

Weatherly Weekly

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A New Name: Christian

Michael W. McLemore

Several years ago, Family Court Judge, Rob Murfitt, Christchurch, New Zealand, ordered a 9-year-old girl a ward of the court so that her name could be changed. The girl was so embarrassed at the name that she kept it from even her closest friends. In his ruling the judge stated, "The court is profoundly concerned about the poor judgment this child's parents have shown in choosing this name. It makes a fool of the child... disables and handicaps, unnecessarily." Her name? "Talula Does The Hula From Hawaii." That was the name given to this little girl by her parents. She asked to be called "K." Judge Murfitt order her given the new name.

Names are important; they say something about us: "Child of God"; "God's Offspring." These names are inherited from God, from our Father. They are cherished, respected. Sin causes irreparable harm when we claim the name, but not the life that goes with the name.

Sin causes a bad name. "K" could blame her parents for her ill-conceived name, but when we sin we have no one to blame but ourselves – "Sinner," "transgressor," "offender," and "condemned." Sin ruins our reputations, disgraces us, separates us from God, and condemns, *Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23*.

Because of His love, God wants to give us a new name. To wear this name means that we have been restored to God's family. It's not that we are sinless; we are forgiven. Wearing the name reveals that sin has been washed, cleansed, covered. The blood Jesus Christ shed on Calvary's tree provided forgiveness for our sins, *Ephesians 1:7*.

Judge Jesus has ordered our name changed. From now on we will be called "Christian." Wear the name with head held high. Honor it by living a higher life. Help others come to know its inestimable value. ☐

Predisposition

James W. Adams

"Guard against being deceived by our own predisposition."

ALL of us to one extent or another are creatures of prejudice, or "predisposition." While imagining that we are independent thinkers, studiously logical, and quite objective in our appraisals, we have strong dispositions toward certain views, procedures, and organizations. These dispositions result from many things: rearing, custom or tradition, popularity of the thing in question, innate personality traits etc. The cause may differ with different individuals, and whatever the cause the practical result in the same, but we all have predispositions. This fact should cause every man who desires to spend eternity with God to reexamine the spiritual ground on which he stands. Am I what I am and do I believe and practice that which I believe and practice because they are right and true, or because they are what I want to be right and true?

One of the universal tendencies of mankind has been to worship a God of his own creation. This can and is done without constructing a graven image of wood, stone, or precious metal. Many individuals professing to be New Testament Christians who would consider it quite heathen to bow down to a graven image (to) worship a God of their own creation. The Psalmist warned against this tendency when he quoted God as saying

to the wicked: "These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself..." Psalm 50:21. Do we worship and serve God as He is revealed to us in His word? Or, do we worship and serve Him as we desire Him to be?

Frances Bacon wrote:

"What a man had rather were true he more readily believes. Therefore he rejects difficult things from impatience of research; sober things, because they narrow hope; the deeper things of nature, from superstition; the light of experience, from arrogance and pride, lest his mind should seem to be occupied with things mean and transitory: things not commonly believed, out of deference to the opinion of the vulgar. Numberless in short are the wars, and sometimes imperceptible, in which affections color and infect the understanding." *Novum Organum*, Logic and Language.

Jesus impressively taught in the "Parable of the Sower" that the "good seed" — "the word of God" — takes root and grows to fruition only in the "good and honest heart," Luke 8:11-15. The more strongly therefore we desire to believe a thing, the more carefully we should guard against being deceived by our own predisposition! ☐

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ron Harmon went back to rehab at Encompass Health, room 206, on Wednesday. He has therapy till 4 pm each day. If you'd like to visit, he would enjoy it. He still is somewhat "searching for his words" at times, but **Phyllis** is being told that should improve. Prayers for Ron & Phyllis are solicited.

Cathy Preston is scheduled for back surgery on Friday, the 17th. Pray for Cathy.

Will Starks is expecting to have hip replacement surgery on February 4th. Pray for Will.

Evelyn Hall was with us Sunday. She is weak. Doctors have not been able to give a definitive reason for her condition. Your prayers are requested.

John Beshorse was also with us Sunday. He is doing very well; just traveling a little slow. We are looking forward to having him back to full strength soon.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Edith Turner's** grandson, **Paul**, in Kansas City. **Jim & Edith** were there for the service.

