

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Working Out Our Salvation

Michael W. McLemore

Paul follows his powerful illustration of Jesus' humble mindset by challenging the believers in Philippi to live out their faith with diligence and humility, *Philippians 2:12-18*. Obedience and reverence must characterize our humble journey in Christ. Note four distinct characteristics observed naturally here in Paul's letter of encouragement.

**LIVES CHARACTERIZED BY OBEDIENCE** – "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence," *12*. The Philippian family of believers were committed disciples from the beginning. While present with them, they were obedient to the heavenly dispensations revealed by the Holy Spirit, *cf. Acts 16:14-15; 30-33*. But their obedience did not stop when the apostle left. It continued for years to come, *Philippians 4:14-20*. As Christ had been obedient to the death, these brethren lived with the same sort of humble obedience day by day.

**LIVES CHARACTERIZED BY REVERENCE** – "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure," *12-13*. The apostle is quick to connect the inseparable link between God's work (grace) and man's work (obedience). He counted on the believers to actively and daily participate in the process of sanctification, allowing God to work in and through them.

**LIVES CHARACTERIZED BY HARMONY** – "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain," *14-16*. While discord prevailed in the world about them, this fledgling family of the faithful shined as a light to the world, *cf. John 13:35*. May we learn from their mighty example. □

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## Modeling His Humility

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"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind," *Philippians 2:1-2*.

Contemporary culture bombards consumers of media with technology and advertising, urging us to conflate our egos, to constantly strive for self-elevation, and accumulate wealth, resources, and status as a shield against our own self-doubt and insecurity. Such fosters a warped desire to become the ruler of the world of our creation. While this may seem enticing, it creates barriers to God's direction of our lives through His word, militating against God's clear teaching.

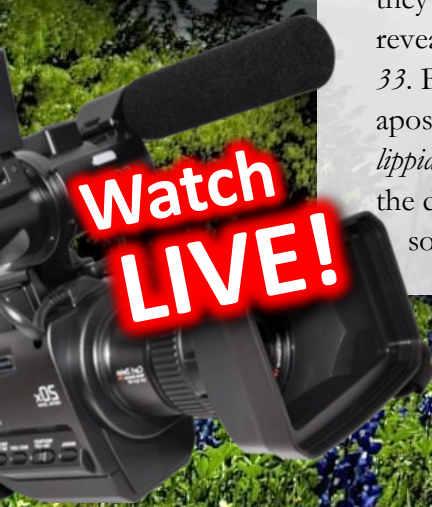
The charge to release our grasp on things, resources and reputation may seem counterintuitive, but it is essential if we are to become effective and fruitful servants in Christ's name. Following Jesus' example, we are commanded to see our belongings not as possessions to cling to – "to be grasped" – but as gifts surpassing our individual entitlements, *Philippians 2:6*.

Surrendering to God, we are invited to embrace our full humanity, acknowledging dependence. Jesus did not emerge from the wilderness as a fully-formed adult, skipping essential life experiences. He was born of Mary, journeyed from infancy to adulthood, and worked alongside His adoptive father,

fully embracing human existence. Jesus took on human form and responsibilities, embodying the slave role. His humiliation and death on an accursed tree were not merely accepted but chosen. He, the King of Kings, surrendered Himself and all that was His for sinful man.

Paul commanded, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others," *Philippians 2:3-4*. Practically, recognizing our humanity has implications not only for ourselves but also for how we see then treat others. Followers of Christ are called to live with humility, considering others as more significant than themselves. Paul likewise warned Roman Christians, "Don't think that you are better than you really are. You must see yourself just as you are. Decide what you are by the faith God has given each of us," *Romans 12:3*.

While challenging in a culture that promotes self-care and instant gratification, Jesus' Way is marked plainly. He prioritized a lost world's needs ahead of His own desires, obediently accepting the cup of suffering, then He called us to live modeling His humility. □



Watch LIVE!

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



2024 A Mind to Work — Together, Nurturing the Believers' Mindset  
April: The Excellent Mind, "Think on these things."

## Family Updates

### Prayers:

**Ron Harmon** continues to improve after an eventful week. On Monday of last week it became evident that the infection in Ron's leg could only be addressed with a radical procedure. Surgery to remove his right leg just below the knee took place on Tuesday. By Friday Ron had shown remarkable improvement. He has a long, long way to go but we are thrilled to see him slowly getting better. **Phyllis** continues to get stronger and is undergoing physical therapy at home. **Ron & Sharon** have been here all week, relieving **Ken & Jan** Tuesday.

