

Weatherly Weekly

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Something to DO!

Michael W. McLemore

The nineteenth century essayist Henry David Thoreau was an avid collector of arrowheads. It is said that whenever Thoreau encountered an arrowhead he was immediately struck by its peculiarity. He spent his life considering the complex ways by which relics move between people across time. Mr. Thoreau was once asked where he managed to find so many arrowheads. He told of his childhood and of the influence of a camp counselor who made arrowhead collecting a hobby. "He would find twenty-five to my one on the same ground. He had trained his eyes to see and recognize them."

Some Christians constantly complain about not having anything to do. These are often unhappy with the elders because they have not given them anything to do. It seems to me that opportunities are like arrowheads. One must train himself to see and recognize them at any angle from which they present themselves. They are all about us in our lives. Our neighborhoods,

our places of business, places of amusement are filled with opportunity. It reminds me of a poem set to song entitled "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Brighten the corner where you are!
Brighten the corner where you are!
Someone far from harbor "you" may guide
across the bar;
Brighten the corner where you are!

Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now be true,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Brighten the corner where you are!
Someone far from harbor "you" may guide
across the bar;
Brighten the corner where you are!

The Christian must open his eyes and in time become progressively more accustomed to recognizing opportunities to serve and be of use. They are to be found in every human relationship. No servant of the Lord ever need be lacking in reference to "something to DO." □

Mercy & Grace in Our Communication

By Doy Moyer

It seems such a common problem that we read things into what people say or don't say when they never intended, implied, or meant what we are assuming. We talk past each other due to assumptions rather than carefully listening, giving the benefit of any doubt, and attributing the best meaning to what others are trying to communicate.

This aspect of communication, as with other ways in which we treat people, also falls into the category of treating others as we want to be treated, *Matthew 7:12*. Love does no harm.

We don't appreciate when people assume things about our meaning and intentions when we mean and intend

something other than what is being assumed. Then, because of bad assumptions, we are pushed back on our heels trying to defend our original intent when we should not have had to do so in the first place. Such defenses are then viewed with suspicion and the communication level drops

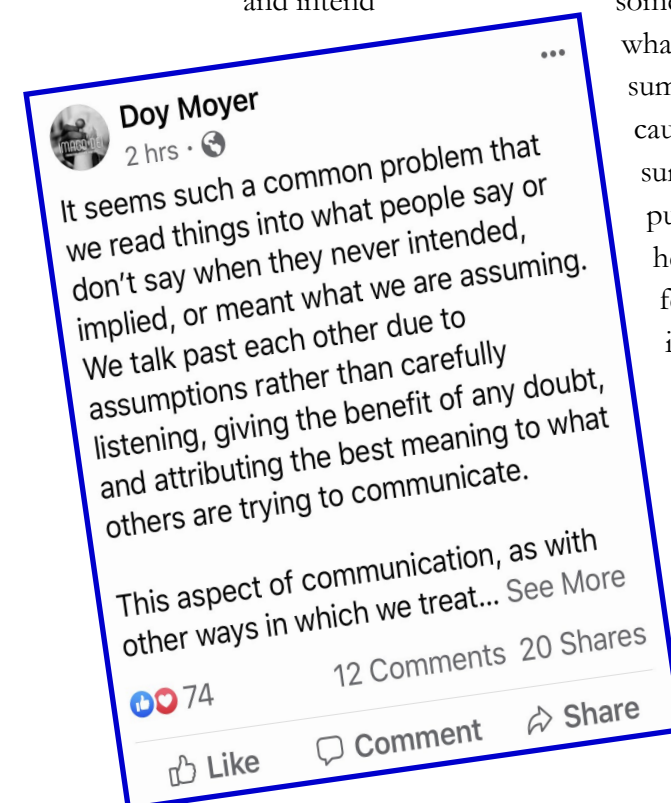
into the gutters.

Communication is difficult. We've all struggled with saying the right thing in the right way only to find that we miscommunicated something. It gets worse when someone mis-hears or mis-reads what we are trying to say and then assumes the worst possible interpretation of it. We need some mercy and grace in communication. Christians, especially, should start by assuming the best interpretation of what someone is trying to say. Seek clarification when needed, but responding based on bad-faith assumptions will likely result in a devolving conversation and bitterness.

Love assumes the best. If I want others to think the best of what I'm trying to say, then I need to start by assuming the best of what they are trying to say.

