

# Weatherly Weekly

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## DRAW STRENGTH FROM HIM

Michael W. McLemore

**D**o you know anyone who faced severe adversity and, as a result, lost his or her faith? Perhaps you know someone who endured comparable conditions with the opposite outcome, their faith was actually reinforced.

What made the difference? Could it be that one person knew the source of his or her strength and the other did not? One trusted the Lord and His ways and gained confidence in His power. This individual relied upon God's strength in times of weakness.

Admitting our limitations should not be that difficult, but pride far too often clouds our perception of who we are and what we can achieve in our own strength. We don't like to admit, "I'm weak!" We want to be in control and never helpless.

In reality, we must learn that in our weakest moments, the Lord is free to do His greatest work in us. It is in these trying times that we can experience God's strength. Paul understood.

This godly man, revered by Christians every-

where in his time, maybe the most influential messenger of the gospel of all time, acknowledged weakness. Listen to his words to the church at Corinth: "When I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom . . . I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling." *1 Corinthians 2:1-3.*

Why would Paul say this? In his second letter he wrote again, "Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong," *12:10.* Paul learned a life-changing truth through perseverance and suffering: all the strength he needed was available to him through Christ.

What the Lord did for Paul, He's doing for us today. The same power and strength that prevailed through Him still prevails today. If you are facing an insurmountable trial in your life, do not be afraid to admit that you can't handle it alone. Instead, confess your weakness to the Lord, and draw from His everlasting strength and love. □

# The Lord's Great Commission

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**"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you."**

**H**ow did you become a believer in Christ? When you look back, do certain people come to mind — people who had a part in helping you come to know the Good News? God could have accomplished His work without any help, but He chooses to reach the lost through believers. What a privilege for us!

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus charged His disciples to "go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you . . ." Though addressed to the Lord's closest followers, this "Great Commission" clearly applies by extension to the entire body of Christ.

First of all, the instruction is for individual believers. Someone once said, "The greatest ability is availability." We will never lead others to enjoy the life-changing experience of knowing Christ if we do not first make ourselves available for the work. Said the prophet of old, "Here am I Lord. Send me!" Ladies and Gentlemen, we are responsible to extend the message of Christ's unconditional love to the lost, the needy, and the hurting in our midst.

Secondly, the Lord's "Great Commission" has a corporate application: making disciples and training them in God's ways. It is the mission of every local church. When we gather for worship and instruction, men, women and accountable young people are lifted up in the Lord. Those outside of Christ

who may gather in our midst see Christ in us. They hear the gospel reproclaimed. The word is given free course and is allowed to do its saving work. Also part of the corporate responsibility is the church's support of preachers in other places. By this work, local churches have fellowship in the soul saving work commissioned by Christ so very long ago.

Too many Christians are content to settle for a minimal belief in Jesus — they have trusted Him for salvation from their sins and claim heaven as their eternal home. Many times, they go no further. As a result, these believers miss out on the amazing joy of being an evangelistic disciple of Christ. The truth is we all have a specific responsibility. God has appointed His purpose for each of us: "And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). We have a responsibility to answer that call by obediently following Him, no matter what the consequences.

When a local church takes the "Great Commission" seriously, God opens amazing doors of opportunity. As we follow His lead rather than our own preferences, we will witness the incredible results of faith in action. People from every corner of the world are longing for relief from the pain and hopelessness of sin. We have the answer. Do you see a door God has opened? Get ready to walk through! □

Watch LIVE!

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Family Updates

### Prayers:

Our Weatherly family is doing better in recent weeks. We are thankful for the strong recoveries of those who've been sick. It is so good to have them back in our assemblies. But, we do have many extended family members who are dealing with serious health challenges. Here's our list...

**Peggy Shelton's** brother, **Sam Eaves**, who lives in Florence, has been diagnosed with Leukemia and a tumor in one of his kidneys. Please remember Sam and his family in prayer. Peggy is understandably very concerned, especially having lost another brother to Leukemia some time ago.

**Susan Watson's** mother, **Janie Cheatham**, who lives in Decatur and is a long time member of the Somerville Road church, is in the hospital in Decatur. She has pneumonia in one lung and a very suspicious anomaly in the other. She's awaiting tests to determine if it is pneumonia or a malignancy. Please pray for sister Cheatham and her family.

