

Weatherly Weekly

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God's Greatest Blessings

Michael W. McLemore

Hardship and pain are an inevitable part of life in this world – “In the world you will have tribulation,” *John 16:33*. Paul later warned Christians that they will unavoidably face hardship and opposition as they seek to follow Christ – “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,” *2 Timothy 3:12*. No article, no sermon and no song will mitigate this reality; neither do they diminish the fact that these hardships hurt.

Hardships and pain often seem to come and go like waves of the sea. As soon as one difficult situation has receded in the next one comes crashing. At those times, it's hard not to be fearful. At those times, it's hard not to “dread” the looming darkness that pain inevitably brings.

Though seasons of trial are inevitable, our God remains sovereign. From eternity He has planned for His people and their salvation, *Romans 8:28*. We may not see God in the midst of the storm, but we can, nevertheless, know that

He is there and that He intends good for us even through, and finally beyond the pain.

Apart from our eternal hope in Christ it's easy to curse our bad luck, but with hope in Him every trial, hardship and difficulty can be met with joy as a precursor to patience and purity – “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing,” *James 1:2-4*.

The challenges that come in this imperfect world can be one of God's greatest blessings. With life's storms comes God's great mercy. Each crash that lands upon our shore has the power to draw us ever closer to Him. Every furnace through which we pass, our lives are purified of the dross of sin and its corrupting influence. Be sure that God is intending good for us in and through every hardship. □

Reach Out & Touch Someone

Dee Bowman

It may well be that the besetting sin of modern day discipleship is its failure to procreate itself. Speed has been so aggrandized in our society that it has become necessary that whatever we do we must do in a hurry. We seem to be possessed with a determination to succeed more than to be spiritually inclined and equip ourselves for eternity, so we tend to put off things that don't pertain to our quests. One of those things is reaching out and touching someone.

I have a theory. It may not be right, or it may be a bit simplistic, but it's worth considering anyway. I don't think anybody will go to heaven by himself: he will go with someone or take someone with him.

Discipleship does not depend on some kind of human machinery for its procreation. It depends on the disciples themselves. “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (II Tim. 2:2). That process is so simple. But where is it being used? How sad, because it works. If every person in the congregation here decided to convert just one soul to Christ in the coming year, and if there are 300 in our congregation, the church would be 600 in twelve months' time. Will that not work? The problem is not that the plan won't work; the problem is we won't work the plan.

What is necessary to get at the business of making known the gospel to those who come under your influence? I suggest just four.

CONCERN. When Jesus saw the multitudes, “he was moved with compassion” (Matt. 9:36). We emphasize his feeling of “compassion,” but fail to consider that the compassion moved Him. It took Him from unconcern to concern, from indifference to distress. It is that movement of compassion that caused Him to die for the sins of the world. “God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son” is a statement of His concern for the lost souls of men. The gospel is the power to save (Rom. 1:16) and that power is retarded only to the extent that it is not used. How about you? Are you actually concerned for the lost souls around you? Are you actually moved by what you see? If you are not, why not? I hardly see how one can call himself a Christian and not be moved by the number of

lost souls he sees every day.

BOLDNESS. One of the Devil's most effective tools in retarding efforts to convert people is diffidence, a lack of confidence. It takes courage to try and teach someone. You run a kind of risk. You are apt to fail a lot of the time, and knowing that makes it more difficult to make the effort. But make the effort we must. Jesus failed. In fact, he failed most of the time. But some will come, some will be interested, and even if you just snatch one soul from the fires of Hell you have done well. “Be not weary in your well doing,” said Paul (Gal. 6:10), “for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.” If we would just keep that in mind our mission would be an easier one, our work more diligent, our successes more often.

WILLINGNESS TO BE INCONVENIENCED. We are wedded to convenience in this society. We don't want anyone or anything to invade our comfort zone. That proclivity to be comfortable has thwarted many an effort at converting someone to Christ. We make flimsy excuses, give faulty “reasons” why we can't make arrangements to teach someone. It gets in the way of our plans. What that says, most of the time, is that our plans are out of order, our priorities ill arranged. You have to want to convert someone before you will do it.

