

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Confession & Light

Michael W. McLemore

**T**he child of God who honestly acknowledges sin and takes responsibility for it walks in the light of Christ. John used the metaphor of darkness and light to describe a life of sin versus a life in Christ, *1 John 1:7*. God is pure, perfect light (v.5) shining through an obedient person. But, when we invite darkness, sin, into our life, an immediate conflict begins. Darkness and light cannot mix.

How does the child of God keep a pure spirit in this dirty world? It begins with an acknowledgment of sin. Yes, we are made clean by Jesus Christ's work on the cross. But, wrongdoing interferes with the fellowship between us and the Lord. Left unchecked, sin can so thoroughly choke our spirit that only thin shafts of the light of Christ can squeeze through. Ultimately sin, unchecked, condemns the soul.

Confession breaks the stranglehold. We

agree with God that our actions, thoughts or words are in violation of His will. While it is tempting to confess in a general sort of way - "I'm sorry IF I've sinned against you" — that is no helpful method of driving darkness out of our life. We need to be specific about our wrongs. We know what they are! God does too! The Holy Spirit isn't general in His conviction. He points to the exact problem. God expects that we'll deal with sin promptly. We must not be tarnished by it, nor be tempted to continue on that path.

John commanded, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us," *1 John 1:9-10*. The child of God who desires to "walk in the light" will acknowledge sin and accept responsibility for it. Christ's blood does the rest! ☐

# CALL HOME

Dee Bowman

**F**or many years, when my parents were still living, I called home every Saturday. For several years I traveled extensively, doing gospel meetings. I still called home every Saturday and very often took time to write a short note to my parents from each locale. When my mother died and we went through all her things, we found all those notes, neatly stacked and wrapped with rubber bands. It's good to call home.

Prayer is a vital part of the Christian's relationship with God. Along with allowing Him to speak to us through His word, it is the great privilege of the child of God to speak with his Father. It serves several useful purposes. For one thing, it keeps us in constant contact with the Father. That helps. A lot. It keeps you going straight and you're just less likely to get into trouble when your Father's on the line. How long since you called home?

**The Father is at home.** You never have to call back because He is always there. You never have to worry about whether or not you can "get through," for He always listens to what you have to say. There is never a busy signal; the line is always open. "Let your manner of life be without covetousness," He said, "and be content with such things as you have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). Read the great throne room chapter in Revelation 4. God is on His throne, He is available. He will hear.

**He wants to hear from you.** Just as my parents were concerned about where I was and what I was doing, He is concerned about where you are and what you are doing. He wants to hear from you because it is an indication that you are on speaking terms with Him. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16). If He doesn't hear, it is logical to assume that you are not including Him in your present plans. Prayer is an indication of faithfulness. Sin hinders prayer (I Pet. 3:7). People who are out of duty seldom pray.

You can call wherever you are. What a blessed thought

that you can stop whatever you are doing and say a little prayer (Phil 4:6). What a blessing to be able to pray from any place at any time and know for sure that He is available and that He is eager to hear from you. He never wearies of your calls, never fails to hear, no matter where you are. If you're doing well, He's glad to hear it. If you're having trouble, He's there to lend a listening ear. If you're sick, He cares. If you're going the wrong way, He surely wants you to contact Him then. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers..." (I Pet. 3:12). It is indeed a joy to know that wherever you go, you can still reach Him. There is no place too far, no location too distant that He cannot be contacted.

**You can call for help.** The 911 concept has saved many a life because at the other end of the line there is always someone who can help. God is that someone. He cares. You can call Him when you have an emergency, you can call Him when you need to be taken to a place of care, you can call Him at any time, day or night. He provides intensive care. You can call Him when you are exasperated from having failed again and again. He cares. You can call Him when you've fallen and can't get up by yourself. And He will help you. You can call Him when you've been rejected— even by those you thought loved you. He still loves you and He will give you aid. You can call him when you're weary because of the long road you've traveled. He will give you rest.

