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People Are Significant

Michael W. McLemore

The following is from an unknown author”

“During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: ‘What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?’ Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

“Absolutely,” said the professor. “In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello.”

I’ve never forgotten that lesson. I also

learned that her name was Dorothy.”

One of the things that stand out in the life of Jesus is the value Jesus placed on people. He didn’t just see everybody as a mass of humanity; he made an effort to know people on an individual basis. And as he came to know them, he acknowledged and met their needs.

Luke tells Bible readers the name of one of the people Jesus encountered — Zacchaeus. Most of us have been singing his name all of our lives. Isn’t the story of Zacchaeus so typical of so many of Jesus’ encounters? *Luke 19:2-4*. He was significant. Jesus took the time to show it. And, Dr. Luke made sure we knew it!

People deserve our attention and care, even those people who may seem to be “insignificant.” By the way, do you know the name of the person who cleans your school or workplace? ☐

MICHAEL W. MCLEMORE

“IT’S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD”

Spencer Tracy starred in the 1963 comedy film, “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad world.” The movie also stars some recognizable characters (if you’re over 60) like Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Buddy Hackett, Mickey Rooney, and Jonathan Winters. This colorful group of strangers are in a madcap pursuit of \$350,000 of stolen cash. Putting this group together naturally resulted in hilarity. It was all about money, and money makes people do crazy things; boy did it. But, the title of that 58 year old film seems especially descriptive of our own political and social climate — It’s a MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD world! I added an extra MAD for emphasis!

Why is everyone so MAD? I have no motivation, nor do I feel any obligation, to solve the world’s ills. Our duty is not to reform culture. Our responsibility is to instruct, encourage and attend to the souls of men and women in the mad world in which we live. So, how does the Christian respond to this mad world?

Paul implores the first century family of God at Philippi to “rejoice in the Lord” in any and in all circumstances of life, *Philippians 4:4*. His precise sentiment could possibly be formulated, “I will say rejoice in the Lord again and again! And, I will.” The three admonitions that follow his encouragement ought properly to be connected to the spirit of rejoicing which is to govern the demeanor, temperament and assurance of the New Testament Christian of any age, including our own.

First, “Let your reasonableness (gentleness) be known

to everyone,” *4:5*. A gentle disposition of the child of God is an outgrowth of his or her joy in Christ. The King James Version translates the term “forbearance,” which suggests the absence of bigotry and the addition of patience in our interpersonal relationships. Racism or prejudice against our fellow man is to be non-existent among God’s people. Jesus demonstrated precisely this disposition.

Second “The Lord is at hand,” *4:5*. Every believer, no matter the century in which he lives, is impressed with the nearness of the Lord’s coming and the looming judgement of the his immortal soul. It does not seem plausible that the second coming was immediately anticipated by the author of this letter. Some suggest a subtle indication of the destruction of Jerusalem. What application would this have for the Gentile Philippian Christian? This warning should be understood today, as then. Standing before the Lord for all is as near as the absence of your next breath. He is at hand! In view of eternity live every moment accordingly. How many of US want to be mad when the Lord returns?

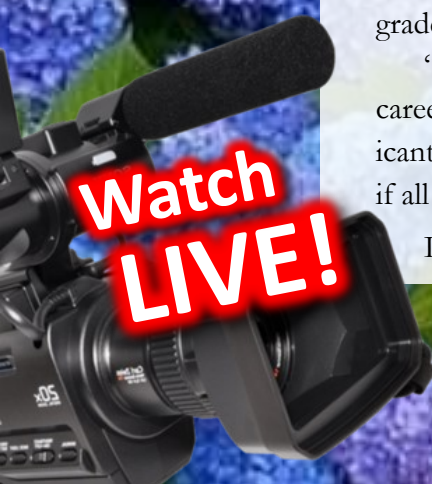
Third, Paul said, “Do not be anxious” about ANYTHING, *4:6*. Anxiety is an early subject of Jesus’ sermon on the mount, *Matthew 6:25-34*. It is a very real challenge for every Christian. Note, Paul expresses the antidote to worry. Don’t worry, be thankful! Worry pridefully looks within for potency and finds none. Thankfulness looks up in humility and finds God’s omnipotent supply: “in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” *4:6*. Be anxious in nothing. Be thankful and prayerful in everything — Yes, even in a mad world! Especially in a MAD world.

