

# Weatherly Weekly

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## Godly Mothers

Michael W. McLemore

**G**odly mothers, the expression of selflessness, love, and care, are blessings from above, *Proverbs 31:10-31*. Mothers have the power to shape civilization through the influence of her husband and children. They mold our lives with unwavering faith, guidance, and devotion. Their significance transcends mere parental roles, profoundly impacting our spiritual growth, character development, and overall well-being.

**GODLY MOTHERS ARE SPIRITUAL ANCHORS**, grounding us in faith and teaching us the ways of God. Through prayer, encouragement, and steadfast trust in His sovereignty, mothers inspire confidence and hope, enabling us to navigate life's challenges with grace.

**GODLY MOTHERS ARE TEACHERS**, developing character, instilling virtues like empathy, kindness and humility. By modeling forgiveness and selflessness, they mold us into better individuals with a strong moral compass, guiding our decisions and actions.

**GODLY MOTHERS PROVIDE SUPPORT**, offering comfort and understanding in times of

need. Their unconditional love fosters security and confidence, empowering us to face the trials of living with resilience and grace.

**GODLY MOTHERS ARE EXAMPLES** of a life that honors God, prioritizing faith, gratitude, and trust in His divine plan. Through their steadfastness and joy, they inspire us to follow in their footsteps, shaping the next generation of believers.

**GODLY MOTHERS ARE TO BE PRAISED**: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her," *Proverbs 31:28*. In truth, godly mothers are precious gifts, leaving indelible marks on our lives. Let us cherish, honor and express gratitude for their selfless dedication and unconditional love, recognizing their vital role in shaping our spiritual, emotional, and social development.

**MOTHER** is more than my caregiver. She is a beacon of light, guiding my path of faith, love and righteousness. Her legacy of faithfulness echoes through generations, leaving an enduring imprint on my heart and soul. Her influence will propel me into eternity prepared to meet God. □

**T**he instruction in Proverbs 22:6 to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," is a difficult saying for most parents, because we feel we have failed our children in so many ways. "Training" is

In the New Testament, Paul admonishes, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord," *Ephesians 6:4*. The word "Fathers" often occurs in Greek literature to mean "parents" (Compare Hebrews 11:23).

## Wise Counsel for Parents

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more than teaching. The word may be defined, "to mold character, instruct by exercise, drill, to make obedient to orders, to put or point in an exact direction, to prepare for a contest." All parents are training their children in one way or another. In this article, let us briefly look at some of God's instructions in training up a child:

**Apply The Rod Of Correction** — Regarding children, the Proverb writer tells us that "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him," *Proverbs 22:15*. This is not the rod of abuse, but of correction. An abused child will suffer great trauma, but children will not resent being properly corrected.

**Discipline Promptly** — The wise man cautions, "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly," *Proverbs 13:24*, NKJV. A parent does not love his child if he fails to apply the rod of correction when it is needed. He goes on to say, "Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell," *Proverbs 23:13-14*. "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother," *29:15*. "Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give you delight to your soul," *29:17*.

**Begin Training Early** — "Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction," *Proverbs 19:28*. How many lives have been ruined because parents have waited too long to discipline their children? If children are allowed to be disobedient when they are small, it will be impossible to train them later.

Both father and mother have a part in raising their children, *1 Timothy 2:15, 5:14; 2 Timothy 1:5; Titus 2:3-5*.

In a negative sense, parents are told, "do not provoke your children to wrath." This could be translated "frustrate" or "irritate." A parallel passage adds, "lest they become discouraged," *Colossians 3:21*. One survey of junior high young people revealed the following ways that parents commonly "frustrate" their children: First, an automatic "No" to almost anything asked; Second, parents inconsistencies or partiality in dealing with all the children in the home; Third, poor communication, i.e. "My parents don't listen to me."

**Be Realistic** — Parents must not be overbearing or expect the absurd. Allow their children to be children. Otherwise, they will become angry and rebel or become so discouraged they quit trying and destroy themselves. What is needed? To positively, "nurture them," *Ephesians 6:4*, ASV. This "nurturing" involves providing for our children the food and nourishment necessary to grow not only physically, but mentally, emotionally and spiritually as well. Only parents can provide this kind of care and environment for their children. Like tending a garden, weeds need to be removed that would choke out good growth and stimulation applied for healthy growth. Hence, the need for "the training and admonition of the Lord."

We miserably fail our children if we do not teach them God's word and discipline them accordingly, cf. *Deuteronomy 6:6-7; 32:46; Proverbs 22:6,15; Hebrews 12:6-11*. Only this kind of nurturing will allow children to develop and mature into responsible, productive and fulfilled men and women of God. □



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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



2024 A Mind to Work — Together, Nurturing the Believers' Mindset  
May: Pressing On, "Created to climb."

## Family Updates

### Prayers:

**Lynn Franklin** was released from Crestwood yesterday. He has some soreness but is not in pain. We are grateful for his progress and are praying for a good report from the pathology. He will not know more until his surgery follow-up in a couple of weeks. Please continue to pray for him, **Gail** and the family.

