

# Weatherly Weekly

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## “The Whole Need Not a Physician”

Adapted

In the Gospel history we learn that Matthew, who is also named Levi, soon after he was called to be an apostle of Christ, made him a great feast in his own house, and invited many of the publicans, or tax-gatherers, and others of those whom the Jews called sinners; with whom Jesus sat down to meat. His display was not well received.

Taking leave of the world in this public manner was probably intended to show, how cheerfully and with what a willing mind Matthew had resigned all its gains and its pleasures, for a better kingdom. He sought to give his friends an opportunity to know that Divine Lord to whom his future hours were to be devoted. The new disciples of Jesus hoped, too, by taking this solemn leave of his former associates, to make some salutary impression upon their minds, and in-

duce them to follow his example. But it has an effect upon the Scribes and Pharisees widely different from his charitable intentions. Disposed to justify themselves, and condemn all who differed from them, the pure doctrines of the Savior has no good effect upon their hearts. These instead engaged in observing where the honored guest departed from their own customs. They censured him for eating and drinking with publicans and sinners.

It was on this occasion that Jesus spoke as our title indicates. Hearing their censorious observations, he said to them,

“They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. Go ye and learn what that meaneth, — I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance,” *Luke 5:31-32, KJV.* □

## THE END PRODUCT

Dan S. Shipley



Most everyone soon learns about the relationship between cause and effect, even if by another name. To the cook, for instance, it may be the relationship between the recipe and the pie. That special apple pie is the result (effect) of mixing certain ingredients in certain proportions and baking according to instructions. Only that recipe makes that pie. Even the most conscientious cook could not produce an apple pie by following a hushpuppy recipe – or, even by partly using the right recipe. Any alteration of the recipe necessarily alters the end product. The same is true with the seamstress who knows cause and effect as pattern and dress or with the builder who knows it as blueprint and house. They all well understand that personal preferences and options cannot be substituted for explicit instructions in making that pie, dress, or house. At least, we hope they understand it when we engage them to do work for us!

Accordingly, in the spiritual realm we see cause and effect in the gospel and the Christian. This important and fundamental truth is set forth in the Bible under several different figures. First, in the Parable of the Sower, *Luke 8*, the seed is identified as the word of God, *11*, which, when received into the honest and good heart, achieves its God-intended purpose. Only the pure word of God can produce that fruit-bearing child of God; that kind of character God wants in man. The sowing determines the reaping. Mixing the creeds and opinions of uninspired men with God’s pure gospel is bound to result in less than that man God wants.

In another sense, God’s word is a pattern for men to live by. As Moses was admonished to “make all things according to the pattern,” *Hebrews 8:5*, so must God’s will be the pattern for our spiritual service. All that God says about how men are to be saved, for instance, is God’s pattern for saving men. That pattern includes faith, repentance, confession and baptism, *Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 8:36,37; 22:16*. Following this divine pattern produces saved men. Changing the pattern changes the result, just as with the recipe and the blueprint. Further, all that men can know about what pleases God in worship is found on the pages of the New Testament – and all the New Testament says on the subject comprises the divine pattern for worship, nothing more and nothing less. That pattern includes preaching, singing, praying, giving and partaking of the Lord’s Supper, *Acts 20:7; Ephesians 5:19; 1 Timothy 2:1,2; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2*. This is God’s blueprint for worship and must be followed if God is to be truly honored.

When Paul writes of the Romans being obedient to “that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered,” he pictures the gospel (teaching) as the mold or cast (*tupos*) into which the obedient is “poured” by submission to be shaped into a Christ-like character. Thus, following God’s pattern conforms men to His Son’s image, *Romans 8:29* and makes them to be partakers of the divine nature, *2 Peter 1:4*. The honest and good-hearted man knows that he cannot direct his own steps, *Jeremiah 10:23* and so yields himself to walk by faith and in so doing becomes the fruition of God’s eternal purpose, complete in Christ. □

Watch LIVE!



# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Thank You!!

**THANK YOU Carol & Hill Roberts!** Your hospitality was enormously appreciated!

Love, *ALL of US!*

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Becky Hill's** surgery went well on Wednesday. She is progressing slowly with each passing day with only slight throat and ear discomfort. She will continue to have some restrictions until she sees the doctor on Tuesday. Your prayers are appreciated.

**Terry Childress** reports that his mother, **Sandra Ivey**, and wife, **Peggy**, are better. He really appreciates your prayers for them over these last few weeks.

