

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Seeking Satisfaction?

Michael W. McLemore

Do you have something for which you live each day? A pay-raise? Retirement? Or, have you discovered the reality that basing aspirations on getting ahead in this world typically ends in disappointment? Have you found that a misguided sense of direction often leaves you feeling completely unfulfilled? Have you finally realized a goal of saving for the future or moving up the corporate ladder? These are all questions with which many wrestle.

Christians may view life's pursuit differently, yet still desperately seek a seemingly elusive satisfaction. You are charitable, serve in the local church; somehow still feel a sense of insignificance or aimlessness. If so, there is a truth you need to hear: God gives each of us life for a very specific reason: to serve Him or glorify Him. Nobody finds the peace that "surpasses understanding" without reconciling this truth. Our culture teaches us that pleasure, prosper-

ity, position, and popularity will make us happy – but living in the service of self always leaves an emptiness no earthly reward can fill.

Worldly philosophies will not stand the test of time. Few are going to reach 100 years. Whatever we will become in life, we are in the process of becoming now. David was anointed king long before actually assuming the role, *1 Samuel 16:12*. He spent decades serving God in insignificant places while developing into a great man. His story illustrates that discovering God's purpose begins with humbly submitting to His will as we daily serve Him. This is our path to success.

Our heavenly Father's purpose for our lives comes from His perfect heart of love. None of us can foretell the great things He has in store for us, but we can trust His plan completely. Surrender to Him today and say, "Not my will, Lord, but Yours be done." □

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## The Church Divinely Built, Purchased & Possessed

By Michael W. McLemore

The Hebrew writer says, "For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God," *Hebrews 3:4*. David of old declares, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain..." *Psalms 127:1*. Jesus says, "On this rock I will build my church..." *Matthew 16:18*. The church of the New Testament is divine because it has a divine builder. No church which can point to man as its builder can rightfully claim to be the New Testament church.

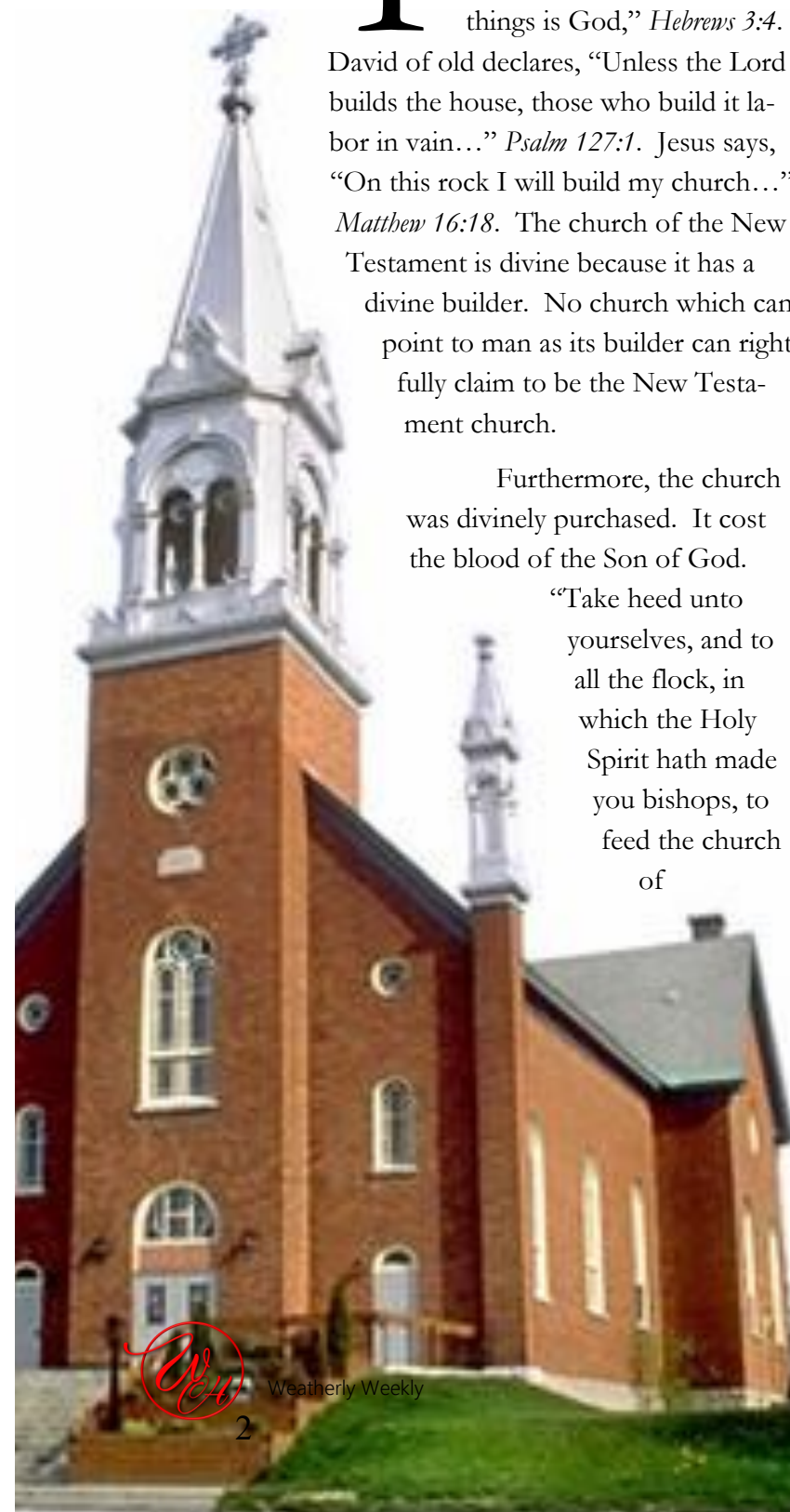
Furthermore, the church was divinely purchased. It cost the blood of the Son of God.

"Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of

the Lord which he purchased with his own blood," *Acts 20:28*, ASV. The church (souls of men and women, called out of the world of darkness) is the saved relationship or the redeemed body. Sinners are saved from their sins, liberated from their bondage, redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Jesus says, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins," *Matthew 26:28*. Peter says, "Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot," *1 Peter 1:18-19*. This body of people thus redeemed constitutes the church, the "called out."

Some people today imagine that they can be saved before and without becoming members of the church. In the light of the facts just noted, such an idea is utterly absurd, and scripturally unfounded. One can no more be saved without being a member of the Lord's church than he can be saved without being redeemed from his sins with the blood of Christ. So it was that in Jerusalem "the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved," *Acts 2:47*, ASV.

Being built by Christ and purchased with His blood, the church belongs to Him; it is purchased by Him. He said, "On this rock I will build my church." Congregations were known in New Testament times, therefore, as "churches of Christ," *Romans 16:16*. The church is the bride of Christ, *Ephesians 5:23-33*. It is the body of Christ, *Colossians 1:18*. It is the temple of the Lord, *Ephesians 2:19-23*. It is God's husbandry and building, *1 Corinthians 3:9*. This being true, not only is any human change in the church a reflection on divine wisdom, but also is a criminal trespass upon divine property. It's Christ's house, He built it! □



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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

We are praying for the family of **Barbara Adkins**, the youngest sister of our **Evelyn Hall**. Mrs Adkins passed away last week after a brief, non-COVID related, illness.

**Jenny Jacks** has been having severe back pain in recent weeks. Please pray for her comfort as she seeks a remedy.

**W.D. Patrick** is recovering after bladder surgery last week. The surgery was successful and he is doing well. He will follow up with his doctor tomorrow. Please remember W.D. to the Lord as you pray.

**Elaine Dorris** continues to do well at home following a series of procedures over the last several weeks. Your prayers and expressions of interest in **Elaine & Gordon** are appreciated.

If you have opportunity over the next few days to visit with **Charlotte Hagewood**, please try to do so.

**Forest & Dot Summers** remain in our daily prayers. Forest was having some neck pain the last few days. Your prayers are so meaningful.

**Betty & Bill Reavis** also are in need of our daily petitions on their behalf. Say their name to the Lord.

No late word on **Rick Morgan's** father, **James Morgan**. We are trusting that he continues to improve.

Others we are aware of who need prayer include: **Mike & Karen Hunt**, **Marty's** brother and sister-in-law — Karen has COVID; **Mechi Hunt's** dad, **Lorenzo Rojas**; **Libby Joiner**, **Tommy Hill's** niece, who has COVID; the family of **Roy Sparks** (57), a coworker of **Sandra Gore**,

who passed away last week after suffering a heart attack and an accident.

Please pray for those who are confined to assisted living facilities and memory care — **Louis Garrett, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lanie Roberts, Dot Summers**.

### Daily Prayer List:

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

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

### This Week at Weatherly:

**Remember ZOOM DEVO!** We continue to have good turnouts on Sunday evening for Zoom meeting. Several that we haven't seen in a few weeks have been able to be with us. We continue to emphasize this because it is the only way those who are not able to attend worship on Sunday can see much of their "church family." I really think its under utilized. Many of our older members really would enjoy seeing you. Join in.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's streamed Bible class on **Recognizing Daily Needs** from James.

**Sunday morning worship** will begin at 10. Mike will be giving his second lesson on **Thanksgiving**. His sermon is entitled **Magnify with Thanksgiving**. His text is **Psalm 69:30-32**.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike continues his textual study of 2 Peter. We stream at 7. ☐

## The Cost of Joy

Michael W. McLemore

Paul wrote to invite his brethren to know what he knew about rejoicing. He said, "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own..." *Phil 3:12*.

He knew that Joy in Christ comes with a price. Fellowship in the resurrection requires counting everything the world esteems as valuable as garbage to gain this greatest of all treasures. Paul emphasizes his personal commitment to make obtaining fellowship with Christ in both His suffering and ultimately in His resurrection only after first confessing that for him it is an ongoing pursuit — "Not that I have already obtained this, or am already perfect, *12*. Constancy in both service and sacrifice is a daily affair, and the work is not complete while breath remains in the body.

The Greek word *teleioō*, translated "perfect," is "to bring to an end, or conclusion." Paul tells the Philippians, by way of example, "I have not already reached the goal, but I am stretching toward it to make it mine!" Paul's pursuit of Christ rises out of a profound dissatisfaction with the way he is. Contentment with one's present standing bespeaks Paul's own life lesson to the Philippians. "Christ made me His own possession," Paul said, "and, I am indebted to keep pressing forward to make Him my own possession." Rejoice! ☐

## 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, November 22

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

**Psalm 69:30-32**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Magnify with Thanksgiving**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Sunday, November 29

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

**Psalm 107**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Thanksgiving: Eyes for God**

### Evening Worship

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

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

### Wednesday, November 25

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

**None**

## 2021 Planning Underway

### Wednesday, December 2

**Streamed Bible Study**

**None**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

**October – December 2020**

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Recognizing Daily Needs  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
Add to Your faith: Study of 2 Peter  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in November

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

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**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep**  
**Building Lockup**

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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11-22	Ina Carter	11-24	Carolyn Holland
11-25	Debbie Harbin	11-25	Amanda Stovall
12-2	Ryan Patrick	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Carley Hill	12-4	Tommy Hill
12-4	Ron Holland	12-4	Gwyn McLemore

