

Weatherly Weekly

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“One More Day”

Michael W. McLemore

It’s a common expression. It’s something we all say. At the end of the golf tournament the runner-up wishes he had one more day to play. At the end of the semester the student wishes he had one more day to do the work that he had failed to do. As the two old friends embrace and wipe tears from their eyes both wish for it. As a family stands at the bedside watching as life support is being removed each thinks the same thing. As she loads her car and heads off to college her parents hold each other and long for it.

“I wish I had one more day!”

When we are doing something we really enjoy enough is never enough. We long for one more day. When we have wasted our time and begin to feel the pressures of dead lines, we could use one more day. When we realize life is slipping away, we want to stop the clock and enjoy for it one more day.

No one can promise “one more day.” None

can guarantee that another day will come. The day will come for us all when tomorrow will never be. All that we can know is that “You have today.”

As long as we live and enjoy the things of this world we will have those times when we wish for one more day. That seems to be a natural part of life. But, let’s be careful that we do not live waiting for that one more day. Maybe it will come. Maybe it will not.

While you have it, live today; enjoy the life God has graciously granted. But, please don’t live just for “self.” Live for Christ. Live according to His purpose. Aspire for His reward. Live so as to rise with Him who was first raised.

One day when this life is over for God’s people, when all of earth’s tasks are complete, we will not be saying, “I wish we had one more day.” Instead, we will say, “I’m glad to be home!” Of those days there will be no end. That will be the most wonderful day. ☐

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Growing in Faith: TRUST

It is true that faith in God must be of such a nature as to cause the one possessing it to rise up and act upon the commandments which God gives him. Anything short of this is not faith. But, faith is more than this. Faith is more than mere obedience to commandments, even though it most surely must encompass this completely. It is in reality absolute trust in God: in matters pertaining to commandments and in other matters as well.

Consider this. The Bible tells us that, “By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore” (Hebrews 11:11,12).

Nothing is said here of obedience to commandments, for the simple reason that in these various verses the Hebrew writer does not discuss commandments to be obeyed. This was a promise from God, and involved the woman’s trust that the one who promised could discharge the promise made. It is understood that Sarah herself was a Godly woman who did obey the commands of God under all circumstances.

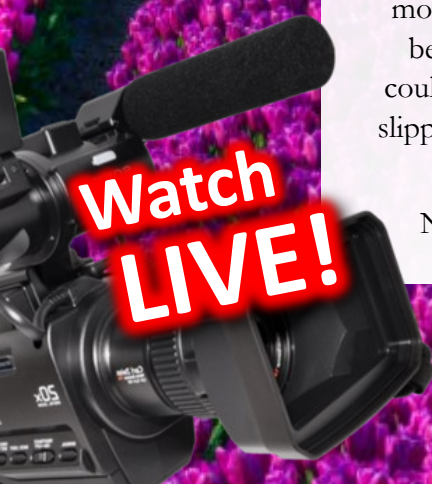
This incident is a lesson in trust. The subject of faith depends on God to do that which we would find difficult or impossible without His help. Sarah was at the time of the promise of a child, Isaac, ninety years old. Her husband Abraham was 100 years old. No Bible student has trouble accepting the reality that “Abraham and Sarah were past the age of normal childbear-

ing.” They would have no normal expectancy of becoming parents. Yet, concerning Sara, God said, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her” (Genesis 17:15,16).

It is this which the writer to the Hebrews looks back upon when he comments upon the faith of Sarah. Sarah simply believed in, that is, she trusted in God. She trusted Him to do that which He promised, even though she herself could not understand how He would accomplish it.

Christians find themselves in many situations in which we are called upon to exercise much the same faith - trust. Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). This is a promise of the Lord himself. It takes faith to accept it. It takes trust. But, nothing short of that faith or trust can be of any value to the disciple of Christ. It was this kind of faith that the Israelites lacked when they listened to the spies who gave an unfavorable report concerning the land of Canaan, saying, “We cannot take it!” Joshua and Caleb had the faith the rest lacked, for they said, “With the Lord’s help it can be done,” even though by human standards it can never be done. It is that kind of faith which we need when confronted with the responsibilities of life. Jesus assured, such trust will nullify the greater part of all our worries.

