

# Weatherly Weekly

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## The Secret to Soaring

Michael W. McLemore

Do you feel like Satan has the upper hand? Is maintaining your faith difficult when everything seems to be going against you? Listen to the question of Isaiah to God's people – "Why do you say, ... 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God?'" *Isaiah 40:27*. God's prophet takes their pessimism to task and reveals the secret to soaring. In the process he gives you what you need to renew your own courage in the face of discouragement.

God's people are never invisible to Him with whom we have to do. Soaring begins with trust. He has always provided strength to the weary. But how one responds in trial is critical.

Trust God, don't abandon your promises you to Him made in triumph. Stay true, don't neglect your commitments to obey. Don't ignore past success in rough times. Don't forget the blessings God has provided from the begin-

ning. Never overlook God's faithfulness.

Israel was wrong. God was present. They failed to respect His involvement. Waiting on God requires three things – Faith in his power; Patience that He will provide strength; and assurance that He cares.

It's worth the wait; the faithful find the way, His way! It's neither "my way," not "my right," but His way, 27. His understanding is unsearchable, 28. He alone gives power to the weak, 29. "They who wait will be renewed; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary," 31. God will lift above circumstance. He will provide both the pace and endurance. God promises strength for the day.

Place your hope in the Lord. In Him alone you will find the ability to soar above life's fray, the energy to escape Satan's ploy, and the endurance to be faithful to the end! ☐

## Living Like the Last

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It's said, "The pathway to greatness trends downward before it begins to ascend." While not a popular concept in modern culture, it remains true. One begins a career with the elementary aspects of a job. Only if he begins lower can he move upward in duty and responsibility. Jesus taught His disciples "the last shall be first, and the first last," *Matthew 20:6*. We are called to live like the last!

### BUT SOME LOVE PREEMINENCE

One named Diotrophes is described as loving the preeminence, *3 John 9*. This is the only reference to this individual in the text. The verse that follows reveals that his place of eminence was not used to the glory of God, as it might have been had his motives been pure.

Jesus warned the disciples to avoid falling victim to the ways of the scribes and Pharisees. "They loved the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues," *Matthew 23:6*. They performed their deeds to be seen of men, binding responsibility on others. What they demanded of others, they did not perform themselves. The Lord said of them, "...do not after their works: for they say and do not," *Matthew 23:1-12*.

Some may remember the impetuous boy or girl in school whose hand went up the moment a teacher posed a question. Such a one was ignored at times to give the instructor opportunity to call upon more retiring students, but who were always prepared. Also, sometimes when called upon, the aggressive

one didn't know the answers after all.

Jesus taught a parable concerning the seat to be occupied at a wedding feast, *Luke 14:7-11*. If one took the choice place, the host might ask him to vacate it that it might be given to a more honorable man. The Lord summarized the meaning of the example thus: "For whosoever exalts himself will be abased; and he that humbles himself will be exalted," *Luke 14:11*.

### TRUE HUMILITY

Readers are introduced to a righteous woman in *2 Kings 4:8*: "And it fell on a day that Elisha passed by Shunem, where was a great woman." Elisha by inspiration knew her heart; and he called her "great." Her greatness came, not from seeking high recognition, but by declining promotion to a lofty place. Elisha had been extended hospitality by this woman and her husband. The woman suggested to her husband that they build a room and furnish it for the prophet. He was so grateful that he spoke to the woman rewarding her by speaking to the king on her behalf. The words comprising her response when Elisha mentioned this to her provided a class example of humility: "I dwell among my own people," *2 Kings 4:13*.

### GOOD WORKS NOT TO BE DONE FOR RECOGNITION OF MEN

Deeds performed to be seen of others will not merit the reward of heaven. Recognition was their sole reward. In the end, the doer will receive nothing more. ☐

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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Ron Harmon's** surgery is scheduled for the week after the Thanksgiving holiday, December 4th. Ron will require an open heart procedure to address both the blockages and the heart valve. Your prayers for **Ron & Phyllis** and family are solicited.

**Gordon Dorris' sister, Brenda,** underwent surgery at Bowling Green Medical Center mid morning yesterday to remove a mass from her brain. The surgery went well and they inserted a feeding tube to aid with ongoing nourishment. Pray for her.

**Steven Guice** is home from Houston and awaiting the determination about the form of treatment that he will undergo. Fortunately he will be able to take his treatments at UAB, thus will not have to return to Texas for the time being. Prayers for Steve and his family are in order.

