

Weatherly Weekly

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Calvary

Michael W. McLemore

Calvary is a place of death, but the Divine means of human redemption. Jesus walked the road to Calvary and has called believers to join with Him in their own journey to the cross.

Jesus endured unfair judgments on His way to Calvary. Yet, the Lord bore the penalty of a guilty man in sinless silence. Before believers faint from injustice remember the Lord's Beatitudes, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account," *Matthew 5:11*.

Jesus confronted emotional, and spiritual agony on His way to Calvary. Peter said, "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps," *1 Peter 2:21*.

Jesus experienced moral dilemmas at Calvary. As His crucifiers cast lots for His clothing Jesus pled on their behalf, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," *Luke 23:34*.

Jesus suffered personal familial grief at Calvary. His mother, Mary, looked on as He hung. Where were His own brothers? His concerns were for Her future well-being in His absence — "Woman, behold, your Son!" *John 19:26*.

Jesus received aid on the way to Calvary. "And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus," *Luke 23:26*.

Jesus wept on the road to Calvary. "Would that you [Jerusalem], even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace!" *Luke 19:42*.

The life of Believers is modeled in the story of Calvary. In that story our self-centeredness, inadequacy, and failures are laid bare. Faith is painful, lonely and difficult. Yet, as "joy was set before Him" so it is for YOU! The Lord is calling, "Take up your cross and following ME." □



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Do you remember your first effort at reading the Bible, especially the Old Testament? One sister said to me recently, "This stuff is boring in places." Maybe you can relate, or maybe you have said to yourself, "This is hard to understand!" "All of these rules and sacrifices seem confusing." After a period of time though, as you read and reread, did you begin to notice an unmistakable theme? God's love is constant.

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iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation," *Exodus 34:6-7, NKJV*. At some point it hit you like a bolt, "This book is not about a boring deity; this is about a divine and incessantly loving God." And, so He is!

The Old Testament story line is one of exciting and hopeful love as God creates the world clean and perfect. The universe and all that is in it bows before the greatest of God's creations, male and female mankind. Even in the ugly moment of sin,

God pledges love for disobedient humans to arch-enemy, Satan: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed" (*Genesis 3:15*). As fickle and unstable as the first humans are, God never wavers in His loving actions toward them. He loves constantly.

Over 1500 years and 39 Old Testament books, God was as patient as He could be with the chosen nation, Israel. Then in the New Testament, the story shows even more love and more patience with the advent of God's very own Son. Jesus explains this new revelation of God, saying: "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him" (*John 1:18*). Jesus Christ is by comparison more beautiful than the mountains and oceans of Creation in the books of Genesis and Psalms. He shows more passion than the love between husband and wife in the Song of Solomon. He gives more hope than the Promised Land obtained in the book of Joshua. The story of Jesus is so much more than Old Testament love ever reveals.

To humans today, the God who loves continuously has promises in His Holy Bible. We are also assured of what is best and most needful — "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (*Romans 8:31-32*). The entire Bible is written with this same theme — "God's love does not give up, even if man does give up." He will bring His gospel Plan of salvation to sinful and lost men and women. The reason has never changed — God loves constantly. □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Slowly but surely our family is on the mend and that is good news. For months the "Family Matters" section has been overflowing with need for fervent prayers for healing. While, by no means is everyone back to 100%, to the person each has made marked improvement and is getting better. Could I encourage each and every member of our family to bend the knee to the Lord to say "Thank You!"

Ron Harmon looks amazing considering. He has been through an ordeal that neither he nor **Phyllis** could ever have fathomed, yet he is resilient. We all look forward to seeing him on Zoom each week.

Forest Summers completed the series of antibody treatments and is now awaiting tests. Your prayers for **Forest & Dot** are solicited.

W.D. Patrick became the first back to the assembly last Lord's Day. He lead our opening prayer at the meeting house. He looks great in light of what he has been through. W.D.'s physicians are going back and forth about potential surgery to remove his gall-bladder. Prayers for **WD & LaNelle** are in order.