Then, it makes me wonder, given how communication is so often misunderstood, how much we do this with God's communication to us. If we read Scripture the way we often read what others have to say, then we may be in serious trouble in understanding God's word.

In all of the rhetoric, argumentation, and conversation of today, let us take a step back before assuming the worst and firing off cutting responses. Whether it be someone's post, someone's response, someone's speech, or, most importantly, the word of God, we need to listen patiently and lovingly. We'll all be better for it. □



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LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Forest Summers is much better after an overnight stay at Huntsville Hospital. We are thankful that it was simple dehydration. Please continue to pray for **Forest & Dot**.

W.D. Patrick continues at home recovery following his successful gall bladder surgery. Say his name to the Lord as you pray.

David Jacks' surgery went well and he is doing rehab. We are looking forward to his being back to 100% soon.

Ron Harmon continues to make incremental progress at home. Your prayers for both **Ron & Phyllis** are solicited.

Steve Guice is experiencing no noticeable side effects from his oral medications. Pray for this to be an effective remedy for his ongoing medical challenge.

Glenda & Ken Cavender remain on our prayer list. Say their names to the Lord this week as you pray.

Betty & Bill Reavis also are in our prayers. Keep them in mind this week as you pray. ☐

Thank You, John Besherse

THANK YOU, **John Besherse** for working so hard all day on Friday to pressure wash the exterior of the "church building." It looks amazing — bright and pristine — for our first meeting today! We love and appreciate you and your family so much. Thank you. ☐

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS



JUNE 21, 2020

6-23	Jared Jimison	6-23	WD Patrick
6-26	Keion Godette	6-30	Susan Hand
7-10	Will Starks	7-19	Jim Ehl
7-19	Peggy Shelton	7-27	Donna Godette

Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis	Laura Phillips
Jean Woodard	Melvin Godette

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Today is our first day back to the building in many weeks. In some ways it is a relief. In others it presents many challenges. More of our family will remain at home than are able to be present in the assembly. Services here at the building in many ways will necessarily continue to cater to those worshipping at home.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00. That's a change. We are studying **Hinges of Christianity: First Day of the Week Worship**.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike will continue his June series entitled **God's Greatest Blessings: Strong Fathers**. 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 McMormore's study of 1 John will be streamed live at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday.

WEATHERLY'S REOPENING DATE

has arrived. Please wait in your car for an usher to guide you to your seat in the auditorium. Refrain from visiting together in the parking area until after worship, please. Services will begin at 10 am. Please account for the extra time it will take to get everyone seated. We will be projecting the song service and ask those assembled to sing in your heart to the Lord. We will dismiss at 10:45. ☐

"Lost Ball in High Weeds"

Michael W. McMormore

Several days ago I read where someone said that he felt like a "lost ball in high weeds." I thought, "I can relate!"

I learned to play golf while I was in college at the Woodland Hills Country Club in Nacogdoches, Texas. The course was beautifully set and nicely manicured, but it lived up to its name — Woodland Hills. Hole after hole was narrow, hilly and heavily tree-lined. Woods and water and more woods and water is probably the best description. Needless to say I spent more time looking for my ball than playing; I soon became content to leave a dozen balls lost in the high weeds each round.

It might be funny and insignificant to lose a golf ball, or even twelve in one afternoon. But when you are a man and you feel like a lost ball, that another thing.

Many feel that money, illicit relationships, influence, drugs and alcohol or popularity will be the answer to finding happiness and contentment in life. When that doesn't happen and the problems multiply, they feel like a lost ball in high weeds. They can't find their way out and those who are searching for a path to help can't find their way in to aid. But, Jesus can!

When you're lost the Lord Jesus can always find you, and guide you safely back to His way. ☐

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, June 21

Welcome: Mike McMormore
Song Leader: Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer: Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading: Philip Dill

Sermon: Mike McMormore
Strong Fathers
Closing Prayer: Kirk Hatcher

Sunday, June 28

Mike McMormore
Jared Jimison
Bill Thompson
Wes Caudle

2 Timothy 4:6-8
Mike McMormore
The Crown of Life
Nick Holland

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, June 17

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 24

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes
April — June 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Hinges of Christianity
Mike McMormore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Letters from John
Mike McMormore

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
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Communion Prep
Building Lockup