**Laura McKnight** returned to Huntsville and was with us on Wednesday evening. She is planning to visit her daughter, **Nicole Jackson** who suffers from MS, in Florida this week. Laura will leave on Tuesday. Your prayers are appreciated. Please make note of Laura's new email address: [lauramcknight057@gmail.com](mailto:lauramcknight057@gmail.com)

**Bobby Ferguson** continues at home. He is getting along ok. He has a sitter through the day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday and Thursdays would be good days to visit if you have a chance to do that. Remember Bobby in prayer.

**Betty Reavis** is continuing Chemo. Please remember her to the Lord as you pray.

**Will Starks' sister, Sarah Jernigan,** continues on our prayer list. She is recovering from several mini strokes. Say her name.

**Jenny Jacks' mom, Laura Phillips,** remains in our prayers. Say her name to the Lord. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Travis Barnett</b>	<b>Glenda Cavender</b>
<b>Melvin Godette</b>	<b>Marty Haselden</b>
<b>Betty Reavis</b>	<b>Debbie Harbin</b>
<b>Barbara Jean Woodard</b>	<b>Dot Summers</b>

## Sunday Night Study Series

Have you noticed the pathway our children have been working on as a project lesson for this fall's study series? Take a look out front. It's really awesome. We will have more to say soon.

The fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series continues with week #6. Our theme this Fall is **God Works Through His People: "I Want to Be a Worker."** We hope every member of our Weatherly family will participate heartily in these evening assemblies.

Tonight the auditorium class will be led by **Steve Hagewood**. We will be studying from Nehemiah— "Do God's Work with Rejoicing and Praise."

Next Week of course is our finale of the series. We look forward to hearing from our children as they demonstrate what they have learned in this series. Plan to participate. ☐

### Group Three Meets Tonight

Group Three, led by **Murray Castleman**, will meet immediately following evening class in the back classroom. Please plan to attend.

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11-18	Samuel Holland	11-20	Riley Monroe
11-21	Miles Hagewood	11-22	Ina Carter
11-24	Carolyn Holland	11-25	Debbie Harbin
12-2	Ryan Patrick	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Carley Hill	12-4	Tommy Hill
12-4	Ron Holland	12-4	Gwyneth McLemore

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## Forgiveness

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Forgiveness is essential. One of the most powerful examples of the forgiving spirit is found in the story of Joseph. Despite being the object of jealousy, evil aims, malicious conspiracy, and selfish contempt, Joseph forgave his brothers. His attitude of forgiveness is uncommon. His spirit of forgiveness leaves a enduring legacy for all who claim the name of the Lord. Joseph knew that refusing to forgive results in lasting consequences. Consider these...

Joseph is never observed rehearsing the offense and reliving the pain. Perhaps he knew that when resentment takes root it only allows bitterness to grow. Or maybe he came to realize that negativity affects every aspect of life: attitudes, relationships, and even health. He never let discouragement rob him of joy and contentment with the moment. Joseph, in spite of all that he had lost and missed, did not despair.

At the last Joseph left every reader of Genesis a legacy of forgiveness in the words, "Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them," *Genesis 45:14-15*. We must have the courage to go and do likewise! ☐

## 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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## 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, November 17

**Welcome:** Forest Summers  
**Song Leader:** David Jacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Ron Harmon  
**Scripture Reading:** Philip Dill  
*1 Thessalonians 5:12-22*  
**Sermon:** Mike McLemore  
*Thankful Living*  
**Closing Prayer:** Marty Hunt

### Sunday, November 24

**Welcome:** Forest Summers  
**Song Leader:** Jared Jimison  
**Opening Prayer:** Collis Terry  
**Scripture Reading:** Jim Ehl  
*Psalm 100:1-5*  
**Sermon:** Mike McLemore  
*The Fruit of Thankfulness*  
**Closing Prayer:** Steve Hagewood

### Evening Worship

**Study Series** Steve Hagewood  
**Songs Leader:** David Jacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Will Starks  
**Closing Prayer:** Hill Roberts

### Evening Worship

**Finale**  
**Song Leader:** Jared Jimison  
**Opening Prayer:** Tommy Hill  
**Closing Prayer:** Nick Holland

### Wednesday, November 20

**Songs Leader:** Bill Thompson  
**Invitation:** Charley Skinner  
**Closing Prayer:** Phil Shaver

### Wednesday, November 27

**Songs Leader:** Collis Terry  
**Invitation:** Phil Furlough  
**Closing Prayer:** Bobby Wright

### Group 3

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

### Group 4

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
 October – December 2019

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY**

The Gospel According to John  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in November

<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>Jimmy Harbin</b>	<b>Wes Caudle</b>
	<b>Tommy Hill **</b>	<b>John Patrick</b>

<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	<b>Phil Furlough **</b>	<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>
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<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Cathy Preston &amp; Susan Hand, Ellie Pellegrini</b>
<b>Building Lockup</b>	<b>Charley Skinner</b>

