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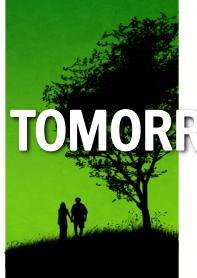
# A Christian Only

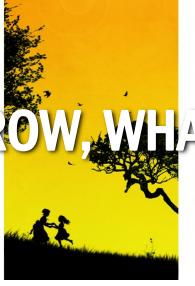
Lindy McDaniel

We lost Lindy McDaniel a few weeks ago. I was about 10 years old when I met him. He was a relief pitcher for the New York Yankees at the time. He was very gracious to me and my brothers. Lindy and my grandfather were life-long friends. I ran across this piece written by brother McDaniel many years ago. I recommend it. MWM

In NT days, the word "Christian" had a very special and concise meaning. Peter wrote: "For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorify God in this name," 1 Peter 4:15-16. The true disciples of Christ understood what it meant to suffer as a Christian, and they glorified God in this name.

Some mistakenly think that the word Christian was coined by the enemies of Christ as a term of ridicule. However, the Bible teaches that the term is of divine origin. Long before Christ ame to earth, Isaiah wrote: "For Zion's sake will I hold my peace and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth. And the nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory, and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of Jehovah shall name," Isa. 62:1-2. Luke recorded the fulfillment of Isaiah 62:1-2 and the history of the new name with these words: "And it came to pass, that even for a whole year they were gathered together with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch," Acts 11: 26. Not many years later, the word Christian was commonly applied to all the disciples of Christ. It was about 61 A. D. when the apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa defending the religion of Christ. After listening intently, the king replied, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian," Acts 26:28. Thus, the new name was found even on the lips of kings.









he wise man said, "do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth," Proverbs 27:1. Solomon spoke from experience. If there was any man who lived the day to its fullest, it was him. Pleasure, wealth, physical stimulants, power - he had it all. But none of those things prepared him for tomorrow.

How you spend one day can determine the direction of the rest of your life. The events of one day kept Moses from entering the land of Canaan. One day David was walking on the roof - you know the rest of the story. The happenings of one day on the road to Damascus changed Saul of Tarsus from the most unrelenting opponent of the gospel into its greatest proponent. There are people sitting on death row because of some heinous crime they committed one day. Others are lying in hospital beds due to some accident that happened one day. Solomon said it best: You do not know what one day will bring forth.

I wonder what this day will bring. It's Sunday, the Lord's Day, a special day. Sunday's just have a different feeling than every other day of the week; and they should. It's not every day that you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It's not every day that you commemorate His death by partaking of the Lord's Supper. It's not every day that you have the opportunity to return a portion of what you have been blessed. But I wonder what today will bring.

Will today bring you a right relationship with God? I once asked someone who had fallen away and been restored why she had decided to come back to the Lord. She replied, "because living without God is no

life at all!" She's right; and the reason we know that she's right is because we've all tried to do it. The rest of your days will have more purpose, more direction, and more peace if you will give yourself to Him today.

Will today bring you closer to Him than you've ever been? The day I married my wife, I didn't think it possible that I could love her more than I did then. Boy, was I wrong. Our relationship with God is no different. Just because you are a Christian does not mean that you have no room to grow and develop a more intimate association by experiencing and sharing things with Him. We may not be able to fully imitate the kind of love that He has already demonstrated toward us, but we can sure try. Let today be the day that you give Him your all.

Will today bring you a greater respect for the worship service? Every day has its routines, and if we're not careful, we can partake without even taking part. We best not approach our worship as some mandatory formality that must be fulfilled before we can go out to dinner or watch football. We are assembling as His people and collectively kneeling before His throne in all humility and reverence. We just don't do that together everyday. Let today be the day that you eliminate distractions and concentrate on what you are doing and why you are here.

What will today bring? That's up to you. Let today be the day you remember as when you got your life straightened out by completely turning it over to the Lord. "Not today", you say, "maybe tomorrow." Just remember, you never know what one day will bring forth. It might bring the Judgment.





News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



#### **FAMILY UPDATES**

#### Prayers:

Lane Roberts has been diagnosed with COVID. She continues to show no symptoms. Please pray for her and the family.

Mike Coward's surgical procedure went well. The shunt has been placed and is functioning properly. **Peggy** indicated that they would remain at Keith's for a couple weeks before returning to Huntsville. Prayers of gratitude are in order. Our Lord has surely answered many prayers that have been offered the last several weeks.

Peggy Shelton would be doing well after COVID if it were not for her back pain. She is to have an MRI soon to see what may be causing her severe discomfort. This note was sent to the Weatherly family by Peggy.

