

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Twenty-one Sixty

Wilson Adams

The 1972 Stanford University “Marshmallow Experiment” is legendary. A single marshmallow was offered to children (ages four to six). However, if the child could resist eating one right away, he/she was offered the promise of two marshmallows later. Among other things, the experiment observed how long children could resist temptation. The one-marshmallow-now kids outnumbered the two-marshmallow-later kids. Go figure.

If the marshmallow experiment had been done on the Twelve, Judas would have been in the “one marshmallow now” group. He couldn’t keep his hand out of the cookie jar, *John 12:6*. Judas didn’t just sell out Jesus by betraying Him for thirty pieces of silver; he sold Him out long before then.

His betrayal of Jesus was no spur-of-the-moment decision. He betrayed Jesus each time he helped himself to the money bag. While most of us can’t imagine pick-pocketing Jesus, we shortchange Him in a hundred different ways.

We rob God of the glory He deserves.

We rob God of the sacrifice He demands.

We rob God of the priority He seeks.

And we’re not the only ones. Esau sold his birth-right for a bowl of stew. Samson sold his secret for a one-night-stand. Ananias and Sapphira sold their integrity for a % of real estate. Judas sold his soul for thirty pieces of silver.

What were they thinking? And the answer is... they weren’t. Nothing is more tempting or illogical than sin. And Satan knows it. It is temporary stupidity with eternal consequences. It’s not worth it and we know it. Yet we do it. We sell out for a little now when we can have so much later. By the way, the silver coins Judas received were probably sanctuary shekels. It is estimated that such coins may have been worth the current currency of 72 cents each. That makes a grand total of... \$21.60.

Judas betrayed Jesus for \$21.60. \$21.60! That’s a very low price-point. Think about that the next time you’re tempted to cheat on Him. So, what’s your price? ☐

## THE SADDEST WORDS

Michael W. McLemore

God placed man in the garden of Eden giving him laws to live by. Man’s creator provided all things for him. He cared in every way for his needs. The relationship between man and God was based upon God’s law and man’s willingness to obey those laws. “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die,’” *Genesis 2:15-17*.

As laws go, this was a simple law to understand and to obey. With the numerous trees in the garden, man had freedom to freely eat. Man was forbidden from eating of only one tree in the garden. From the outside, we could look at this law and wonder how it could be misapplied or misunderstood. God’s law was simple to understand in relationship to man’s obedience.

In Genesis chapter three we find how a simple law of God was made to be a law that was confusing and difficult to understand. The tragedy of this story is that it only took four words to take away the relationship between God and man: “Has God indeed said?” The devil knew in order to persuade Eve to take of the fruit as forbidden by God, Eve would need to question the will of God. The approach taken by the devil was simple — question God!

Following the devil’s tempting of Eve to consider the simple command of God as too complex and challenging her to think for herself, she took of the fruit and ate and gave it to Adam and he ate. The devil had won the victory! Man now stood alone and apart from his God. Sin had gained the temporary victory and would for generations upon generations destroy the

lives of millions of souls. Only by the victory in Jesus Christ can man now fully understand and overcome the sting of sin. But the story continues.

Today the devil is still inducing people to question the simple commands of God. In the word of God, the plan of salvation unfolds with the majesty and simplistic nature of God’s divine word. Man needs to come to God and obey him. Satan whispers, “Has God indeed said?” While most in the religious world agree on the need for hearing the word of God, *Romans 10:17*, seeking repentance, *Luke 13:3*, coupled with the confession of the mouth, *Romans 10:10*, but few believe that one must be baptized “unto salvation,” *Acts 2:38*.

Satan has filled the hearts of so many today who teach the only thing a person needs to do is to accept Christ as their Savior and they are saved. Baptism is placed on the shelf as something good to do but not necessary. The Bible teaches in very simple tones the need of baptism for salvation. Baptism is the completion of one’s obedience to Christ. In every case, every case of conversion in the gospel of Christ, every single person obeyed the law of God in baptism. Not one example is found in all of the gospel of Christ where baptism is not shown as the completion of the law of God; yet today men question God!

Many scriptures teach the necessity of baptism for salvation. Nowhere in God’s word does it teach that one is saved by faith alone. Never! Yet many people will hear the saddest words ever spoken to man - “Accept Christ as your personal Savior and you will be saved.” These words are sad because if believed — and practiced — the final sad words will be given by Jesus himself when he says, “I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness,” *Matthew 7:23*. ☐

Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Elaine Dorris** was able to be present for the assemblies on Sunday. We are thrilled with her progress and continue to pray for her health. Elaine amazes us everyday with her resilience. "You and **Gordon** are an inspiration! We love you!"

