or works only, but by grace through obedient faith (Eph. 2:8-10). Do you KNOW that you know Him? □



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Dot Summers** will begin radiation in the next couple of weeks. Please pray for her and for **Forest**. We trust our Lord will meet each and every need.

**Betty Reavis** was not able to have her latest chemo treatment. A low white cell count meant that it would necessarily be delayed. Betty will go Monday for mapping. Twelve radiation treatments will follow on successive days, Monday—Friday, each week until they are completed. Pray for **Betty & Bill**.

**Edith Turner** is fighting an infection. She's very weak. Ask for the Lord to be with her.

**Debbie Harbin** continues the slow process of recovery from her extensive surgery. We are thankful for the progress that she is making. Say her name daily to the Lord.

We sure miss our precious sister **Glenda Cavender**. Please remember to pray for her every single day. Also remember **Ken** to the Lord as you pray.

**Becky Hill** got great news from her latest series of tests. That is always a welcome relief for the Hill family.

It's been great to see **Harold Smith** doing a little better. Your prayers for him are so meaningful. Say his name.

Prayers for **Travis Barnett**, who is seeking treatment, are in order. Travis is undergoing a lengthy program that we pray will help him to put this terrible period of his life behind him. Please ask for the Lord to watch over him and his parents, **Kim & Terry**.

**Laura Phillips, Jenny Jacks'** mom, is struggling. She is very weak and physical therapy almost impossible. She has been moved to rehab. Your prayers for both strength and comfort are appreciated. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

**Barbara Woodard**      **Melvin Godette**  
**Pam (West) Davis**      **Marty Haselden**

## Fall Study Series, October 13th

**Sunday, October 13th** through **November 24th** at **5:00 p.m.** is slated for the next Fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series. Our theme this year is **God Works Through His People: "I Want to Be a Worker."**

We will all be studying the Old Testament Bible account of Nehemiah as he led the people of the Lord to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Through this hands-on Bible adventure our children will come to understand the importance of encouraging others, and to appreciate the many, varied contributions made by each of God's children.

We hope each and every family here at Weatherly will plan to participate in these important **lessons on purpose, passion, persistence, purity, prayer, and praise!** ☐

## Group Three Meeting

Group Three, led by **Murray Castleman** will meet tonight immediately after evening worship. Please make plans to be present.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9-17	Aurora Leshko	9-20	Sophia Hunt
9-21	Louis Garrett	9-23	Dylan Craig
9-25	LaNelle Patrick	9-28	Doris DeCelles
9-30	Rebecca Pellegrini		

## Dissatisfied?

Michael W. McLemore

David extolled both the virtues of the man whom God approves and the sufficiency of God's institutions. Listen: "Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! *Psalm 65:4*. Observe David's implicit trust in the wisdom, power and goodness of God in the words, "we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house." This is the critical key to acceptability with God for every age.

Declining spiritual societies become increasingly dissatisfied with Divine order. Adam and Eve became dissatisfied with God's provision, *Genesis 1-3*. The children of Israel tired of manna and water from the flinty rock, lusting for the fleshpots of Egypt, *Numbers 11*. Korah and his collaborators wearied of God's revealed order of tabernacle worship, *Numbers 16*. Nadab and Abihu, Moses' sons, substituted profane fire for no apparent reason, *Leviticus 10*. All were harshly judged!

The church is God's house under the New Covenant, *1 Timothy 3:14-15*. Many professed Christians, like the ancients, are not satisfied with "the goodness of God's house." Do you suppose God will be any more pleased with this conduct, than those men of old? The answer is apparent. ☐

## 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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## Weatherly's Deacons

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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, September 15

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Song Leader:** **Bill Thompson**  
**Opening Prayer:** **W.D. Patrick**  
**Scripture Reading:** **Phillip Dill**  
*Ephesians 3:1-12*  
**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*In Your church, Be Glorified*  
**Closing Prayer:** **Charley Skinner**

### Sunday, September 22

**Tommy Hill**  
**David Jacks**  
**Tommy Hill**  
**Wes Caudle**  
*Ephesians 4:17-32*  
**Mike McLemore**  
*In My Heart, Lord Be Glorified*  
**Ken Cavender**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz**      **Mike McLemore**  
**Songs Leader:** **Bill Thompson**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Forest Summers**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Kirk Hatcher**

### Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**  
**David Jacks**  
**Marty Hunt**  
**Bobby Wright**

### Wednesday, September 18

**Songs Leader:** **Mike Coward**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Gene Preston**

### Wednesday, September 25

**Collis Terry**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Jimmy Harbin**

### Group 3

**2020 Weatherly Lectures**  
*April 30th—May 3rd*

### Group 4

**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 September

<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	<b>Ken Cavender</b>	<b>Phil Furlough</b>
<b>** Overseer</b>	<b>Dwight Ivey</b>	<b>John Besherse</b>
	<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>	<b>Ryan Patrick</b>
	<b>Collis Terry **</b>	<b>Jerry Mitchell</b>
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	<b>Gene Preston **</b>	<b>Terry Childress</b>
<b>Communion Prep</b>		<b>Petra Carter</b>
<b>Building Lockup</b>		<b>John Stokes</b>