"Thank you for your prayers, good food, cards and phone calls. I am stronger now and able to cook for myself. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated during my recovery from COVID." Peggy Shelton

Mechi Hunt continues her recovery at home. She is doing well. Your prayers are appreciated.

The Frazier's are well and getting back to a normal routine. Rebecca Smith, their daughter, is also doing better.

Phyllis Harmon passed along word that her brother and sister-in-law,, Ron & Sharon Tirey, have been diagnosed with COVID. Please pray

**Denny & Ellen Freeman** are continuing to improve. We are thankful that they are both well on the road to recovery.

Please continue to pray for Mike McLemore's friends, the Davis family, after the loss of Joe Davis to COVID. It is a great loss to that family, the community and to their local church. Especially pray for his wife, Sally.

Jimmy Carter, Kim Barnett's brother, remains in Huntsville Hospital, but has improved dramatically. He has been moved to a stepdown unit.

Please pray for those who are confined to assisted living facilities and memory care — Louis Garrett, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers.

#### **Daily Prayer List:**

**Betty Reavis Laura Phillips** Melvin Godette Glenda Cavender Charlotte Hagewood Steven Guice **Dot Summers** Ron Harmon

## **WEATHERLY UPDATES**

This Week at Weatherly:

NO PUBLIC ASSEMBLY until January 24th.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's streamed Bible class on **Recognizing Daily Needs** from James. We begin Reading the Psalms January 24th.

Sunday morning LIVE STREAM will begin at 10. Mike continues his January series entitled, All Things New. His lesson today is God's New Mercies, taken from Lamentations 3.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** — Mike begins chapter one in a quarter long study of The book of Lamentations. We stream at 7. No public assembly.

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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1-3 Keria Godette 1-6 1-9 Wes Caudle **Margaret Smith** 1-11 Ed Dill 1-19

1-23 **Gordon Dorris** 1-29 Jim Risner

1-30 Jenny Jacks

Laura McKnight

Isabella Hatcher 1-4 11-7 **Bobby Wright** Elena Hagewood 1-11 1-15 **Xavier Cole** 

**Edith Turner** 1-20 1-26 Marissa Hunt

1-29 Will Starks **Truth Makes Christians** 

Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

perverted gospel cannot save. Jesus declared that it is the knowledge of Truth, not the belief of error, that makes men free, John 8:32.

Though a perverted gospel may have in it all the elements of the true Gospel, its power to save is lost in perversion. Bread is God's power to quell the hunger, but the admixture of a poisonous element — a spoonful of arsenic, for instance, in a loaf of bread — would destroy its power. Water is God's power to quench the thirst, but the admixture of salt will destroy the quenching power of water.

The Gospel is God's power to save the soul, but its admixture with error—the doctrines and commandments of men, when heard and believed—destroys its saving power. Hence, Paul's alarm concerning the perverters at Galatia: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ," Galatians 1:6-7.

Error preached, error heard, and error believed cannot result in the Truth obeyed. No man can accidentally obey God. The Truth preached, the Truth believed, and the Truth obeyed makes a Christian. Nothing else does. How careful then men should be in their handling of it!



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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Classes** 9:00 am **Sunday AM Assembly** 10:00 am **Sunday PM Assembly** 5:00 pm **Wednesday Classes** 7:00 pm

> Stay informed and engaged online at www.weatherlychurch.com

#### WATCH:



Sermon archive or live stream during all Weatherly services



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# Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough **Ron Harmon David Jacks** Collis Terry

Steve Hagewood Kirk Hatcher Hill Roberts **Bobby Wright** 



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 17

Stream ONLY Sunday, January 10

Mike McLemore Mike McLemore Song Leader: Hill Roberts Hill Roberts

**Opening Prayer: Scripture Reading:** 

Welcome:

**Ephesian 4:17-32 Lamentation 3** Mike McLemore Mike McLemore Sermon:

**God's New Mercies** The New Life

**Closing Prayer:** 

#### **Evening Worship Evening Worship**

**Bible Skillz** CANCELLED CANCELLED

**Songs Leader:** 

**Opening Prayer:** Virtual Devotion on ZOOM Virtual Devotion on ZOOM **Closing Prayer:** 

#### Wednesday, January 13 Wednesday, January 20

Songs Leader:

Invitation: Streamed Bible Study Streamed Bible Study

**Closing Prayer:** 

# 2021 Planning Underway

None

## **Ouarterly Adult Classes** January - March 2020

None

# **AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**

Recognizing Daily Needs

Mike McLemore

## **AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**

The Bible Book of Lamentations Mike McLemore

# **Serving in January**

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

Lord's Supper PM

**Communion Prep Building Lockup** 