**Wanda Castleman** has been battling the effects of arthritis and her ongoing problems with fibromyalgia for the last few weeks. She has not felt well enough to be out. In truth she really needs to stay clear of crowds while in this weakened condition. Pray for her.

**Marty Hunt** and family are in the Nashville area today with his step-mother. They will join us via our stream. The Hunts will return to Huntsville on Monday.

**Mike Coward** continues to move pretty slow but he and **Peggy** were with us Sunday. Please continue to pray for Mike as he meets with his cardiology NP to discuss a pacemaker and the return to his blood thinner.

**Peggy Childress** continues to do well. Say her name to the Lord as you pray this week. Terry is with her on the weekend, but is coming back to Huntsville for work during the week.

**Terry Childress'** mom, **Sandra Ivey**, also has an interest in our prayers as she struggles with strength. Sister Ivey is thankful for your continued prayers.

**Mechi Hunt's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, is anticipating liver surgery. After a period of recovery she will require a regimen of 24 radiation treatments; then another surgery. Prayers are

appreciated!

**Edith Turner's** daughter, **Glenda**, remains on our prayer list. Edith is understandably concerned for her. Your prayers are appreciated.

**Buddy Taft**, great-grandson of **Betty Dubose**, has an ongoing interest in our prayers. We are glad to report that he has had no more seizures. Minor adjustments to his medications have been made. He's been able to get a part-time job. We are thankful.

Pray for those who are in assisted living facilities and memory care — **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

**THIS WEEK:** COVID numbers are as high as they have been in this area during the entire pandemic. We continue to exercise caution and appreciate your help in keeping our assembly as safe as possible.

**Sunday morning Bible Class** begins at 9:30. Mike is continuing his series **Divided We Fall**.

**Sunday morning worship** begins promptly at 10. Mike's lesson today is entitled, **That you may have life!** and his taken from **John 10**.

Remember our ZOOM Devo at 7 Sunday evening. If you haven't participated, you will benefit from giving it a try.

Wednesday our **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9-5	Kim Barnett	9-9	Abbey Craig*
9-14	Brooke Hatcher	9-17	Aurora Leshko
9-20	Sophia Hunt	9-23	Dylan Craig*
9-25	LaNelle Patrick	9-28	Doris DeCelles

\*Melonie Power's granddaughter & grandson

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## SECURITY

Michael W. McLemore

Some wrestle with the issue of security. Do I know enough? Am I right enough? Do I do enough? Am I generous enough? Do I attend enough? Am I prayerful enough? Enough already! The way we frame the question of security sets us up for everything from Gnostic heresy to cults to televangelists. Each one of them offers you some "secret" — ranging from a hologram-type Jesus to super-salesman evangelistic programs. Each appeals to our flesh — from a philosophic justification for pleasure and drugs to self-righteous satisfaction as a soul-winner to the selfish desire to get rich.

Satan is one slick adversary! He knows every trick to seduce us away from Christ. He preys on insecurities and sets us up to be destroyed. Little girls and boys are so afraid of rejection or of disappointing adults that they can be lured by sexual predators and molested. Older ones are so afraid of "not fitting in" that they will dress in ways that embarrass them, experiment with alcohol and drugs, or run the risk of a criminal record. Adults want the trappings of success so desperately that they will be ungodly in attitude, unethical in business, and untrue in relationships. The desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, pride in riches — Satan strikes to claim a soul from its intended place in the will of God.

The story of every self-contained, self-centered and self-seeking life is tragic and replete with eternal consequence. One may be "king of the world," but find himself cut off from God. How sad! ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Classes** 9:30 am  
**Sunday AM Assembly** 10:00 am  
**Sunday PM Assembly** Zoom 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday Classes** Stream 7:00 pm

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

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, September 5

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Song Leader:** **Hill Roberts**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Steve Hagewood**  
**Scripture Reading:**

**John 10:1-18**

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
**That You May Have Life**

**Closing Prayer:** **Gene Preston**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** CANCELLED

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

### Wednesday, September 8

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

None

## 2021 Lectures Canceled

### Sunday, September 12

**Will Starks**  
**David Jacks**  
**W.D. Patrick**

**Matthew 7:13-14**

**Mike McLemore**  
**Choose Adventure**

**Riley Monroe**

### Evening Worship

CANCELLED

**Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**

### Wednesday, September 15

**Streamed Bible Study**

None

## Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2021

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall  
**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in September

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

**\*\* Bill Thomson (9-5), Ed Dill (9-12),  
Will Starks (9-19), Collis Terry (9-26)**

**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep  
Building Lockup**

