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I Will Praise His Word

Michael W. McLemore

In 1998, a Marine Corps pilot flying low in the Italian Alps clipped a gondola cable, and 20 people plunged to their death. Just a few weeks later, a crew of five Navy fliers was killed in California's Sequoia National Forest when their helicopter smashed into power lines. Three years earlier, a crash involving the same power lines had killed two people. In 1999, NATO forces bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, killing three Chinese journalists and injuring 20.

Each of these tragedies had the same cause: faulty maps. Investigators say that the National Imagery and Mapping Agency and its predecessor organization have played a role in at least a dozen accidents since 1985, some involving fatalities and loss of military aircraft. If you don't have the right map, you will get into trouble.

When David fled territories controlled by

insane king Saul, he sought peaceful refuge among the enemies of Israel ambling into Gath in possession of Goliath's sword. It's in Psalm 56 that David tells us that it was at Gath he remembered the source of true strength, protection and direction. Years before David recited this essential guide of life to Saul: "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me," *1 Samuel 17:37*.

In Gath, Goliath's home, David remembered that God's Word is the map for life declaring, "I will praise His word." In God's word he found new courage, protection and direction. Listen to David's reminder as he repeats the phrase, "I will praise His word," three times in the Psalm, *56:4, 10*. When David trusted in himself or in the ungodly, he had distanced himself from God's truth. Now, he will praise His word! □

Sunday is special. It's the day of His resurrection. It's the day of devotion to God, a day for spiritual service and rejoicing. It's the day God ordained for worship and service. It's the day when we keep the memorial of Jesus' death, the Lord's Supper. It's a day for singing and praying and being together. It's a day for spiritual feasting.

Sometimes I think we take the Lord's Day for granted. We become so familiar with it that we fail to give it

rybody concerned, visitors especially. A sad countenance makes the day dreary. It makes such a difference when people smile. Wrinkles disappear when faces light up. Attitudes, both yours and theirs, are affected when you smile at folks. Actually, a smile can change someone's day, bring some sunlight into an otherwise dreary time for somebody. Solomon said it well, *Proverbs 15:13*: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of

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the thought and emphasis it deserves. If we're not careful, it can become plain, ordinary.

Please allow me a few observations on how you can make Sunday even more special. These are suggestions, not rules; but they are worth consideration, methinks.

Dress appropriately. If Sunday is a special day, it deserves some special things. Appropriate dress is one of them. Now, please be advised that no one here is demanding that a dress code be observed, but it just makes sense that the importance and significance of the Lord's day is not made special by excessive casualness. We should not be casual in our observance of the various blessings of the Lord's day and it just makes good sense that, if things are to be done, "decently and in order," *1 Corinthians 14:40*, that proper attire is one of them. Incidentally, it might interest you to know that the Greek word translated with our word "decently" is defined a "denoting gracefully, becomingly, in a seemly manner" (Vine). Sometimes it even means "honorable."

Leave early. It just makes sense to get here on time. First of all, it indicates interest and concern. No one is advocating that we "tail-gate," getting ready for the services, but being here in a timely manner makes lots of things possible: 1) you have time to get settled and ready for worship or study; 2) you have time to get your mind focused so that when the services commence your mind is already receptive to what is about to occur; 3) you have time to divest yourself of any thoughts or anxieties that might preclude you getting the best from the services. And all it takes is a little planning. How hard can it be here a little early?

Smile. Show people you're happy to be here. When you look like it's a chore to attend, it has an effect on eve-

the heart the spirit is broken." Show people a merry heart. Smile.

Greet folks. Few things are more enjoyable than a vibrant and cheerful greeting. It makes people feel good about being here. And what's more, it makes you feel good about being here, too. "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" *Proverbs 15:23*. A word spoken in due season seldom better used than when you give someone reason to believe that they are welcome, that you genuinely care for them. Greet the older people, but greet the kids, too. It's good, too, to leave the place where you sit and greet some folks on the other side of the building. It'll do them good that you came over.

Participate. Participation is an indication of interest. It means, as the word indicates, that you are taking part-taking. The Lord's day is a good day to divest yourself of worldly things and think on the good things in the gospel, to get involved in spiritual matters, matters of the soul. Meditation means that we give our minds over to things that have a greater value, things that are really substantive, not just temporary. The Lord's day is a time for contemplation of who we are, how well we are doing spiritually, how our course to heaven is proceeding, what we need to do to make course corrections, and where our real devotions lie. "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies," *Psalms 119: 59*. Be part of the whole service; you will bring a satisfaction to your soul.

