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Mother

Michael W. McLemore

Our mothers bring us into the world. They nurture us. They provide for us. They raise us up. They teach us. They discipline us. If the Bible shows us anything about mothers, it shows us that mothers make a difference.

Mothers are our first protectors. Moses' mother, Jochebed, had but one desire for her new born son, his protection, *Exodus 2:1-4*. She sought his physical safety from vile Pharaoh. Yet, a mother's protection instinct far surpasses her child's bodily well being. She desires to protect her child both morally and emotionally. The care of a mother for her child is unmistakable, *1 Thess 2:7*.

Mothers are our unrelenting supporters. Hannah's support of Samuel is unparalleled in the Biblical record, *1 Samuel 1:24-28*. Her support for the mighty prophet was pivotal in the history of Israel and integral to the eternal plan of God.

The value of a godly mother's support is im-

measurable.

Mothers are our most important instructors. Godly mothers perpetuate great faith. Timothy's mother and grandmother were mothers of great faith, *2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-15*. Their genuine faith spoke volumes. Their honor for God's word impacted the world generationally. A mother's godly training leaves a lasting legacy.

Mothers are our most loyal encouragers. Mary's place beneath the cross of her son, Jesus, surprised no one. She believed in Him when no one else did. Her lesson spans the ages and calls for replication.

Mothers have a remarkable ability to change the world through their children. Although his poem itself is now largely forgotten, William Ross Wallace's refrain is commonly quoted.

"For the hand that rocks the cradle,
Is the hand that rules the world." □

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Let's Be Patient But Persistent

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Once read this challenge to the child of God: "Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you are not saved yourself. Be sure of that."

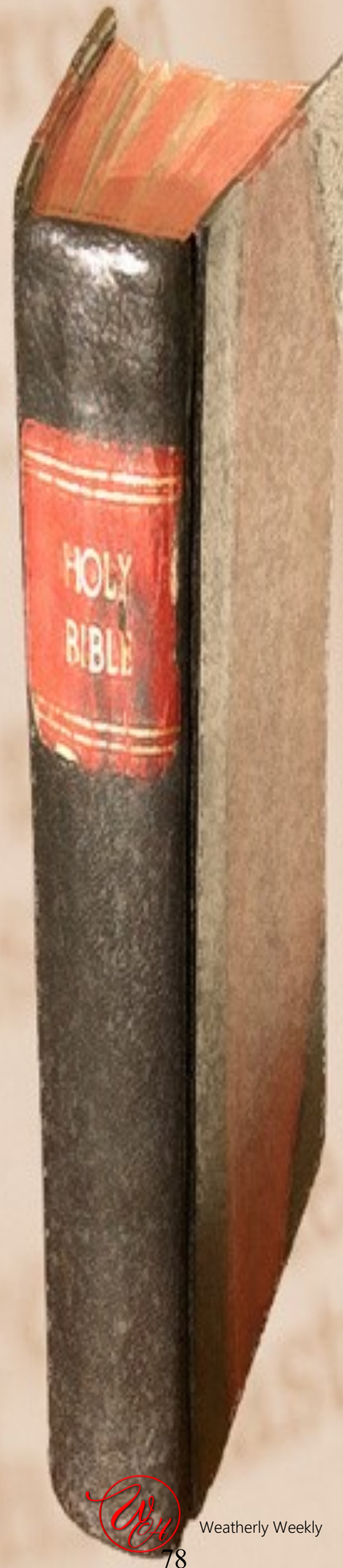
While, I'm not sure I would have said it that way, I do agree a faithful Christian cannot be apathetic about the salvation of the world. The love of God in him will motivate him to seek and save those who are lost.

We probably all have a limited amount of time and talent to impact our unsaved friends and family with the Gospel. Many of our neighbors and friends will soon after our conversion put us in a neat little ribbon-tied box and keep us at arm's length. Thus, it's important that we take advantage of those little opportunities we have with them. We must learn to be patient but persistent.

Could I suggest something that will save us a great deal of grief? Sometimes we in the name of

"evangelism" act a bit like a bull in a crystal showroom. We must refrain from bullying our family and friends into study. Sincerity is essential; zeal a must. But it takes time and patience with those who are in our sphere of influence.

