

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Consistently Inconsistent

Don Truex

*"There should be a universal ban on the sale, manufacture, importation and possession of handguns."*

*"Upon bearing a burglar at his residence, the homeowner called the police, retrieved a handgun from his bedroom, and proceeded to shoot the intruder."*

Interestingly, the nationally syndicated columnist and gun-control advocate of paragraph one and the shooter of the police report in paragraph two, are one and the same person!

Our society often seems to be consistently inconsistent. From the advertising at the stadium urging fans, "Don't Drink & Drive," displayed just beneath a beer logo, to the angry driver voicing obscene works and making obscene gestures while having a "Teach Your Children to Pray" bumper sticker on his car -- consistency is often hard to come by.

Even the great men and women of the Bible were not immune: Jonah preached a message of redemption to a lost nation and then pouted because they repented and were not destroyed. David would fight the Philistine giant to vindicate the name of Jehovah and then committed adultery and murder.

Peter would preach salvation and hope to the

Gentiles in Cornelius' home and then refuse to eat with the Gentiles when in the company of Jews.

That's a bit of struggle for all of us, isn't it? We resolve at our baptism to "walk in newness of life" but give in occasionally to the life and practice that we promised to leave behind. We sing, "Have thine own way, Lord" but sometimes take great offense if our "own way" is not accommodated.

That's not what we want. We never want to be those who "profess that they know God; but in works they deny him," *Titus 1:16*.

The good news is, we're not alone this challenge and that type of inconsistency doesn't have to become the sum of who we are. We can learn from the consistent steps of our perfect example, *1 Peter 2:21*. We can be completely honest and transparent as we commune with an understanding Father in prayer and petition for help, *Hebrews 4:14,15*. And we can employ our will and determination as competent, capable, committed Christians to live lives of faith.

The great news is, having done that, we can "have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming," *1 John 2:28*. □

## Rejoicing in Youth

By Jeff Wilson

Jehoahaz was only twenty-three years old when he became king, *2 Kings 23:31*. His brother Jehoiakim was only twenty-five, *2 Kings 23:36*. Upon Jehoiakim's death, his son Jehoiachin became king at the age of eighteen, *2 Kings 24:8*. After Jehoiachin's brief, three month reign, his uncle Zedekiah took the throne, himself only being twenty-one years old, *2 Kings 24:18*. Notice a pattern here?

These four are the final kings to sit on David's throne in Jerusalem before Nebuchadnezzar led the Babylonian hordes to destroy the city and end the earthly dynasty per God's forewarned judgement. Besides sharing the common factor of all being sons or a grandson of Josiah, they were all quite young when they took the throne for their relatively brief reigns (3 months, eleven years, 3 months, and eleven years, respectively). And they were all, to a man, despite their youth, explicitly condemned by God for their wickedness, *cf. 2 Kings 23:32, 37; 24:9, 19*.

Let that sink in. Even Jehoiachin, who was only eighteen years old and lasted only three months on the throne, was old enough and served long enough to draw the attention -- and judgment -- of heaven itself, *cf. Jeremiah 22:24-30*. If you do the math, Jehoahaz was a prisoner of Egypt at roughly twenty-three, Jehoiakim was dead at around thirty-six, and Zedekiah was a blind, son-less Babylonian captive by the time he was thirty-two. The way we look at youth and age

today, these weren't kings, they were kids, "young men" at the most.

And that's the rub. These days, the larger tendency of the world -- and thus the temptation for Christians -- is to expect too little of our young people, to excuse their immaturity and iniquity on the basis of their age. "Kids will be kids" is the dogma of the moment. In our culture, we encourage our children and young people to enjoy their childhood, their teenage years, their college years, their twenties, in a way that too often implies that real responsibility, full adulthood, and rigorous moral accountability don't kick in until their thirties or forties.

But the Bible says otherwise. In *Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1* the Preacher calls young people to carefully balance the fun and opportunities of their youth with the reality of a God who sees, knows, and judges. Enjoy life, yes, but remember there is a larger context for the fun we naturally seek. The Bible says that young people can do great evil and earn God's wrath.

The challenge for our young people -- and for those of us who parent them, teach them, and are concerned for them and about them -- is to avoid allowing the shallow silliness of our time and place to blind them to the present responsibilities they possess before God. We want them to rejoice in their youth, but only in a way that acknowledges God's claims on their lives. □

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LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Wanda Castleman** is home doing as well as might be expected following rotator cuff surgery last week. The doctor was able to make the repair and remove some manifestations of arthritis in her shoulder joint. She started rehab on Friday. Wanda will go three times a week for four weeks. Pray for minimal pain.