Don't hurry. Take time to be holy. Need more be said about that? I think not. You realize, of course, that nobody can make rules of the things I have suggested. They are just that—suggestions; and it's up to you what you do with them. But they work. I've seen them work. □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Louis Garrett has been moved to Regency Retirement Village where he has entered compassionate care. Only immediate family members are allowed to visit him and he is not able to take phone calls. Regency has very strict COVID protocols. This is not as any of us would wish it to be, but it is necessary. Your continued prayers are solicited for Louis, daughters, **Jan & Dana** and their families.

W.D. Patrick was not only able to be present in the assembly Sunday, he drove his own automobile and led the opening prayer in the assembly. "You can't keep a good man down," they say. We are thrilled with his quick recovery and are continuing to pray for his well being. Thank you for your prayers.

Peggy Childress is facing a long road over the next few weeks and months. Please continue to pray for her and for **Terry**. Her next scheduled appointment is April 30th. We are trusting her ongoing care to the Lord who has the power to heal all our diseases and all our heartaches.

Sister Laura Phillips continues to heal from her fall. We are thankful that it wasn't worse than it was. Your daily prayers for her are appreciated by her and her family.

Both **Marty & Mechi Hunt** have siblings who are being treated for cancer. Mechi's twin sister, **Zoila Herring**, and Marty's brother, **Mike Hunt**, are undergoing various forms of chemo. Your prayers are requested.

Hill's mother, **Lane Roberts**, is under hospice care at Brookdale. Please pray for her comfort and peace during this trial.

Pray for those who are confined in care facilities and memory care — **Louis Garrett, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavender	Melvin Godette
Laura Phillips	Dot Summers
Charlotte Hagewood	Lane Roberts
Bill Reavis	

WEATHERLY UPDATES

UPDATE: Our number continues to increase as our members complete the COVID vaccination process. This will require that we remove the tape from our pews. This means "personal responsibility" will begin to take over as our norm. **Two things: Wear your masks and maintain 6' of distance** from other families in the auditorium.

Our plan is to begin congregational singing in the next few weeks and to add our Wednesday night Bible study back June 2nd.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's live streamed study today as he begins a new series entitled **Christ Clashing with Culture**.

Sunday morning will begin at 10. Mike is concluding his series, **Witnesses to the World**. Today's lesson is **My Resurrection Decision** and is taken from **Acts 17**.

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

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike is beginning a new quarter of study from **The book of Colossians & Philemon**. We stream at 7 p.m. No public assembly. ☐

Be Kind

Michael W. McLemore

One can only imagine how busy he was during the Civil War, but President Abraham Lincoln often visited the hospitals to cheer the wounded. On one visit Lincoln saw a young man who was near death. "Is there anything I can do for you?" he asked. "Please write a letter to my mother," came the reply. Unrecognized by the soldier, the Chief Executive sat down and wrote as the youth told him what to say.

The letter read, "My Dearest Mother, I was badly hurt while doing my duty, and I won't recover. Don't sorrow too much for me. May God bless you and Father. Kiss Mary and John for me." The young man was too weak to go on, so Lincoln signed the letter for him and then added this postscript: "Written for your son by Abraham Lincoln."

Asking to see the note, the soldier was astonished to discover who had shown him such kindness. "Are you really our President?" he asked. "Yes," was the quiet answer. "Now, is there anything else I can do?" The lad feebly replied, "Will you please hold my hand? I think it would help to see me through to the end." The tall, gaunt man granted his request, offering warm words of encouragement until death stole in with the dawn.

Be kind. If we are too busy for kindness, we are just too busy. ☐



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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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Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, April 4

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading:

Sermon: **Acts 17**
Mike McLemore
My Resurrection Decision

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

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

Wednesday, April 7

Songs Leader:
Invitation: **Streamed Bible Study**
Closing Prayer:

None

2021 Planning Underway

Sunday, April 11

Mike McLemore
Hill Roberts

Matthew 16:13-20
Mike McLemore
Taking Ownership

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, April 14

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Reading the Psalms
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Bible Book of Lamentations
Mike McLemore

Serving in April

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

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4-5	Carolynn Barr	4-6	Jerry Mitchell
4-8	William Hill	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-18	Peggy Monroe	4-20	John Stokes
4-21	Charley Carter	4-21	Dianne Dill
4-21	Mechi Hunt	4-23	David Jacks
4-23	Sue Terry		

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WEEKLY WALK

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