

Weatherly Weekly

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We “Have a Name”

Robert Turner

Concerning the church at Sardis the Lord said, “I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead,” *Revelation 3:1*. Now think, where did they get that “name”?

“Name” is used in the sense of reputation. But the smallness and insignificance of the cause of Christ in the world at that time negates any suggestion that this was a “name” in the world’s Hall of Fame. The world couldn’t care less. Yet, someone had to give them that name, and give it such general acceptance as to warrant significance. The Lord certainly did not sanction this appraisal; so we are forced to conclude that their peers, or social circle, gave them their “name.”

Other churches, others of their professed “kind,” must have talked of their “good works,” “wonderful spirit,” “liberal contributions” or whatever that generation considered great. It is apparent that brethren of that age were no more qualified judges of what God approves than their current counterparts. Doesn’t it shake you? They had a good reputation they got it from their own brethren and it did not amount to a hill of

beans (when beans were cheap). No wonder Paul said those who “measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves among themselves, are not wise.”

For the Lord said of Sardis, that Big Name church, “thou art dead.” What remained was “ready to die.” The “few names in Sardis” who had not defiled their garments must have stood out from the rest like a sore thumb — a few cranks or “fanatics” who would not line up with the majority. Perhaps those “on the march” wished them gone, so as to remove that source of criticism and embarrassment, not realizing that they were the last bit of salt in the whole stinking mess.

The majority “had a name” — and it seems the “name” was more valued than the truth. Well, we all have a name — of some sort — with both God and man. Our concern for what men think often blinds us to what God thinks of us — and that’s what I’d call real near-sightedness. Man, a good reputation is not enough. We’ve got to consider who gives us our “name.” □

Jealousy: Satan’s Tool

Michael W. McLemore

A fable has survived that illustrates the great tool of the Devil, “jealousy.” Satan’s minions were trying to tempt a holy man who lived in voluntary asceticism in the deserts of north Africa. Every attempt to tempt the holy man met with failure. Angered with their incompetence, Satan interjected himself in the devious work of deception: “The reason you have failed is that your methods are too crude for one such as this,” Satan scolded. “Behold this!”

Satan approached the holy man, slyly and whispered softly in his ear, just as he had Eve’s long before — “Your brother has just been made bishop of Alexandria.”

Instantly, the man’s face turned and a great angry scowl formed; his eyes burned! Envy was born in the unsuspecting. Satan said, “Envy is our best weapon against those who seek holiness.” Isn’t it so?

Jealousy at its core is selfish. It’s the desire for “me” and “mine.” It laments what “I’m” missing. It sees a void and stops at nothing to fill it. Most of our jealousy expresses itself in one of two ways.

JEALOUSY SAYS, “I WANT WHAT YOU HAVE.” It’s called “keeping up with the Joneses.” The neighbor gets a new car; jealousy asks, “I wish I had that. How come he gets a new car? How can he afford it? He doesn’t make any more money than I do.” It’s hard to avoid. Too often we find ourselves wanting what everyone else has: their clothes, their looks, their self-confidence, their popularity, their ability to lead and persuade men.

Advertisers manipulate our jealousy. They

not only fuel our desire for things, but for more and better things. One author described it this way — “If we did away with the sins of jealousy and envy, the entire American economy would immediately collapse.”

JEALOUSY SAYS, “I WISH YOU DIDN’T HAVE IT.” More accurately the Bible calls it “envy.” Jealousy isn’t content with simply wanting more, it ultimately begins to resent what his neighbor has. Jealousy doesn’t like to see others achieve recognition or prominence and will, whenever possible, seek to put others down. It’s been said that the only ones who will try to cut you down to size are those who are lower than you are. And that’s what jealousy does. It demonstrates how small we really are inside.

Jealousy turned to envy is the great equalizer; if it can’t even things, then it tries to bring the other person down. Our culture is being internally destroyed by these very motives. Words like equity and equality are merely their synonyms for wanting what others have and the willingness to take it.

JEALOUSY ALWAYS CAUSES STRIFE. The New Testament most often connects jealousy and envy with strife. “Let us walk.... not in quarreling and jealousy,” *Romans 13:13*. James says, “For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice,” *James 3:16*. Again, Paul wrote, “For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? *1 Corinthians 3:3*.”