Finally, Paul offers his readers the assurance “God will provide peace of mind, beyond human understanding,” *4:7 (paraphrase, mwm)*. God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds. The term “guard” is from the Greek *phrouero*, to surround and protect as with a military force. Anxiousness is allowed no entry where the power of Christ Jesus has made the rejoicing heart secure.

Paul said the cure for this mad world is joy. The world may be mad, but I can remain a kind and gentle spirit everywhere that I go in it. The Lord knows and “He is coming to judge the world in righteousness.” My task is to be ready and watching for Him. Don’t worry, just be thankful. If I do my part, God will provide the “peace of mind” no matter how mad, mad, mad, mad “my world” may be. ☐



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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Mech Hunt's father passed away on Thursday morning after suffering a stroke hours earlier. It is a great loss and keenly felt. He had suffered several health challenges but this was unexpected. The Hunts are still in Huntsville. Marty has been dealing with the effects of the COVID vaccine and **Mechi** is awaiting her next. They are in good spirits and are very appreciative of your prayers.

Please continue to pray for **Mechi's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, and Marty's brother, **Mike Hunt**, as they each undergo Chemo.

W.D. Patrick continues to improve. We are grateful see him bouncing back. Say his name to the Lord as you pray this week.

Peggy Childress is anticipating her procedure on April 30th to correct the vessel of concern. Your prayers for **Peggy & Terry** are much appreciated.

Louis Garrett remains in Regency Retirement Village where he has entered compassionate care. Again, only immediate family members are allowed to visit him and he is not able to take phone calls. Your prayers are solicited for Louis', daughters, **Jan & Dana** and their families.

Sister Laura Phillips is continuing to recover from her recent fall. Daily prayers for her are appreciated by her and her family.

Hill's mother, **Lane Roberts**, is under hospice care at Brookdale, but is able to receive visitors for no more than 30 minutes. She would be happy to see you. Thank you for your prayers.

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: So far so good! Our number continues to grow. Many are making their way back to the assembly. The tape has been removed and we have moved to a "personal responsibility" mode. This means, we are leaving it to our membership to properly distance from other families. Please don't congregate to the back. Fill the seats in front to allow our guests to easily find a place and distance from others. 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 continues his series entitled **Christ Clashing with Culture**.

Sunday morning will begin at 10. Mike is beginning a series entitled, **#OWNIT**. Today's lesson is **Taking Ownership** and is taken from **Matthew 16**.

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

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike is will begin his study of **The book of Colossians & Philemon**. We stream at 7 p.m. No public assembly. ☐

No Greater Than Him

Michael W. McLemore

The reaction of Christians to ill treatment is seldom that of one who realized that the "servant is not greater than the Lord." The popular course of the unfaithful Christian, who desires to justify his unfaithfulness, is to list the instances of mistreatment which he has suffered. It seems never to occur to them that the Lord expects them to "live soberly, righteously and godly" regardless of what others do or fail to do.

Have you been slandered, betrayed, denied, unfairly condemned, abused etc.? "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant his Lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher and the servant as his Lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more them of his household?" *Matthew 10:24-25*.

The Christian needs to frequently remind himself that "Christ also suffered for you, leaving an example, that ye should follow in his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who when he was reviled, reviled not again: when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously," *1 Peter 2:21-23*.

What would be the lot of humanity if Christ had reacted to ingratitude and ill treatment as we sometimes do? ☐



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Bobby Wright



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, April 11

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

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Taking Ownership

Closing Prayer:

Sunday, April 18

Mike McLemore
Hill Roberts

Jeremiah 29

Mike McLemore
"I Have Plans"

Evening Worship

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **CANCELLED** **CANCELLED**

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

Wednesday, April 14

Wednesday, April 21

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 April

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

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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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