It is just absolute trust in God. ☐



FAMILY MATTERS

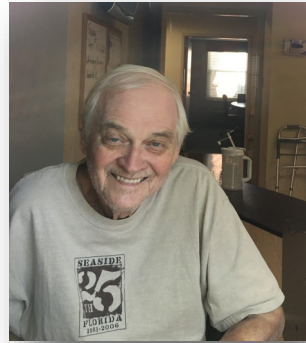
News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ron Harmon graduated from Curahealth. Thursday he was moved to **Signature Health, 105 Teackwood Drive, Huntsville** (just off Whitesburg in South Huntsville). We are thrilled beyond words. **Phyllis** hasn't been able to touch him, but she has been able to look at him through the window. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.



WD Patrick is home! The progress that he has made in the last 3 weeks is remarkable. The entire family is relieved and God's people are rejoicing. No specifics are available about surgery or if it will even be necessary.

Procedures like the ones he "may" need are on hold until after April 30th. Continue to pray for **WD & LaNelle**.

Forest Summers has the 3rd in a series of 8 treatments behind him. We are thankful that he has been able to have them in spite of the state wide stay at home order.

Glenda Cavender remains on our prayer list. We are praying that her improvements will continue. Say her name to the Lord as you pray. Also remember **Ken** in prayer.

Melvin Godette and his whole family need our daily prayers. Say their names to the Lord.

Melody Young remains on our prayer list. Remember **Matt, Melody & Ray**.

Gene Starks, Will's brother, was released from the hospital the day after receiving his replacement heart valve. Will spoke to him Saturday and he is doing well — prayers answered!

Steve Guice's news from the most recent scans is mixed — "No new tumors," which is great news, but while the chemo had "no apparent effect on the existing tumors," they are no larger; also good news. His oncologist at MD Anderson wants to review the scans before making an appointment in Houston. He will be making the recommendations going forward. Pray for Steven & family. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Marty Haselden **Betty Reavis**
Laura Phillips **Barbara Jean Woodard**

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:35 with morning worship streaming at 10.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. Use the existing link in your email. We had 50 present last Sunday night!

Wednesday Bible Study, the Gospel of John, will be streamed at 7 pm. No assemblies are planned at the building.

We will see you all online! ☐

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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| 4-13 | Sherrie Stovall | 4-18 | Peggy Monroe |
| 4-20 | John Stokes | 4-21 | Charlie Carter |
| 4-21 | Dianne Dill | 4-21 | Maria Hunt |
| 4-23 | David Jacks | 4-25 | Sue Terry |

Criticism

Michael W. McLemore

When he was a cadet at West Point, a classmate took a violent and irrational dislike toward Robert E. Lee. The animosity persisted into later life. For many years, this fellow-officer made malicious attacks on Lee. One day a mutual acquaintance asked Lee what he thought of this individual. To the questioner's surprise, Lee spoke in the highest terms of him. Then the questioner said slyly, "I guess you don't know what he's been saying about you for years." Lee replied, "You have not asked me for his opinion of me. You have asked me for my opinion of him."

Christians desperately need this kind of spirit toward one another. It would be hard to fathom something more difficult to muster than a willingness to ignore the criticisms others may publicly sling. Paul was forced to silently muse while slanderous men undermined his labor and character. Countless Christians in tribulation suffered a similar fate. But, these were "followers together" of Paul, even as he was of Christ.

The church would be made stronger if we developed a more generous spirit toward one another when we are criticized. Our children and grandchildren could bask in the high moral character of their fore parents. And, God would be glorified in all! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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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| Phil Furlough | Steve Hagewood |
| Ron Harmon | Kirk Hatcher |
| David Jacks | Hill Roberts |
| Collis Terry | Bobby Wright |

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Stream ONLY — Sunday, April 12

Welcome: Mike McLemore
Song Leader: Jared Jimison (arrangement)
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading:

Acts 22:10-21

Sermon: Mike McLemore
What Shall I do, Lord?

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

Study Series CANCELLED

Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: Virtual Devotion on ZOOM
Closing Prayer: Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, April 15

Songs Leader:
Invitation: Streamed Bible Study
Closing Prayer:

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures April 30th—May 3rd

**Tadd Corder, Wilson Adams,
Benjamin Lee & Matt Bassford**

Sunday, April 19

Welcome: Mike McLemore
Song Leader: Jared Jimison (arrangement)

Acts 9:10-19

Sermon: Mike McLemore
Rise, Be Baptized

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, April 22

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes January — March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians

Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Gospel According to John

Mike McLemore

Serving in April

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| Serving on the Lord's Table AM | Ken Cavender | Ed Dill |
| ** Overseer | Jeremy Leshko | Ron Holland |
| | Bobby Wright | Ryan Patrick |
| | Phil Furlough ** | Jim Risner |

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| Lord's Supper PM | Collis Terry ** | John Stokes |
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**Communion Prep
Building Lockup**

