

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Treasures in Heaven

Michael W. McLemore

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” *Matthew 6:19-21*. Jesus told the people of His generation that “security isn’t found in possessions, but in relationships.” Could these admonitions be more important and more fitting in any age than ours?

Stuff! We all have too much of it. We accumulate more and more as time marches. The problems with possessions are two fold. First, things demand time and attention. They must be obtained, sustained, protected, repaired, organized and eventually sold, discarded or given away. Second, nothing comes with us when we die. In the meantime, Jesus argued, things compete for priority in our lives.

Heavenly treasure will never decay, be stolen,

or need repair. It is forever new! Peter described the eternal home of faithful as “an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,” *1 Peter 1:4*. Our inheritance is pure and will never spoil. It will remain unimpacted by the passing of time. It will never erode or become less beautiful.

Well, how does one “lay up treasures in heaven”? The answer is discovered in two questions — If “my stuff” isn’t in heaven, what is? People (souls). What treasure do I lay up for myself there? Souls (people). The areas of effort that effect my own soul’s salvation must be my first priority. Second, working to aid others — my spouse, my children, my extended family, and my fellow man — to go to heaven is the duty toward which I must expended my energy.

In God’s presence everything will be perfect. This awareness should intensify our desire to live a holy life, then aid others to see the value of “laying up their own treasures in heaven.” □



**James A. Garfield**  
18th President of the United States

**Born:** November 19, 1831

**Died:** September 19, 1881

**He was six feet tall**

**He was raised on a poor farm**

**He was a Civil War hero**

**He was the poorest man ever to have become President**

**He was the first left-handed president**

## The “Christian” President

By Whit Sasser

### James Abram Garfield

was the only New Testament Christian elected as President. He was a preacher, even having as a young man once preached in a meeting with an elderly Alexander Campbell. It is claimed that he said upon his election as our 18th president, “I now step down from being an elder of the Lord’s church to serve as president.” Others say he said, “I resigned from the highest office known to man to be president;” by implication referring to the eldership. Either way, it seems likely he was unique in this regard.

President Garfield was baptized on March 4, 1849 at the age of 17. He was planning to take a riverboat trip with friends. He recalled, “But two days before we intended to leave, I injured my foot while chopping wood. It was only a small cut, but the blue dye in the homemade socks I wore poisoned the wound, and I was compelled to stay at home. While my friends were on their journey, a powerful preacher came to our town to hold revival meetings. I was invited, and since I didn’t have anything else to do, I decided to attend. The message touched me deeply, and as a result, I surrendered my heart to the Lord and was baptized into his kingdom.”

He had acquired a mind for spiritual things from his mother and when

he left home she asked him to remember that each evening at sunset she would be reading from the Bible. It became his practice throughout life to pause at that time of day to do likewise. She likewise had taught him to pray, so much that while in the army during the Civil War he was often referred to as the “praying colonel.”

Also, he was always faithful to meet for worship with the brethren. Even as President of the United States he attended every service of the small congregation in Washington D.C. Truly he practiced his religion. He said, “there is nothing that can make youth so shapeful, manhood so strong, and old age so beautiful, as the religion of Jesus Christ.”

The first week after his inauguration as President of the United States, a member of his cabinet insisted on an urgent meeting at 10:00 Sunday morning to handle a threatened national crisis. Garfield refused to attend because, he said, he had a more important appointment. The cabinet member demanded to know what it was, and the President replied, “I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with the Lord to meet Him in His house at His table at 10:00 tomorrow, and I shall be there.”

Sadly, he was shot on July 2, 1881 and subsequently died on September 19th. □

**Watch LIVE!**

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Ron Harmon** continues his physical therapy at Signature Health here in Huntsville. Our most fervent prayers are for his progress. We are thankful that the Lord has seen him through so many challenges. It's really great to have him back close to home. Remember **Phyllis** to the Lord as you pray. I have included Ron's mailing address at Signature:

**Signature Health**  
105 Teakwood Drive, Room 202  
Huntsville, AL 35801

**WD Patrick** will not be setting any land speed records on recovery, but we are thankful for the incremental progress that he is making. The low heart function with which he has wrestled for many years makes every challenge more difficult to overcome. Prayers are appreciated. "Thank you for the cards and every kind expression toward us!" **LaNelle & Dub**.

**Forest Summers** has moved his treatments to Wednesday each week. He had his fourth in the series of eight last week. He is doing really well, suffering no side effects from the 3 hour treatments. Continue to pray that the treatments will prove effective in eradicating his cancer.

**Glenda Cavender** had a recurrence of the infection that sent her to the hospital last month. **The Cavender's** are managing at home. She's been taking medication and is presently awaiting test results to see if it has been effective. Pray for **Glenda & Ken**.

