

# Weatherly Weekly

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## The Source of Strength

Michael W. McLemore

One sad reality of growing old in the faith is that we have known others who have faced severe adversity and, as a result, lost their faith. We have also known another who endured comparable conditions with the opposite outcome, their faith was actually reinforced.

What was the difference? Could it be that one person knew the source of strength and the other did not? One trusted the Lord and gained confidence in His power. This individual relied upon God's strength in times of weakness.

Admitting our limitations should not be that difficult, but pride clouds our perception of who we are and what we can achieve in our own strength. We don't like to admit, "I'm weak!" We want to be in control and never helpless.

In reality, we must learn that in our weakest moments, the Lord is free to do His greatest work in us. It is in these trying times that we can experience God's strength. Paul understood. This godly man, revered by Christians every-

where in his time, maybe the most influential messenger of the gospel of all time, acknowledged weakness. Listen to his words to the church at Corinth: "When I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom . . . I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling," *1 Corinthians 2:1-3*.

Why would Paul say this? In his second letter he wrote again, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong," *2 Corinthians 12:10*. Paul learned a life-changing truth through perseverance and suffering: all the strength he needed was available to him through Christ.

What the Lord did for Paul, He will do for us. The power and strength that prevailed then prevails today. Are you are facing an insurmountable trial in your life? Don't be afraid to admit that you can't handle it alone. Confess your weakness to the Lord; draw from Him! ☐

# HOPE OF HEAVEN

Joseph Finch

The Christian religion is a religion of hope. Hope is defined as "desire with expectation of obtaining what is desired". Desire alone is not hope. You may desire to win a million dollars, or that there would be no crime or drugs. You may desire these things, but you cannot hope for them. Expectation alone is not hope. Most of us expect sickness to come, expect to pay taxes, or even to punish our children. We expect these things in life but we do not desire them, therefore we do not hope for them. Where there is desire and expectation there is hope, and such hope is necessary for us to live the Christian life successfully.

What the Christian hope is not: It is not the "hope" that we are Christians. Have you ever been asked, "Are you a Christian?" and your reply is "I hope so". We can know if we are a Christian or not, no hoping about it. In 1 Jn. 5:13 we read "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of Man so that you may know that you have eternal life." If one knows he has eternal life he knows he is a Christian.

What the Christian hope is: It IS the promise of Heaven with all the good things that are there. We ought to desire it, and we ought to expect it. If we don't, we have no hope. Many Christians just desire Heaven but don't expect it. If you don't expect it you are not diligent or don't believe the promises of God. The basis of our hope is that we are children of God. The reason for our being children of God is God's love. 1 John. 3:1 reads "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God". We became children of God by being born again. John. 3:3-5 says that "Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God". No one except a child of God can have this

hope of Heaven. Those we come in contact with in our everyday lives that cannot call themselves children of God are without hope. Eph. 2:12 reads "That at the time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world". We know from scripture that Heaven is a prepared place. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself. That where I am ye may be also." Heaven is prepared only for those who submit to Christ and become children of God.

We know that as a Christian we must keep ourselves pure and the hope of Heaven purifies our hearts. 1 John. 3:3 reads

"And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." The stronger our hope, the purer in heart and life we will be. Likewise, the purer in heart and life the stronger our hope will be. Purity in the life of every Christian is necessary before we can have hope of "appearing with Christ in glory". The hope of Heaven should cause us as Christians to rejoice. We are told in Matt. 5:12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in Heaven." Our hope is based upon the promises of Christ, and he has promised us Heaven if we obey him.

Our hope depends upon the strength of our desire, and how badly we want to go to Heaven. It is also based on the strength of our expectation, and our faith in God who has promised us a place in Heaven if we have lived the kind of life we should. The Christians hope is worth more than the entire world, do you have it? ☐

Watch  
LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Betty Reavis** was released from Huntsville Hospital this week and is resting at home. She is very weak and will undergo home health rehab to help her regain strength. We are thankful the stroke was minor and that she is well on the way to recovering from that. We are continuing to pray that she will be able to resume her Chemo soon. Pray for **Betty & Bill**. They are blessed to have their children helping them with day to day needs. Your cards and calls are appreciated.

