

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Live Faith Out Loud

Michael W. McLemore

Your life means more than you realize. Family, neighbors, friends, and coworkers need to see faith lived. They need to witness faith in action. The child of God should “Live Faith Out Loud!”

Jesus declared the Gospel of the Kingdom then modeled it for the world to see. His life-model abides to the present. It’s no accident that He began with the “Be-attitudes,” a sort of preamble to the Gospel, then said, “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world,” *Matthew 4* — “Live the Gospel out loud!”

Wouldn’t you agree that with all that is happening in our world at large, on social media, in our city, neighborhoods and workplaces, now, more than ever, people need to SEE and HEAR the power of God demonstrated in the lives of the faithful? People need to see the hope that is in the Gospel message of salvation embodied in the real lives of real people of faith.

Christians need to encourage one another to run the race and finish well. We should be examples to all and worship the Lord in spirit and truth, with all our hearts. As we live faith out loud we will experience revival in our own hearts and be an encouragement to others.

Focusing on Jesus and living out loud for Him, others cannot help but notice. They will see what true joy and spiritual revival look like. Perhaps even more profound will be the evidence of the change forgiveness brings to the life and the emotional wellbeing of real people.

People need to be encouraged. They need to know others are praying for them. They need to see and feel that they are loved and not forgotten. They need to know that they are loved by God. They need to understand that He wants them to know His grace, love and peace. They will see that first when we live our faith out loud! □

# LIVES WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Philippians 1:27-30*

Some tend to accept the premise that “if only this or that weren’t in our way, the church would be better or more effective.” Paul countered this baseless philosophy with the true need of God’s people in every age, “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel,” *Philippians 1:27*.

The term “worthy” from the Greek *axios*, means “appropriate after a godly sort.” What is our duty? Live lives worthy of the Gospel. When life is hard, live lives worthy of the Gospel. When the money is tight, live lives worthy of the Gospel. When workers are few, live lives worthy of the Gospel. When people are uncooperative, live lives worthy of the Gospel. When you are under threat of life, live lives worthy of the Gospel. You get the picture?

In Paul’s own attempt to advance the gospel, though embroiled with adverse circumstances and attacks from both without and within, he both lives his life worthy of the Gospel and pleads for this spirit among brethren. Read *Philippians 1:27-30* to the side and note three considerations are observed in the text.

**SHARED PERSEVERANCE** — “I

may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,” 27. The family of God is called to “stand firm” against every device and inducement of the Devil, as Spartan warriors shoulder to shoulder in battle, “for the faith.”

**UNITED COURAGE** — “And not frightened in anything by your opponents,” 28. Together they could resist the forces arrayed against them, whether from outside or inside the church. Their courage would send a signal of defeat into the ranks of the opposition.

**MUTUAL SUFFERING** — “For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,” 29-30. Paul calls upon the church to mimic his willingness to suffer for the gospel, bringing glory to him in their flesh.

The greatest blessing of fellowship is standing together in one spirit and uniting around one purpose. It requires God’s people to resist self-focus and to recognize the beauty of God’s plan to unite many different people in Christ to advance the faith of the gospel. □

Watch LIVE!

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Michael Preston's Passing

Michael Preston was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Hwy 72, three miles west of Athens on Wednesday afternoon. He was transported by air-evac to Huntsville Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery but his injuries were too severe. Michael was 43 years old.

He grew up at Weatherly. Many of our long time members have known Michael all of his life. You watched him grow up and you've been his supporters. Many of us admired his effort to take charge of his spiritual life a few years ago and grow as a Christian. We will all miss him. Pray for his family. They are understandably devastated.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the building of the Weatherly Heights church of Christ. A visitation will begin at 2 pm with the memorial to follow at 2:30.

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

Becky Hill will begin Chemotherapy on Wednesday of this week. Biopsies taken on her swollen adenoids a couple of weeks ago came back positive for Lymphoma. This was not a big surprise in light of recent increasing numbers in her blood work. She is better after the procedure to relieve the drainage in her ears, but now she's on to a much bigger and more serious challenge. Pray for Becky, Tommy and the family. Pray it goes well.

Bill McCord has COVID. Apparently there is a pretty high infection rate in his facility. He is getting along ok, but is in need our prayers.

Ellie Pellegrini has COVID. Please keep her in your prayers. She is missed in our assembly.

It was so good to see Evelyn & Searcy Hall on Sunday. We were all thrilled!

We were sad to learn of the passing of Greg Brewer, brother of our former member Jeff. We do not have details on services at this printing.

Guy McDaniel, former Weatherly evangelist, is in need our prayers. Guy is suffering from a rather serious infection. Remember, that he is the sole caretaker of his wife, Ann.

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 later this month. Please pray for her!

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." Worship begins at 10. Mike's lesson this morning will be entitled "Draw Near to Me!" from Hebrews 10:22.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for Bible Skillz and then a DEVO. Come be a part.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7 with our study of the Book of Exodus. This is a great study. We hope to see you all. ☐

## My Friend Michael

Michael W. McLemore

MICHAEL PRESTON is my friend. Shock and sadness has gripped our family after the dreadful news of his untimely loss. But, when I say that he "IS" my friend, I do so deliberately because, though he has left this world, he lives on in eternity. I will miss him in this life.

Several years ago Michael and I began a regular Bible study together. A few knew about this, probably most did not. We met every week for more than a year. He was always on time and he almost never missed a week. We opened the Book, talked about God, talked about life and mostly encouraged each other. We helped each other. I learned about him and in turn he learned about me. I saw him grow and become more interested in spiritual things. I saw his heart. Michael Preston has a good heart. Inside he wanted to BE and DO right. He didn't always, but he wanted to. I think he tried to. We shared that desire, I think.

Words fail to express my sadness that he didn't get to live longer. I would've enjoyed seeing him grow. I'm heart broken for his mom and dad and family. He loved them all deeply. I told them that Michael did more for me than maybe any other single member at Weatherly. Come by the building sometime and let me show you all that he did. Today, I'm really missing my friend. ☐

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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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Phil Furlough Steve Hagewood  
Kirk Hatcher David Jacks  
Hill Roberts Collis Terry  
Bobby Wright

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, September 4

Welcome: Will Starks  
Song Leader: Hill Roberts  
Opening Prayer: Marty Hunt  
Lord's Table Lead: Phil Furlough

Sermon: Mike McLemore  
Draw Near to Me!  
Closing Prayer: Ron Harmon

### Evening Worship

Bible Skillz: Mike McLemore  
Songs Leader: Bill Thompson  
Opening Prayer: Will Starks  
Closing Prayer: Phil Furlough

### Wednesday, September 7

Songs Leader: Phil Furlough  
Invitation: Mike McLemore  
Closing Prayer: Hill Roberts

### Sunday, September 11

Tommy Hill  
Mel Ambrose  
Collis Terry  
Tommy Hill

Hebrews 10:22  
Hebrews 9:12  
Mike McLemore  
By His Own Blood  
Will Starks

### Evening Worship

Mike McLemore  
Mel Ambrose  
Ed Dill  
Dwight Ivey

### Wednesday, September 14

Hill Roberts  
Mike McLemore  
Alex Thompson

## 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

Collis Terry

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

## WEEKLY WALK

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