In our "zeal" we sometimes actually inoculate the very ones we are so desperately trying to reach. Understandably nothing is more important to us than the salvation of our loved ones. Fervently pray for them. Pray for opportunities to help them learn the truth. Let them see our faithful example. Let them feel our kindness, our genuine love, and our gentleness. We must put ourselves in their position. We have found the hope of everlasting life. Death has no sting for us. Our joy is unspeakable, but as far as those around us are concerned, we have been brain-washed. We have become part of a weird sect. So our loving actions will speak more loudly than ten thousand eloquent sermons. □



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LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

We said goodbye to **Joan Uptagrafft** yesterday. A large gathering of loved ones and friends assembled at Laughlin Funeral Home to pay their final respects to her. Our hearts are saddened that we will see her smile no more. Many prayers both public and silent have been said in recent days for Joan's beloved **Dewitt**, son, **David**, his wife, **Brooke**, grandchildren, **Claire & Jackson**, and for her brother, **Cal Lanier**. Please continue to express your kind condolences and especially your prayers for the entire Uptagrafft family.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, will be going to MD Anderson in Houston, Texas to determine what courses of treatments may be available to her. We are asking for your most fervent prayers for her and those who love her.

Becky Shaw was able to be back with us for worship last Lord's Day morning. We were thrilled to see her. Becky has made remarkable progress considering. We would ask you to please continue to say her name to the Lord.

It has to be a testament to fortitude or at the very least, good genes, but our **Betty Dubose** hit a milestone last week — 90 years old. We are all encouraged by her diligence and her faithfulness in the Lord's kingdom. "Betty, you're an inspiration to us all!"

Edith Turner continues her rehab at Thrive. I know she's glad to be home and out of the various care facilities. Pray for her. Pray for her son, **Jim**, too. He takes wonderful care of his mother.

We are thankful for **Harold Smith's** pro-

gress following surgery. He has several health challenges and is in need of our daily prayers.

Forest Summers underwent his first series of treatments last week. Pray for him as he enters the recovery phase that will prepare him for the next round.

Peggy Childress continues on our prayer list. Say her name to the Lord. **Terry**, too!

Susan Watson's mother, **Janie Cheatham**, remains on our prayer list.

Louise Caudle remains on our prayer list as she battles cancer.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister continues to have an interest in our prayers

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

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** will continue to lead our study titled "Powerful Prayer." This has proven to be a most encouraging look at the subject.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike's** is continuing his series titled "Firm Foundations." Today's lesson is titled "Respect for God's Word." Our text is **Matthew 15:1-9**.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotion. We hope you will plan to gather with the saints. It will be most encouraging to all.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his verse by verse study of the **Gospel of Mark**. Come be a part. ☐

MAY BIRTHDAYS



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5-14	Sarah Starks	5-17	Megan Caudle
5-20	Becky Shaw	5-23	Terry Childress
5-23	Melvin Godette	5-24	Lynn Franklin

I'm Not Worried

Adapted

The Lord is my light
and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the defense
of my life;
Whom shall I dread?
— *Psalms 27:1*

MANY spiritual leaders claim to provide some sort of special insight into this life, and especially into the next. Each is human in its origin, and therefore flawed. The mistakes they lead people into show those flaws all too clearly.

My light is Jesus. I'm not worried.

MANY philosophies claim to give their adherents some sense of worth — a necessary goal, since we all intuitively are dissatisfied with ourselves and discouraged by the flaws in our character and our behavior. But still the feelings of guilt remain. The assurance is superficial.

My salvation is Jesus. I'm not worried.

MANY weapons, both literal and figurative, are available to ward off the physical, emotional and social ills of this life. But the troubles remain, and even multiply.

My defense is Jesus. I'm not worried.

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." Won't you put your implicit trust in Him alone? He is ALL we need, not matter the promises of men, philosophies or powers. Walk with Him today! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, May 14th

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**
Lord's Table Lead: **Phil Shaver**
Matthew 15:1-9
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Respect for God's Word
Closing Prayer: **W.D. Patrick**

Sunday, May 21st

Tommy Hill
Hill Roberts
Collis Terry
Steve Hagewood
Matthew 28:18-20
Mike McLemore
The Will of Christ
John Patrick

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Songs Leader:	Mel Ambrose	Bill Thompson
Opening Prayer:	Tommy Hill	Alex Thompson
Closing Prayer:	Ron Harmon	Bobby Wright

Evening Worship

Wednesday, May 17th

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **David Jacks**

Wednesday, May 24th

David Jacks
Mike McLemore
Bill Thompson

Quarterly Adult Classes

April — June 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Powerful Prayer
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Gospel of Mark
Mike McLemore

Serving in May

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

**** Ed Dill (5-7), Phil Shaver (5-14),**
Steve Hagewood (5-21), Tommy Hill (5-28)

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Collis Terry