Steven Guice and mom, **Julie**, will leave Wednesday or Houston. Steve has tests on Friday and an appointment at MD Anderson January 21st. Prayers for **Steven & Julie** as they travel this week.

Donna Godette is in Kuwait for several weeks. Please pray for her safety while in that part of the world. Also remember Melvin and the children. **The Godettes** are anticipating two surgeries in the month of February. **Keira** is to have her tonsils and adenoids removed right after Donna gets home and **Melvin** is to have

another back surgery at the end of the month.

Glenda Cavender is on our prayer list. Your prayers for her are appreciated. Say her name daily to the Lord. We are really glad **Ken** is better. It was good to see him Sunday.

Betty Reavis continues her treatments to manage her cancer. I was great to see Bill Sunday. Pray for **Betty & Bill**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Melvin Godette	Marty Haselden
Betty Reavis	Sarah Jernigan
Dot Summers	Glenda Cavender
Barbara Jean Woodard	Laura Phillips

Saying Goodbye to Bobby

Bobby Ferguson will begin his move to Athens on Wednesday. He will be living at Traditions, an assisted living facility. This has not been an easy decision for Bobby. Many here at Weatherly, especially **Gordon & Elaine Dorris**, have made his stay at home possible for a very long time. We will miss him. If you have a chance, drop in to see him before he leave. ☐

Skills Class Tonight

Skills Class continues tonight at the front of the auditorium promptly at 5 pm.

Group Two Meeting

Group Two, led by **Phil Furlough**, will meet following worship this evening in the back classroom. Plan to attend.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1-15	Xavier Cole	1-19	Ed Dill
1-20	Edith Turner	1-23	Gordon Dorris
1-26	Marissa Hunt	1-29	Jim Risner
1-29	Will Starks	1-30	Jenny Jacks

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The World

Michael W. McLemore

Christians are "called out of darkness." *Colossians 1:13*. We're called out of the world into Christ's fellowship, *2 Corinthians 5:17*. And why not? Consider...

TAKEN OUT OF IT! The world of darkness is ruled by the forces of evil and governed by false principles. Christian are governed by a new force of authority.

DISTINGUISHED FROM IT! Born into Christ we go in a new direction; a new relationship begins. New motives, new work, a new name and a new home is constantly in view, *John 3:3-5*.

HATED BY IT! The world hates the Christian. Jesus warned it would be so, *John 15:18-19*. But, never fear, said Jesus, "I have overcome the world!"

CRUCIFIED UNTO IT! Paul said, "the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world," *Gal 6:14*. The old is put to death.

UNKNOWN BY IT! The world has no true understand of who we are, *1 John 3:1*.

SENT UNTO IT! Our job is to take the Gospel to the world, *Matthew 28:18-20*.

VICTORS OVER IT! Faith overcomes the world, *1 John 5:4*. We are the world's conqueror without lifting a sword or firing a shot. Hate the sins of the world, but love the souls of sinners lost in its grasps. ☐

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	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 12

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **David Jacks**
Scripture Reading: **Searcy Hall**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Whys of the Whats
Closing Prayer: **Nick Holland**

Evening Worship

Bible Skills **Hill Roberts**
Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Marty Hunt**
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Wednesday, January 15

Songs Leader: **Charley Skinner**
Invitation: **Marty Hunt**
Closing Prayer: **Terry Barnett**

Group 2

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Tadd Corder, Wilson Adams & Matt Bassford

Sunday, January 19

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Forest Summers**
Scripture Reading: **Philip Dill**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
John 8:48-59
I AM, Said Jesus
Closing Prayer: **Jeremy Leshko**

Evening Worship

Bible Skills **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Hill Roberts**
Closing Prayer: **Jimmy Harbin**

Wednesday, January 22

Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Group 3

Quarterly Adult Classes
January – March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Galatians, Beginning Jan 19
Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Gospel According to John
Mike McLemore

Serving in January

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender	Marty Hunt
** Overseer	Bobby Wright	Ron Holland
	Kirk Hatcher	Clark Boles
	Collis Terry **	Jerry Mitchell

Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough **	Phil Shaver
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Communion Prep	Hilda Wright & Doris DeCelles
Building Lockup	Bobby Wright