**Searcy Hall** finally has an appointment to see an endocrinologist, May 20th. We are praying for a good report.

**Sylvia Henderson's** sister, **Kiki Castaneda**, needs our most earnest prayers on her behalf. We are praying a new approach will prove fruitful. Say her name to the Lord daily.

**Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, needs our fervent prayers as she makes the decisions about what is next for her. Remember the whole family as you pray.

**Brooke Hatcher** was able to be with us for worship Wednesday night. She is being treated for "cat scratch fever." It has proven debilitating and very uncomfortable. We are praying the medication will be effective.

**David Jacks** has been diagnosed with a sinus infection and fluid in his ears. He will not be able to lead the singing this morning as

scheduled. Remember David in prayer.

**Peggy Childress** is home, on oxygen, and continues to be treated for an infection. Your prayers for her and for **Terry** are requested.

Please be mindful of those in our family who struggle with chronic illness or the effects of aging — **Peggy Childress, Peggy Monroe, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragem Harbin,Carolynn Barr, Betty Dubose, Ron Harmon, Jim Risner, Harold Smith & Wanda Castleman.**

## This Week at Weatherly

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE** class meets at 9:00. **Mel Ambrose** will begin Lesson One of "Am I Brother's Keeper?" — **Placing My Brother Ahead of Myself.**

**BIBLE SKILZ** will meet afterward. **Marty Hunt** will lead today's **DEVOTION.**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10:10. **Mike McLemore's** lesson today is entitled, "Our Greatest Tool" from **Philippians 2.**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** begins at 7. **Mike McLemore** will sub for Hill. His subject is, "Don't miss the big picture." □

## 2024 Weatherly Lectures

Mark your calendars for **May 2-5.** Weatherly's annual lecture series is less than a month away. This will be a most encouraging series. Pick up invitations in the foyer.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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

# Humility on Display

Adapted

A truly humble man is hard to find, yet God delights to honor such selfless people. Booker T. Washington, the renowned African American educator, was an outstanding example of this truth. Shortly after he took over the presidency of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, he was walking in an exclusive section of town when he was stopped by a wealthy white woman. Not knowing the famous Mr. Washington by sight, she asked if he would like to earn a few dollars by chopping wood for her. Because he had no pressing business at the moment, Professor Washington smiled, rolled up his sleeves, and proceeded to do the humble chore. When he was finished, he carried the logs into the house and stacked them by the fireplace. A little girl recognized him and later revealed his identity to the lady.

The next morning the embarrassed woman went to see Mr. Washington in his office at the Institute and apologized profusely. "It's perfectly all right, Madam," he replied. "Occasionally I enjoy a little manual labor. Besides, it's always a delight to do something for a friend." She shook his hand warmly and assured him that his meek and gracious spirit had endeared him and his work to her heart. Not long afterward she showed her admiration by persuading her own wealthy friends to join her in donating thousands to the Tuskegee Institute. □

# WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Classes** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Devotion** 9:35 am  
**Sunday Assembly** 10:10 am  
**Wednesday Classes** 7:00 pm

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<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 14th

Welcome: **Will Starks**  
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**

## Devotion

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**  
Devotion Leader: **Marty Hunt**

## Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **Ed Dill**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Phil Shaver**  
**Philippians 2:1-30**  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
**Our Greatest Tool**  
Closing Prayer: **Mike Watson**

## Wednesday, April 17th

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

## Sunday, April 21st

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**  
Song Leader: **David Jacks**

## Devotion

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**  
Devotion Leader: **Steve Hagewood**

## Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **Collis Terry**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**  
**Philippians 3:1-21**  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
**Count Everything As Loss**  
Closing Prayer: **Davis Stoll**

## Wednesday, April 24th

Songs Leader: **Philip Dill**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **John Patrick**

## 2024 Weatherly Heights Lectures

**May 2-5, 2024**  
"Pressing On"

**Buc Chumley, Jonathan Reeder**  
**Mitch Davis & Wilson Adams**

## Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2024

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

**Mike McLemore & Mel Ambrose**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
The Big Picture Bible  
**Hill Roberts**

## Serving in April

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

\*\* **Bill Thompson (4-7), Phil Shaver (4-14), Marty Hunt (4-21), Phil Furlough (4-28)**

Building Lockup

**Phil Furlough**