**Don Patton, LaNelle Patrick's** brother, continues his recovery from heart by-pass surgery. Please remember Don to the Lord as you pray. He will be working hard to get back to his normal duties. It is good to have **WD & LaNelle** home safe.

**Leonard Downum** remains in our daily prayers. Remember **DeeDee**, too!

**Wes Caudle's** mother, **Louise Caudle**, continues her battle with. Your prayers for her are appreciated.

**Ciera Elledge** continues to do well. Keep

her in your prayers. The family appreciates every expression of concern.

**Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, remains in our daily prayers. Say her name to the Lord.

I spoke to **Mark & Patricia Speer** Friday evening. The Speer's live in North Little Rock, very near where the destructive tornado passed last week. They are fine and had no damage, but it was far too close for comfort. The Speer's visited Weatherly regularly some time ago while in the Guntersville area.

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

## This Week at Weatherly

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE** class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** will begin a new study this quarter titled "Powerful Prayer." This will be a composite of prayer from the Old & New Testaments. Come investigate the indispensability of prayer in modern life.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10. **Mike's** April series will take a closer look at the Lord's Supper. Our theme is "Remember ME!" Today's lesson is titled **In Remembrance of Me**. Our text is **Matthew 26:26-29**.

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP** begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in an informal devotional.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** begins at 7. **Mike** is continuing his verse by verse study of the book of **Second Thessalonians**. We are extending this series beyond the quarter slightly. We hope to see every member present for every service this week. ☐

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 1, 2023

|      |                  |      |                 |
|------|------------------|------|-----------------|
| 4-2  | Silvia Henderson | 4-5  | Carolynn Barr   |
| 4-6  | Jerry Mitchell   | 4-13 | Sherrie Stovall |
| 4-18 | Peggy Monroe     | 4-20 | John Stokes     |
| 4-21 | Dianne Dill      | 4-21 | Mechi Hunt      |
| 4-23 | David Jacks      | 4-25 | Sue Terry       |
| 4-27 | Lauren Thompson  | 4-29 | Harrison Smith  |

## What Are You Good At?

Alan Smith

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world," he announced.

Then, he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed. "Strike One!" he yelled. Undaunted, he said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down he swung and missed. "Strike Two!" he cried. The boy spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. "Strike Three!" "Wow!" he exclaimed. "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!"

It's important that we find what we're good at and do it with all our might. Not everyone can be a great hitter. If you can't hit, then work at being a great pitcher. If you can't do that, then be a great base runner or maybe a fan in the stands!

One of the great aspects of the Lord's church is that not everyone is expected to excel in the same areas. Some are great preachers. Others are great encouragers.

Paul used the illustration of a human body, each part having a different function, and each one essential to the well-being of the body as a whole.

"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ." *1 Corinthians 12:12.* ☐

## 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>6:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday Classes</b>    | <b>7:00 pm</b>  |

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## Weatherly's Shepherds

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## Weatherly's Deacons

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Phil Furlough</b> | <b>Steve Hagewood</b> |
| <b>Kirk Hatcher</b>  | <b>David Jacks</b>    |
| <b>Hill Roberts</b>  | <b>Collis Terry</b>   |
| <b>Bobby Wright</b>  |                       |

## Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, April 2nd

**Welcome:** **Will Starks**  
**Song Leader:** **Mel Ambrose**  
**Opening Prayer:** **WD Patrick**  
**Lord's Table Lead:** **Marty Hunt**  
**Matthew 26:26-29**  
**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
**In Remembrance of Me**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Ron Harmon**

### Sunday, April 9th

**Tommy Hill**  
**Hill Roberts**  
**Ed Dill**  
**Tommy Hill**  
**1 Corinthians 11:23-30**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Our Life Saving Memorial**  
**Searcy Hall**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
**Songs Leader:** **Mel Ambrose**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Alex Thompson**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Kirk Hatcher**

### Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**  
**Bill Thompson**  
**Will Starks**  
**Wes Caudle**

### Wednesday, April 5th

**Songs Leader:** **David Jacks**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Philip Dill**

### Wednesday, April 12th

**Hill Roberts**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Ed Dill**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

January – March 2023

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

*Maxims for Living*  
**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

*1 & 2 Thessalonians*  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in April

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

\*\* **Marty Hunt (4-2), Tommy Hill (4-9), Bill Thompson (4-16), Phil Furlough (4-23), Collis Terry (4-30)**

Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

**Will Starks**

