

# Weatherly Weekly

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## What's First?

Michael W. McLemore

On one occasion Jesus heard the response, "I will follow thee, but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house," *Luke 9:61*. Such a replay was not relegated to that age. The same excuses are often employed by respondents today. Some say, when confronted with the passionate pleas of the Gospel, "Let me first get my education, a better job, a home, a new automobile, and the other necessary things of life."

We are not immune to these selfsame pretexts. Some have a place for Christ in their lives – second place! We tend to convince ourselves that material security will somehow prepare us to more ably follow Christ. This perception fails to grasp the meaning of Christ's words: "A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses," *Luke 12:15*. "Seek ye

first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," *Matthew 6:33*. Many have actually reversed the saying of Christ and are seeking first the wealth of the world thinking the kingdom of God will be added unto them.

The Lord assured that to gain the whole world is no bargain; but a single soul is worth more than all this world offers, *Mark 8:36,37*. None of us are apt to gain "the whole world." Why would we trade our most valuable eternal possession for a mere spec of this world's goods?

It's not wrong to work for a good education, a better job, a home or even a better car. The harm is in allowing these things to take precedence over the things of God's kingdom. What is first in your life? Is it Christ Jesus? ☐

# Predisposition

James W. Adams

**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

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." (Ps. 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 via 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! ☐



**As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.**

Luke 8:15

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

Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**WD Patrick** had his drain removed last week. He is feeling good and hopeful that no surgery will be required. Pray that the infection does not return. In the meantime, thanks is in order for every effort to encourage **WD & LaNelle**.

**Forest Summers** had his sixth treatment Wednesday. Everything is progressing well. Pray this will be all that is required. Remember **Dot** to the Lord as you pray also.

**Ron Harmon** remains at Signature Health. We are praying that his rehab will serve the great need to rebuild his strength sufficiently so that he can be released to home. Say his name to the Lord. Also remember to pray for **Phyllis** and their family. This has been a long hard road.

**Glenda Cavender** remains on our pray list. We are grateful for the Cavender's. It has been really hard for many in our family to not help them directly these last few weeks. Your prayers and cards are most meaningful.

**Peggy Shelton** continues to recover from her fall. She is slowly getting better. Say her name to the Lord as pray this week.

**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**.

**Steve Guice** is doing well, but is still awaiting word from his Oncologist on where he goes from here. We saw him on the Zoom Virtual Devo last Sunday night. He looks good. Pray for him and his whole family. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

**Betty Reavis**      **Laura Phillips**  
**Jean Woodard**    **Melvin Godette**

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:30. We are studying **Hinges of Christianity: God's Sovereignty**.

**Sunday morning worship** will begin at 10. Mike will be his May series on **The Book of Life**. Look for the handout in your email on Sunday morning.

**Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo"** will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. We will email a link Sunday.

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike McLemore's study of 1 John will be streamed live at 7 pm — No assemblies at the building.



Several have asked about plans going forward. To date no decisions have been made about when we will resume gatherings at the meeting house. Technically, though we are not spiritual bound by the state, the governor's "safer at home" order asks groups of more than 10 to refrain from assembling. This will remain in effect through May 15th.

In the meantime Weatherly will continue our streaming services on Sunday & Wednesday. I would encourage you to consider the Virtual DEVO on Zoom Sunday 7 pm. ☐

## APRIL — MAY BIRTHDAYS



5-2	Cathy Preston	5-4	Jean Woodard
5-7	Bill Reavis	5-8	Hill Roberts
5-9	Nick Holland	5-9	Ruth Mitchell
5-12	Betty Dubose	5-14	Sarah Starks
5-15	Dot Summers	5-17	Megan Caudle
5-23	Terry Childress	5-23	Melvin Godette

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## Committed?

Michael W. McLemore

Becoming a member of God's church, becoming a Christian, means assuming a definite obligation. It is a lifetime commitment. As a Christian one's thinking is transformed. Once a child of God, a man or woman's speech is restyled. In behavior, the Christian is reborn. Paul said of this process of growth and development, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" *2 Cor. 5:17*. The Christian is a new creature -- a new person. It is by the Gospel that we are transformed into the image of Christ.

Obedying the Gospel is not something that one does just once in a lifetime. It's no road of ease from then on. Obedying the Gospel is the mere beginning of a life long commitment. Christianity is a way of life, not a once a week, twice a week, or even a three times a week affair. It's a path that must be traveled until death. The Lord warned the brethren at Smyrna, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" *Revelation 2:10*.

"Let us hold fast our profession," the Hebrew writer exclaimed Hebrews 4:14. "Let us go on unto perfection" Hebrews 6:1. The Lord concluded, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after Me, cannot be My disciple" *Luke 14:27*. Are you committed to the Lord for life? ☐

## 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

Stay informed and engaged online at  
[www.weatherlychurch.com](http://www.weatherlychurch.com)

### WATCH:

**LIVE** Sermon archive or live stream during all Weatherly services



## Weatherly's Shepherds

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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>Hill Roberts</b>
<b>Collis Terry</b>	<b>Bobby Wright</b>

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Stream ONLY — May 3

<b>Welcome:</b>	<b>Mike McLemore</b>	<b>Mike McLemore</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<b>Jared Jimison (arrangement)</b>	<b>Jared Jimison (arrangement)</b>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</b>	<b>John 1:1-18</b>
<b>Sermon:</b>	<b>Mike McLemore</b> <i>The Book of Life</i>	<b>Mike McLemore</b> <i>Jesus in the Word</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>		

### Sunday, May 10

### Evening Worship

<b>Study Series</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
<b>Songs Leader:</b>		
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Virtual Devotion on ZOOM</b>	<b>Virtual Devotion on ZOOM</b>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>		

### Evening Worship

### Wednesday, May 6

<b>Songs Leader:</b>		
<b>Invitation:</b>	<b>Streamed Bible Study</b>	<b>Streamed Bible Study</b>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>		

### Wednesday, May 13

None

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

*We regret to announce that our 2020 Lectures have been cancelled.*

None

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
*April — June 2020*

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Hinges of Christianity  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
Letters from John  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in May

<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	<b>Ken Cavender</b>	<b>Ed Dill</b>
<b>** Overseer</b>	<b>Jimmy Harbin</b>	<b>Phil Shaver</b>
	<b>Bobby Wright</b>	<b>Ryan Patrick</b>
	<b>Phil Furlough **</b>	<b>Jim Risner</b>

<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	<b>Collis Terry **</b>	<b>John Stokes</b>
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**Communion Prep**  
**Building Lockup**