**Evelyn & Searcy Hall** remain on our prayer list. We are thankful for Evelyn's recovery and are looking forward to seeing them

**David Jacks** is about to graduate from the Weekly. We are so thankful for his progress. He's really moved very quickly considering the seriousness of this surgery. We are thankful.

**Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, continues to take regular Chemo treatments. Say her name to the Lord as you pray.

**Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Stark's** granddaughter, is suffering the side effects of radiation therapy. She will have additional scans next month. Please pray for her!

We are sad to report that **Angi Coward Woolf's** mother-in-law (J.J.'s mom), **Marilyn Woolf**, passed away Friday morning. Services

will be held in Kansas City.

**Mike & Gwyn McLemore** would appreciate your prayers for the family of **Karen Yates LaGrasta** who passed away last Sunday at age 62. Karen was a dear person and a very faithful Christian. Her influence in the kingdom will be missed. Remember her husband, **Steve**, and sons, **Michael** and **James**. This is a great loss to her family and to the Fry Road church with which we worked some years ago.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Charlotte Hagewood & Betty Dubose.**

## TODAY AT WEATHERLY

**Sunday morning Bible class** begins at 9:30. Mike is leading us in a study of "Lessons for Today from Exodus."

**Sunday morning worship** begins at 10. Mike is working through a series in August entitled "FAITH Yesterday and Today." Each lesson will be taken from the Bible book of Romans. Mike's lesson today is "Faith From Hearing God" from **Romans 10**.

**TONIGHT at 6** we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum of Galatians.

**Wednesday evening Bible study** begins at 7 with our study of the **Book of Exodus**. We hope everyone will be present for class and the devotion to follow. ☐

**Relief for Christians in Zimbabwe!** If you would like to help with food relief for our brethren there, please give your contribution to one of the elders. They plan to send it tomorrow.

## "Honest" Able

*Michael W. McLemore*

At twenty-four years of age, Abraham Lincoln became the Postmaster of the New Salem, Illinois post office at an annual salary of \$55.70. The New Salem post office closed a few years later, but it was several years following its closure until a postal agent from Washington, DC could get to Illinois to settle accounts with ex-Postmaster Lincoln. When the agent finally arrived, Abe was a struggling lawyer having difficulty making a living by the practice of law. The postal agent informed Lincoln that he owed the Federal Government \$17.00. Abe walked across the room to an old chest where he unwrapped a yellowed rag tied up with string in which he had kept the money he owed the government. "I never use anyone's money but my own," he told the federal agent. He had kept this money for years, and could likely have lied about having it - and gotten away with it. That was in 1836. It would be 24 years later when Mr. Lincoln would take the oath of office to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States" and thereby become the President and Chief law enforcement officer of the United States of America. Such episodes in this great man's life earned him the appellation, "Honest Abe."

This story offers a glimpse into the character of those who lived in the past. Sadly, our nation misses such noble men of character and integrity. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Classes** 9:30 am  
**Sunday AM Assembly** 10:00 am  
**Sunday PM Assembly** 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday Classes** 7:00 pm

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## Weatherly's Deacons

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**Kirk Hatcher** **David Jacks**  
**Hill Roberts** **Collis Terry**  
**Bobby Wright**

# Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

## Sunday, August 28

**Welcome:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Song Leader:** **Hill Roberts**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Lord's Table Lead:** **Phil Shaver**

**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
*Romans 10*  
**Faith from Hearing God!**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Kirk Hatcher**

## Sunday, August 28

**Will Starks**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Marty Hunt**  
**Phil Furlough**

*Hebrews 10:22*  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Draw Near to Me!**  
**Ron Harmon**

## Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
**Songs Leader:** **Collis Terry**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Ed Dill**  
**Closing Prayer:** **WD Patrick**

## Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**  
**Bill Thompson**  
**Will Starks**  
**Phil Furlough**

## Wednesday, August 31

**Songs Leader:** **Bill Thompson**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Ed Dill**

## Wednesday, September 7

**Phil Furlough**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Hill Roberts**

## 2022 Lectures Cancelled

## Quarterly Adult Classes

June — September 2022

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons for Today from the Exodus

**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Exodus

**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in September

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

\*\* **Phil Furlough (9-4), Tommy Hill (9-11), Ed Dill (9-18), Steve Hagewood (9-25)**

Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

Text

## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



8-28	Adelaide Hatcher	9-1	Leslie Patrick
9-14	Brooke Hatcher	9-20	Sophia Hunt
9-25	LaNelle Patrick	9-28	Dorris DeCelles

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