**Ron Harmon** continues his rehab at The Cove in Owens Crossroads. He is doing well. He is slated to be released on Thursday of this week to go home. Your prayers and expressions of kindness for **Ron & Phyllis** mean so much.

**Forest Summers** is doing well and for his good report we are thankful and do rejoice. Continue to remember him and **Dot** in your daily prayers.

**Glenda Cavender** continues to have an interest in our ongoing petitions to the Lord. Remember her daily. Say her name to Him who has the power to strengthen her and **Ken**.

**Kathryn Wall, Edith Turner's** sister, is no longer showing any symptoms of the COVID virus. We are praying her next test will show that she is clear. Your prayers are solicited.

**Carol Robert's** young cousin, Sam Friday, is doing better and is at home. Please continue to remember him and his family to the Lord.

**Lori Eakes**, a guest on our live stream, is scheduled to undergo surgery on Wednesday

of this week. Please pray for her and for the findings that result from that surgery. We are trusting her care to Him with whom we have to do! Also pray for her family, especially her husband, **Sam**. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Betty Reavis</b>	<b>Laura Phillips</b>
<b>Jean Woodard</b>	<b>Melvin Godette</b>
<b>Glenda Cavender</b>	<b>Steven Guice</b>

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

We are about to enter the month of August with no end in site for the limits on our public assemblies. Our elders continue to monitor the situation in our area, city, county and state. Transmission of the virus has begun to decline but only slightly. For now we will continue our "Sunday morning only" assembly with mandatory masks. Thank you for understanding.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:00 — Mike is continuing his series on **Lessons from Joshua**.

**Sunday morning worship** will begin at 10. Mike's sermon this morning is entitled **No Fear, You are Not Alone**. His text is Hebrews 13:1-6.

**Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo"** will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. We will email a link Sunday afternoon. We hope you can join us for this very encouraging opportunity.

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike continues his study of 3rd John. Class streams at 7 pm. No public assembly on Wednesday evening. We hope you can join the class. Invite your friends online. ☐

## Do What You're Good At

### Alan Smith

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world," he announced.

Then, he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed. "Strike One!" he yelled. Undaunted, he said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down he swung and missed. "Strike Two!" he cried. The boy spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. "Strike Three!" "Wow!" he exclaimed. "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!"

It's important that we find what we're good at and do it with all our might. Not everyone can be a great hitter. If you can't hit, then work at being a great pitcher. If you can't do that, then be a great base runner or maybe a fan in the stands!

One of the great aspects of the Lord's church is that not everyone is expected to excel in the same areas. Some are great preachers. Others are great encouragers.

Paul used the illustration of a human body, each part having a different function, and each one essential to the well-being of the body as a whole.

"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ," *1 Corinthians 12:12*. ☐



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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Bible Classes</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday AM Assembly</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday PM Assembly</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday Classes</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

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



These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, July 26

**Welcome:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Song Leader:** **Jared Jimison**  
**Opening Prayer:**  
**Scripture Reading:**

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
**No Fear, You're Not Alone**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Sunday, August 2

**Mike McLemore**  
**Jared Jimison**

**Matthew 28:16-20**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Starting Anew!**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **CANCELLED** **CANCELLED**

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

### Wednesday, July 29

**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, August 5

**Streamed Bible Study**

**None**

**Quarterly Adult Classes**  
**July — September 2020**

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Lessons from Joshua  
**Mike McLemore**

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

## Serving in July

**Serving on the Lord's  
Table AM**  
**\*\* Overseer**

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**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep  
Building Lockup**

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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7-27	<b>Donna Godette</b>	7-29	<b>Mike McLemore</b>
7-31	<b>Phillip Dill</b>	8-2	<b>Wanda Castleman</b>
8-6	<b>Forest Summers</b>	8-10	<b>Clark Boles</b>
9-10	<b>Natalie Frazier</b>	8-11	<b>Phyllis Harmon</b>

## WEEKLY WALK

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