Steve Guice is awaiting oral medication to begin right away to treat his cancer. Advances in hormone therapy have made this medication available for his form. Pray that he sees success.

Glenda & Ken Cavender continue in our prayers. We are thankful for her progress. Say their names to Lord this week.

Betty & Bill Reavis are well. Betty is in a

regular pattern of treatment — once per month. Remember them to the Lord daily.

Marty Haseldon, **Hill Roberts'** sister and **Lane's** daughter, is out of the hospital and doing as well as she has for some time now. Your prayers are appreciated.

Melvin Godette is daily in our prayers. His day to day challenges are great. Your prayers are both solicited and appreciated by the Godette 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: Resurrection**.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike is the middle of a series on **The Book of Life: Strengthened by the Word**. 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 this week.

THE ELDERS will be meeting Monday afternoon to finalize plans for resuming our public assemblies at the meeting house. Please pray for them as they wrestle with the decisions that accompany that meeting. Details of that meeting will be forthcoming this week. ☐

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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| 6-1 | Elaine Dorris | 6-1 | June Furlough |
| 6-3 | Rick Morgan | 6-4 | Ellie Pellegrini |
| 6-4 | Melonie Power | 6-7 | Shelia Hagewood |
| 6-11 | Carley Hill (Thomas') | 6-13 | Adam Hagewood |
| 6-14 | Jeremy Leshko | 6-15 | Murray Castleman |
| 6-16 | Jaxie Rogers | 6-16 | Phil Shaver |

Consecration to the Lord

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Henry Ward Beecher observed, "Consecration is not wrapping one's self in a holy web in the sanctuary, and then coming forth after prayer and twilight meditation and saying, 'There, I am consecrated.' Consecration is going on into the world where God Almighty is, and using every power for his glory. It is taking all advantages as trust funds — as confidential debts owed to God. It is simply dedicating one's life, in its whole flow, to God's service."

Beecher was right! The great need of our generation is more men and women who will consecrate themselves completely to the Lord and His cause among men. Jesus spoke distinctly, "You cannot serve God and mammon." God cannot use a divided heart. Our generation of abundance has eased many into a pool of lukewarm commitment and they are complacent with its appeal.

The prophet Hosea decried Israel as a luxuriant vine. The more their fruit increased, the more profane altars they built. His judgment? "Their heart is divided; now they must bear their guilt," 10:2. We must learn from them.

People who have "first given themselves to the Lord" find no difficulty in serving Him even "beyond their power." But those in whom is a divided heart will always struggle to defeat their excuses for complacency. ☐

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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| 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 — May 31

	Sunday, June 7	
Welcome:	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Song Leader:	Jared Jimison (arrangement)	Jared Jimison (arrangement)
Opening Prayer:		
Scripture Reading:	Joshua 1:1-9	Isaiah 2:1-5
Sermon:	Mike McLemore <i>Strengthened by the Word</i>	Mike McLemore <i>God's Greatest Blessings</i>
Closing Prayer:		

Evening Worship

	Evening Worship	
Bible Skillz	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Songs Leader:		
Opening Prayer:	<i>Virtual Devotion on ZOOM</i>	<i>Virtual Devotion on ZOOM</i>
Closing Prayer:		

Wednesday, June 3

	Wednesday, June 10	
Songs Leader:		
Invitation:	<i>Streamed Bible Study</i>	<i>Streamed Bible Study</i>
Closing Prayer:		

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures April 30th—May 3rd

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

Quarterly Adult Classes April — June 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Hinges of Christianity
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Letters from John
Mike McLemore

Serving in May

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender	Ed Dill
** Overseer	Jimmy Harbin	Phil Shaver
	Bobby Wright	Ryan Patrick
	Phil Furlough **	Jim Risner
Lord's Supper PM	Collis Terry **	John Stokes
Communion Prep		
Building Lockup		