**You can trust Him.** He is always at home. He never refuses to answer. The line is never down; there is never any static on it and you don't ever have to wait on the line. And no matter how poorly you say it, He will interpret it well (Rom. 8:26). He wants to hear from you because He wants to help. He will hear and He will answer. He is your Father. He wants what is best for you. Trust Him, "casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (Pet. 5:7). Why not call home? Right now. ☐

Watch  
LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Barbara Jean Woodard Passes



Barbara Jean Woodard's earthly sojourn ended peacefully on Thursday afternoon. She was 82. A large void will be left in the lives of all who loved her, but we sorrow not as does the world. Sister Woodard gave the Lord her all in life. She lived in preparation for the day she would cross over Jordan to the land of fadeless day. Barbara Woodard was a godly woman in life and shares the hope of those who put their trust in Christ. Hers is a confident expectation promised to the faithful of God through the ages.

We are praying earnestly for Scott, Steve & Gary along with their families. At this printing we do not have the details regarding funeral services. When that is made public we will circulate the information immediately.

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

Betty Reavis received an encouraging report from her latest visit to the oncologist. He was pleasantly surprised by her increased

strength. No further tests or treatments will be ordered. Pray for good days ahead.

Elaine Dorris is home resting after a couple of rough days. We are thankful that she's more comfortable. Prayers are appreciated.

Please remember Jenny Jacks' mom, Laura Phillips in prayer. She is back at The Cottages. If you would like to write to her you may do so at the following address — 4200 Chris Drive, Room 210, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

Steve Guice continues his oral treatment. We are thankful that it has stabilized his malignancy. Pray for Steve and family.

Pray for Ron & Phyllis Harmon. We are trusting that he will continue to grow stronger. We are thankful for his progress.

### Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis      Laura Phillips  
Melvin Godette      Glenda Cavender  
Steven Guice      Do Summers  
Charlotte Hagewood

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

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

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike is continue his series today "Knowing God" today. Today his lesson is entitled Knowing God in Grace? His text is Ephesians 2:1-10.

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

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike's textual study of 1 Peter continues. Class streams at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



9-28	Doris DeCelles	9-30	Rebecca Pellegrini
10-6	Henry Frazier	10-10	Karen Thompson
10-11	Caryl Ehl	10-14	Janeth Hagewood
10-24	Amanda Jimison	10-26	Dwight Ivey
10-27	Jimmy Harbin	10-29	Charlotte Hagewood

## A Better Past

Michael W. McLemore

How many have said, "What's done is done, you can't change the past!" While this may be a reality, how we "view" the past can wildly be altered. We all know and are grateful that Christ promises the Christian a better future. But, do we also realize that He gives you a better past? How so?

Reflect upon your own history, no matter how checkered. Remember some things you did or did not do? We all can. Some choices were made in cowardice. Some were the result of carelessness. Still others were abhorrent foolishness. Some decisions were the result of oversight, ignorance or even rebellion. Like Joseph and his brothers all of their decisions brought them to a single moment in time. Christ says to you what Joseph said to his fearful, regretful brothers. "Be of good cheer." God ordained that all of them would be for your own good, and for his own glory, Gen. 45.

If there is repenting to be done, repent. Then set the regret aside. Look up. Take your place in wonder alongside Joseph's brothers and God's people through history. Know that you did not fall between the cracks of your own life. Nothing in your past, present or future can separate you from the love of Christ. ☐

## 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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LIVE Sermon archive or  
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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, September 27

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

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon: Mike McLemore  
Knowing God in Grace

Closing Prayer:

## Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

## Wednesday, September 30

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.

## Sunday, October 4

Welcome: Mike McLemore  
Song Leader: Jared Jimison

1 Samuel 1:5-28

Sermon: Mike McLemore  
Prophetic Living Today

## Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

## Wednesday, October 7

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes  
July — September 2020

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons from Joshua  
Mike McLemore

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hope in Exile: A Study of 1 Peter  
Mike McLemore

## Serving in September

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

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Lord's Supper PM

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Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

