

Weatherly Weekly

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ON ATTAINING OUR GOALS

Michael W. McLemore

A new year inevitably causes most people to assess their life. It's actually a good thing. The world does it; the Christian does it, too. It's not unusual to begin with a series of lofty goals – lose weight, exercise more, save money, be more attentive to family, read the Bible, draw closer to the Lord, *ad infinitum*. As the year passes goals can tend to be pushed aside and are soon forgotten. Why do we get off track? Why do we fail to attain our goals? Clearly, I'm not nearly as interested in worldly aspirations as I am our relationships with each other and the Lord. First...

CONCENTRATE – Paul charged, "Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth," *Colossians 3:1-2*. To attain any goal requires focus. To focus is to live with concentration. The word means "with center." To draw closer to the Lord, He must become the "center of the

mind." Focus on Him, where He is! Then...

PRIORITIZE – It's no shock that Jesus weighed in on the subject, and He did it in His first "big" sermon, the Sermon on the Mount, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," *Matthew 6:19-21*. These are not merely new goals; this is a new way of daily living. It's an entirely new priority – "Seek *FIRST* the kingdom of God and his righteousness," *6:33*. Now...

GROW – Sometimes the last thing someone says is the most important. The apostle Peter's last recorded written lesson was this – "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen," *2 Peter 3:18*. Big goals are only reached with daily growth. Longfellow sagely reminded, "That tree grows new wood each year. Like that apple tree, I try to grow a new little wood each year." Fruit always comes from the new growth. Now, get busy! □

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Quiet Moments with Jesus

By Wilson Adams

There never has been One with more to do and less time to get it done than Jesus. Yet He made time for what mattered.

S taying connected is big business in our techno-culture. Smart phones, e-mail, Facebook, Texting, and Twitter give us instant access 24/7/365. And while that has its advantages, it has equal disadvantages.

For example, how much time do we spend building face-to-face relationships? Have we become addicted to phones and laptops to the point that a keyboard or I-Pad is the same to us as a nicotine fix is to a tobacco addict? Some can't seem to live without them! To some, the very idea of "unplugging" and spending quiet moments with real people is unnerving. That's sad.

And how much time do we spend in quiet moments with God? Is God some distant Deity or is He your friend and confidant with whom you walk each day? That's not a hard question. Do you know about Him or do you know Him? That's not a hard question either.

The majority has little understanding of how the Creator seeks intimacy with the created, *Isaiah 43:7*; *John 3:16*. It's equally sad how a great number of believers engage in a shallow "Sunday-only" relationship with Him—as if God lives in a box

we drag out on the first day of the week. Jesus said, "This is eternal life that they may know Him," *John 17:3*. How well do you know Him?

How many times have you talked on the phone this week versus how many times you have talked with Him?

How often do you connect with friends on Facebook versus how often you connect with Him in His Book?

How many quiet moments have you had this week when you allowed yourself to find peace in His presence?

Do you need to unplug? It's amazing how quiet music (or quiet nothing) can calm frazzled minds and restore a sense of calm and well-being. How many times did Jesus get away from the hustle-bustle of the day's busyness and find a quiet place to pray? Luke 5:16 says He did it often. Was He less busy than you? There never has been One with more to do and less time to get it done than Jesus. Yet He made time for what mattered. Do you? Unplug the cord, hit the "OFF" button on the remote, open your Bible, find your prayer closet, and enjoy some quiet moments with the Lord. □

Watch LIVE!



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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Nellie Dubose

Prayers:

Susan Ivey was diagnosed with COVID on Monday. Her symptoms mirrored a really bad cold. As of yesterday she says, "I feel great! No symptoms at all!" We are thankful that it was not worse. We are also happy that **Dwight** has dodged infection. Your prayers for the Ivey's are appreciated.

Betty Dubose is still having AFIB and will be undergoing her third Cardioversion procedure tomorrow around 11 am. Please pray for a better and longer lasting result.

We have no late updates on **Bill Singleton**, grandfather of **Julie Singleton's** husband, **Shawn**. At last report he had improved. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

Peggy Shelton's cousin, **Rita Montgomery**, is hospitalized with COVID and is on a ventilator. Peggy's brother, **Sam Eaves**, and wife, **Martha**, have COVID. All were vaccinated. Please pray for these!

LaNelle Patrick has several in her family that have been diagnosed with COVID — her brother, **Don Patton** and family; **Gary Patton**, LaNelle's cousin; and her niece **Allison**. Pray for these and those who love them.

Peggy Coward ended up with laryngitis after a nasty upper respiratory (non-covid) infection. Unfortunately the family had to have a "family only" birthday celebration for her. We had to be content to celebrate with her in "photos." We are thankful that she's better! It's also great to see **Mike** doing better!

Please continue to pray for **Mechi Hunt's** sister, **Zoila Herring**.

Funeral services were held for **Nellie Dubose** (79) on Saturday in Vernon, AL. Please pray for **Jason, Kathryn** and family in the loss of Jason's mom. **The Dubose's** are frequent visitors in our assembly. Keep them in your prayers. Nellie's loss will be felt deeply.



We are sad to report that **Jerry Henderson** passed away from pneumonia last week. Please keep **Dot** and family in your prayers.

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

Daily Prayer List:

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

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. **Mike** will continue his study **Divided We Fall!** Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. **Mike's** lesson today is entitled "I Will Make a Way!" from **Isaiah 43:18-19**. Remember our ZOOM Devo at 7 Sunday evening. Zoom in with us tonight! Wednesday our study of **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm with streaming and in-person assembly. ☐

Strength for Today

Michael W. McLemore

Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom and her family helped many Jews escape the Nazis during the Holocaust in WWII. She believed that her actions were in accord with her faith. They were eventually caught and arrested and sent to a concentration camp at Ravensbruck. In her most famous work, an autobiography, *The Hiding Place*, Corrie, recounts the story behind her family's efforts and how she found strength and shared faith and hope in God while imprisoned.

In many ways she modeled an example of one who courageously relied on God's word for daily strength. Hiding innocent people in a secret room in their home cost them dearly. But, being arrested was not the end. It was a beginning. Corrie and her sister valued scripture so much that they risked their lives by sneaking a Bible into the camp.

Here is our lesson. In God's word, they found strength to endure each brutal day. They chose to rely on God's promises rather than to worry about the unknowns of their future, even when their lives were on the line. Corrie wisely wrote, "Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength—carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength." I love that! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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

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Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 2

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 43:18-19

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
I Will Make A Way: A New Year
Closing Prayer: **Jim Risner**

Sunday, January 9

Tommy Hill
Hill Roberts
Steve Hagewood

Ephesians 1:7-10

Mike McLemore
Redeemed!
Adam Hagewood

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

CANCELLED

Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer:
Closing Prayer:

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

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Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, January 5

Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

Wednesday, January 12

David Jacks
Mike McLemore
WD Patrick

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in January

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

**** Ed Dill (1-2), Kirk Hatcher (1-9), Tommy Hill (1-16), Will Starks (1-23), Marty Hunt (1-30)**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Text

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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1-4	Isabella Hatcher	1-6	Keria Godette
1-7	Bobby Wright	1-9	Wes Caudle
1-11	Elena Hagewood	1-11	Margaret Smith
1-15	Xavier Cole	1-19	Ed Dill
1-20	Edith Turner	1-23	Gordon Dorris
1-26	Marissa Hunt	1-29	Jim Risner
1-29	Will Starks	1-30	Jenny Jacks