**Peggy Childress** is in chronic rejection and her doctors at Vanderbilt have told them that there is "nothing more that they can do." Plans are underway to move her to Donelson Nursing Home in Fayetteville. We are heart-broken for our beloved sister and brother. Your prayers are coveted during this trying ordeal. We are trusting her comfort to Lord who died that we may live.

**Becky Hill** has been diagnosed with the Shingles. **Tommy** said, early last week she began to have pain beneath the skin. By Wednesday a rash appeared and they realized what it was. The doctor confirmed the diagnosis on Thursday. Becky says, she has "a lot of nerve pain." Please pray for her comfort.

**Ron & Phyllis Harmon** are both undergoing rehab at Signature Healthcare, 105 Teakwood Drive SW. Their son, Tim, indicated that it is early to expect progress from Ron, but expects Phyllis to be released sometime this week. Please continue to pray for both of them. The Harmons are blessed to have such caring and attentive children. It will be a few weeks be-

fore **Gina** and her girls will be able to be here from New York. That will help.

Please pray for our sister **Wanda Castleman**. She is greatly missed in our assembly.

**Silvia Henderson's** sister, **Kiki Castaneira**, has received two of the latest chemo treatments so far, but she is not doing well. Kiki is basically in bed for a few days following treatment. Silvia says, "It breaks my heart to see her this way." Please continue to pray for Kiki.

**Ciera Elledge** remains in our prayers. We are awaiting word on what will be next for her and future treatments. Please continue to pray for Ciera and her young family,.

**Gwyn McLemore's** brother, **Charlie Beber**, was released from the hospital on Thursday. He is having a great deal of pain. We are praying this will improve as blood flow moves back into the affected areas of his foot. Thank you for your interest and for your continued prayers.

We learned last week that our brother **Jackie Richardson**, who lives near Russellville, underwent the same surgery as did Lynn Franklin last Monday. He should be home, too.

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

**Jack Taft** also remains on our prayer list. 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 & Phyllis Harmon, Jim Risner, Harold Smith & Wanda Castleman.** ☐

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



MAY 12, 2024

5-7	Bill Reavis	5-8	Hill Roberts
5-9	Ruth Mitchell	5-11	Gail Franklin
5-12	Betty Dubose	5-14	Sarah Starks
5-17	Megan Caudle	5-23	Terry Childress
5-23	Melvin Godette	5-24	Lynn Franklin

## A Mother's Influence

Michael W. McLemore

I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day;  
And as my fingers pressed it still  
It moved and yielded at my will.

I came again when days were past,  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,  
And gently formed it day by day,  
And molded with my power and art,  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when days were gone;  
It was a man I looked upon,  
He still that early impress bore,  
And I could change it never more.

Source Unknown

The original author of this poetic piece is unknown, but I believe it perfectly encapsulates the essence of motherhood with its profundity, its brevity and its permanence.

A mother's influence shapes, weather positively or negatively. Lessons learned in her lap or beneath her feet will follow the child for life. In old age her impact will be felt and modeled. Her days of work are few, like a vapor that appears and then it is gone. She has but a moment to leave an impression. What that imprint will be is left to her. Last, once cast into shape her impress will follow her son or her daughter for life. Mothers, what will you do with your child's soft and yielding heart? ☐

## 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, May 12th

Welcome: **Will Starks**  
Song Leader: **David Jacks**

### Devotion

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**  
Devotion Leader: **Mike McLemore**

### Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **Phil Shaver**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Tommy Hill**  
**1 Samuel 1**  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
**The Gift of Mother**  
Closing Prayer: **Mike Watson**

### Wednesday, May 15th

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **Wes Caudle**

### 2024 Weatherly Heights Singing

**August 9th, 2024**  
**Tim Stevens, John Kilgore & TBA**

## Serving in May

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

\*\* **Ed Dill (5-5), Tommy Hill (5-12), Collis Terry (5-19), Steve Hagewood (5-26)**

Building Lockup

### Sunday, May 19th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**  
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**

### Devotion

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**  
Devotion Leader: **Ed Dill**

### Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **Marty Hunt**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Collis Terry**  
**Genesis 5**  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
**Home: The Foundation of Civilization**  
Closing Prayer: **Davis Stoll**

### Wednesday, May 22nd

Songs Leader: **Philip Dill**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **Ed Dill**

### Quarterly Adult Classes April – June 2024

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"  
**Mike McLemore & Mel Ambrose**

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

**Bobby Wright**