FAITH. We don't have enough confidence in the gospel. Is it or is it not power of God to salvation? If it is, then why don't we treat it as such? If you suddenly came across the cure for cancer, would you let anybody know about it? Would you treat it nonchalantly? Certainly not! You would want everybody to be delivered from the malady. You hold in your hand the power to save men from a malady much greater and more dangerous than cancer. You have in the gospel; it can save men from their sin. How can you put much confidence in it to save your own soul if you don't have confidence enough in it to recommend it for the salvation of the souls of others?

It's time we got busy about evangelism. It's time we got to the business of making the gospel work in the places where we live and work every day. How long has it been since you talked with someone about his soul? Well, that's too long. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members

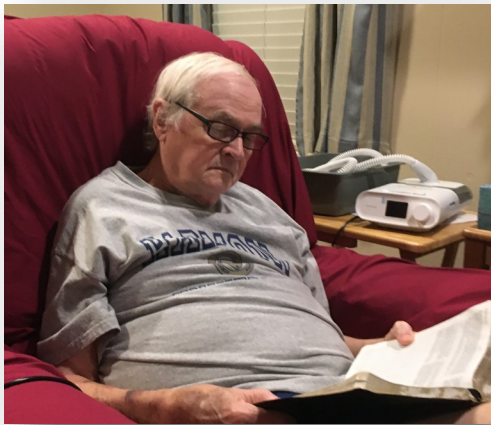


FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

W.D. Patrick had his surgery on Tuesday afternoon. While he is doing well by every report, he still has to pass a couple of milestones before he is released from the hospital. At this printing he remains at Huntsville Hospital. Please continue to pray for **W.D., LaNelle** and their family.

Ron Harmon is working to regain some sense of normalcy. **Tim** was able to surprise his mom and dad last week. He will be with them for several more days.



Forest Summers is awaiting a scan that will take place in early July. The results from that scan will determine what comes next. Please pray for a good result.

Steve Guice is slated to begin an oral medication regimen to treat his cancer. Advances in these therapies 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.

David Jacks is scheduled for knee surgery on Tuesday. Please remember him in prayer. He will require rehab to get back to 100%. We pray all will go well. ☐

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: Baptism**.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike will begin a new series in the month of May entitled **God's Greatest Blessings**. 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.

WEATHERLY'S REOPENING DATE is set for **June 21st**. Please review the Alabama Public Health "Guidelines for Places of Worship" that was sent to your email yesterday. The Elders ask for your prayers as we formulate our plan for getting us back to public assemblies. More to come... ☐

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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	6-23	Jared Jimison
6-23	WD Patrick	6-26	Keion Godette
6-30	Ellie Pellegrini		

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The Source of Living

Michael W. McLemore

The source that gives ultimate light is sublimely described in Scripture. The 19th Psalm is an inspired photo of the power of God's Word. It is sufficient. It can absolutely meet its purpose. In Psalm 19:7-8 is a masterful word painting. Each with a three-part description.

The Divine Teacher — The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. God's truth totally transforms.

The Divine Witness — The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. God's testimony is absolutely trustworthy.

The Divine Directions — "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart." God's statutes give directions to the only secure place in the universe.

The Divine Decrees — "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." God's commands give a clear portrait of His non-optional absolutes.

The Divine Condition — "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever." Love for God expressed in the actions that God sees in me.

The Divine Decisions — "The rules of the Lord are true and righteous." God's judgements are His final word of non-negotiable living.

Is God's Word at work in you, comforting, rejoicing, quickening, illuminating, admonishing, producing obedience, sanctifying, producing faith and hope, cleaning your heart, regenerating and promoting growth in grace? God's word is the final and complete source of living. Learn it. Living it. Laud praise to God for it. ☐

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

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Stream ONLY — June 7

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts (arrangement)**
Opening Prayer: **David Jacks**
Scripture Reading:

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
God's Greatest Blessings
Closing Prayer: **David Jacks**

Sunday, June 14

Mike McLemore
Jared Jimison (arrangement)

Philippians 1:3-11
Mike McLemore
Our Imperfect Family

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, June 10

Songs Leader:
Invitation: **Streamed Bible Study**
Closing Prayer:

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

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

Wednesday, June 17

Streamed Bible Study

None

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
**** Overseer**

Ken Cavender
Jimmy Harbin
Bobby Wright
Phil Furlough **

Ed Dill
Phil Shaver
Ryan Patrick
Jim Risner

Lord's Supper PM

Collis Terry **

John Stokes

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