Where jealousy is given place, strife will ensue. Where strife is found, jealousy and its cousin, envy, are never far behind. □

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LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



In Memory of Betty Reavis

Betty Reavis slipped from this earth Thursday evening into the realms of eternity. Betty was only 73 years old. Her battle with cancer is ended and she is resting from her labor. Betty's presence in this life will be missed by all who were touched by her, but none more than by her dear Bill. Our prayers are for him and their children, along with a host of grands.

A viewing will be held today, Sunday, from 3 to 5 pm. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Monday at Berryhill Funeral home. Internment will be immediately afterward at Huntsville Memory Garden, 6810 US 72 West. All are invited.

FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

We were saddened by the passing of **Lori Eakes** father, **William "Bill" Lewis**. Bill was laid to rest on Monday. Please pray for **Lori & Sam**. Their address **7520 Clubfield Drive, HSV 35802**

Laura Phillips, Jenny Jacks' mom, moved to Redstone Village Rehab yesterday. It is unknown exactly how long she will be there, but will likely depend upon how quickly she rebounds. Your calls, cards and prayers are greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray

for her speedy recovery.

Louis Garrett had a bad fall in his place at Brookdale. He is bruised and sore but otherwise doing ok. Pray for Louis.

Tommy & Becky Hill are quarantined after Tommy was exposed at work last Monday. So far no symptoms. Pray for them.

Peggy Coward had a very rough response to her first COVID vaccine. She's better.

Sam Eakes' father, **Jerry Eakes**, is recovering from back surgery. Your prayers are solicited.

Ken & Glenda Cavender remain on our daily prayer list. Say their names to the Lord.

Becky Shaw remains in rehab as she continues to recover from COVID.

Continue to pray for those in our family who are confined: **Louis Garrett, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers.** ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Melvin Godette **Steve Guice**
Dot Summers **Glenda Cavender**
Ron Harmon **Charlotte Hagewood**

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's live streamed study entitled **Reading the Psalms**.

Sunday morning LIVE STREAM will begin at 10. Mike is starting a February series entitled, **A Heart for God**, from **Isaiah 29:13**.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" on Zoom at 7. We will email a link Sunday. Join in.

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike continues his quarter long study of **The book of Lamentations**. We stream at 7. No public assembly. ☐

The Gorilla in the Room

Michael W. McLemore

Christopher Chabris and Daniel Simons conducted an experiment at Harvard several years ago that propelled them into psychology lore. Their book *The Invisible Gorilla* popularized it; more than 25 million have watched their YouTube, *Selective Attention Test*.

The researchers filmed students passing basketballs while moving in a circular fashion. In the middle of the short film, a woman dressed in a gorilla suit walks into the frame, beats her chest, and walks out of the frame. The sequence takes nine seconds in the minute-long video. Viewers are given specific instructions: "Count the number of passes by players wearing white shirts." Of course, the researchers were not interested in their pass-counting ability. They wanted to see if the viewers would notice something they weren't looking for, something as obvious as a gorilla.

Amazingly, half of the test group did not. How is this possible? How do you miss the gorilla in the room? That made me think.

The "sky is falling" rhetoric gripping the world with concern for man-made-climate-change has so captivated us with "counting the carbon" that we have failed to see the "gorilla in the room." "He (The Creator) upholds all things by the word of his power," *Heb. 1:3*. The entire doctrine is rooted in unbelief! Buyer beware. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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

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David Jacks **Hill Roberts**
Collis Terry **Bobby Wright**



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Stream ONLY

Sunday, February 7

Sunday, February 14

Welcome:

Mike McLemore

Mike McLemore

Song Leader:

Hill Roberts

Hill Roberts

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 29:13

Psalm 37:4

Sermon:

Mike McLemore

Mike McLemore

A Heart For God

Delighting in God

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

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Songs Leader:

Opening Prayer:

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, February 10

Wednesday, February 17

Songs Leader:

Invitation:

Streamed Bible Study

Streamed Bible Study

Closing Prayer:

None

None

2021 Planning Underway

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Reading the Psalms

Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Bible Book of Lamentations

Mike McLemore

Serving in February

Serving on the Lord's

Table AM

**** Overseer**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep

Building Lockup

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY 7, 2021

2-7 Maragem Harbin
2-11 Aaron Gore
2-14 Brennan Ivey
2-15 Hilda Wright
2-23 Layla Belle Beshorse

2-8 Travis Barnett
2-13 Julie Guice
2-15 Glenda Cavender
2-17 Olivia Holland
2-27 Penny Hill