**Melvin Godette** and his whole family need our daily prayers. Say their names to the Lord.

**Melody Young** remains on our prayer list. Remember **Matt, Melody & Ray**.

It was great to see **Steve Guice** at the Zoom Virtual Devo last Sunday night. Pray for him as he awaits news from MD Anderson. ☐

### Daily Prayer List:

**Betty Reavis**                      **Laura Phillips**  
**Jean Woodard**                **Melvin Godette**

## Phyllis Harmon's Cousin

We are sad to report the passing of **Patty Pendergrass**, cousin of **Phyllis Harmon**, from the Coronavirus. Phyllis and Patty grew up together in Kentucky. She lived in the Cincinnati area. Please remember **the Pendergrass family** to the Lord in prayer.

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:35 with **morning worship** streaming at 10.

**Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo"** will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. We'll email a link Sunday.

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike McLemore's study of 1 John will be streamed live at 7 pm — No assemblies at the building.

**NEW SIGN!** Thanks to the generosity of one of our families at Weatherly, we have a new electronic sign. It went live on Friday. It's awesome! More later... ☐



## APRIL — MAY BIRTHDAYS



4-20	John Stokes	4-21	Charlie Carter
4-21	Dianne Dill	4-21	Maria Hunt
4-23	David Jacks	4-25	Sue Terry
5-2	Cathy Preston	5-4	Jean Woodard
5-7	Bill Reavis	5-8	Hill Roberts
5-9	Nick Holland	5-9	Ruth Mitchell
5-12	Betty Dubose	5-14	Sarah Starks

## Someone Watching

Joshua Ellis

It is not uncommon for children to look up to those who are older or wiser than they are. For this reason, little brothers and sisters will never cease to imitate their older siblings. These scenarios, however, are not exclusive to older and younger siblings or even younger or older people. The truth of the matter is that just as you and I look up to certain individuals, there are some looking to us for guidance and example.

If young people and new Christians do not have strong examples to follow as they test their wings, the chances of them growing into strong Christians decrease. It is our responsibility as Christians to help one another grow, and we can do a great deal by simply setting a good example. Many Christians do not feel confident enough to talk to someone about the Bible and, because of this, feel like they aren't doing what they should. If you are living in a way that is pleasing to God, you are reaching people. Though you may not always realize it, there is someone learning from you. If you are behaving in a way a Christian should, then those around you are getting a good message. If you are not living as you should, then those lessons, too, are being learned by those around you. We can be a great help to those who imitate us if we will do as Paul suggested to the Ephesians and "be imitators of God as dear children" *Ephesians 5:1*. ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

Weatherly Weekly

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Bible Classes</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday AM Assembly</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday PM Assembly</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday Classes</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

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### WATCH:

**LIVE** Sermon archive or live stream during all Weatherly services



## Weatherly's Shepherds

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<b>Will Starks</b>	256 883-5273
<b>Forest Summers</b>	256 348-2251

## Evangelist

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Email: [mmclmore@weatherlychurch.com](mailto:mmclmore@weatherlychurch.com)

## Weatherly's Deacons

<b>Phil Furlough</b>	<b>Steve Hagewood</b>
<b>Ron Harmon</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.

### Stream ONLY — Sunday, April 12

### Sunday, April 19

<b>Welcome:</b>	<b>Mike McLemore</b>	<b>Mike McLemore</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<b>Jared Jimison (arrangement)</b>	<b>Jared Jimison (arrangement)</b>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>		

<b>Sermon:</b>	<b>Acts 9:10-19</b> <b>Mike McLemore</b> <i>"Rise, Be Baptized"</i>	<b>Galatians 1:11-24</b> <b>Mike McLemore</b> <i>Amazing Grace Revealed</i>
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**Closing Prayer:**

### Evening Worship

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<b>Study Series</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
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<b>Songs Leader:</b>		
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Virtual Devotion on ZOOM</b>	<b>Virtual Devotion on ZOOM</b>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>		

### Wednesday, April 15

### Wednesday, April 22

<b>Songs Leader:</b>		
<b>Invitation:</b>	<b>Streamed Bible Study</b>	<b>Streamed Bible Study</b>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>		

**None**

**None**

## 2020 Weatherly Lectures April 30th—May 3rd

*We regret to announce that our 2020 Lectures have been cancelled.*

## Quarterly Adult Classes April — June 2020

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Hinges of Christianity  
**Mike McLemore**

### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Letters from John  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in April

<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	<b>Ken Cavender</b>	<b>Ed Dill</b>
<b>** Overseer</b>	<b>Jeremy Leshko</b>	<b>Ron Holland</b>
	<b>Bobby Wright</b>	<b>Ryan Patrick</b>
	<b>Phil Furlough **</b>	<b>Jim Risner</b>

<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	<b>Collis Terry **</b>	<b>John Stokes</b>
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**Communion Prep**  
**Building Lockup**