We are thrilled to report that **Peggy Childress'** medical insurance has given the needed clearance and she has been placed on the transplant list! This is cause for rejoicing. Please continue to pray for **Peggy & Terry**.

We have all been very concerned about **Mike Coward** following his fall and subsequent hospitalization. He was discharged on Tuesday and is home. He will have a CT scan every three weeks to see how he is progressing. Thank you for your prayers and every other expression of concern for **Mike & Peggy**.

**Collis Terry** had a bad fall at Smith Lake on Monday while working on the slope at the lake house. **Sue** insisted that he go to the ER on Thursday when his discomfort didn't improve. He has broken ribs on his right side, a broken nasal bone, and bruises. Thankfully he had no head injury. We are so happy it wasn't worse.

**Brooke Hatcher** is scheduled to have surgery this Friday, June 11th. She will be in hospitalized overnight. Please remember **Brooke, Kirk & family** in prayer.

**Marty Hunt** reports that his blood pressure has returned to normal and that he is feeling much better. The tests that have come back are fine. We are praying this will be the finding on the others.

**Cathy Preston** continues her rehab after knee replacement surgery. Prayers please!

**Cyndi Vanatta**, **Phil Shaver's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, **Mechi Hunt's** twin sister, **Mike Hunt**, **Marty's** brother, are all at different stages of chemo for cancer. Please pray for them and their families.

Pray for those who are confined in care facilities, memory care and home — **Laura Phillips**, **Jim Risner**, **Lane Roberts**, **Dot Summers**. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Glenda Cavender</b>	<b>Melvin Godette</b>
<b>Laura Phillips</b>	<b>Dot Summers</b>
<b>Charlotte Hagewood</b>	<b>Lane Roberts</b>
<b>Bill Reavis</b>	<b>Ron Harmon</b>

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

**Bible Classes and congregational singing are BACK!** It is an exciting day at Weatherly. For the first time in more than a year we will have Bible Classes and will be led in congregational singing. Remember, classes start at 9:30 and will dismiss at 9:55. Those attending the adult class should sit in their normal seat for class.

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** will begin at 9:30 — Mike is continuing his quarterly Bible Class series **Christ Clashing with Culture**.

**Sunday morning** will begin at 10. Today's lesson is entitled **Christianity 101**.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike is continuing his study of **The book of Colossians & Philemon**. We stream at 7 p.m. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

## Burdens & Duty

Michael W. McLemore

The three great ordinances of the Lord's church: the Lord's day, the Lord's supper, and baptism for the remission of sins, among other things, all unite to declare, the joy and assurance of the Christian in ultimate victory through Christ over all of the powers of sin and death. They are not only memorials that give assurance, but duties to be borne.

Moses and Israel stood on the banks of the Red Sea and sang of victory. Christians today joyfully sing the "song of Moses and the Lamb" in celebration of their victory over sin while we live and in anticipation of that time when we will sing it new before Heaven's throne having conquered the ravages of death through Christ and his atoning blood. All rejoice.

From the beginning God's people have been victorious only because He has "born us over" the enslaving forces of evil and sin. But, joy comes with duty.

Like Israel whom God brought over the sea, He bears us over sin. He never tires and is utterly dependable. Be admonished by Peter's assurance that we are to cast our "cares" upon Him, BUT not our duties and responsibilities. — "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: for the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil," *1 Peter 3:10-12*. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Bible Classes</b>	<b>9:30 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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## Weatherly's Deacons

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<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>	<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, June 6

**Welcome:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Song Leader:** **Hill Roberts**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Collis Terry**  
**Scripture Reading:**

**Sermon:** **Acts 1**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Christianity 101**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Bill McCord**

### Sunday, June 13

**Mike McLemore**  
**David Jacks**  
**WD Patrick**

**Acts 2**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**The Apostle's Doctrine**  
**Bobby Wright**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **CANCELLED**

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

### Wednesday, June 9

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

**None**

## 2021 Singing Cancelled

### Wednesday, June 16

**Streamed Bible Study**

**None**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

**April – June 2020**

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Christ Clashing with Culture  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
The Challenge of Colossians  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in June

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

**\*\* Phil Furlough, Ed Dill, Steve Hagewood, Tommy Hill**

**Lord's Supper PM**

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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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6-7	Shelia Hagewood	6-11	Carley Hill, #2
6-13	Adam Hagewood	6-14	Jeremy Leshko
6-15	Murray Castleman	6-16	Jaxie Rogers
6-16	Phil Shaver	6-23	WD Patrick
6-26	Keion Godette	6-30	Susan Hand

