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## “Who is Raising the Children?”

Michael W. McLemore

A political strategist came under criticism a few years ago for disparaging the wife of an opposing candidate, who was a stay-at-home-mom. The strategist, a woman, derided, “actually she’s never worked a day in her life.” This wasn’t the first, nor will it be the last, debate on the “job” of stay-at-home-moms in our country. This question was posed to stay-at-home-moms in a popular magazine some years ago: “How do you respond to the classic question at social gatherings: ‘And what do you do, Mrs. \_\_\_\_?’” The answers suggested were very insightful.

One reader reported that her husband usually comes to her defense with this standard line: “She’s the director of a small economic concern.” Another mom responded, “I tell them I’m working in child development on a one-to-one basis. If they ask, ‘How’s the pay?’ I say, ‘Not enough.’ Eventually someone figures out that I’m a mother.” What Mom can’t identify with this answer: “I’m a household mover! I move food, I move kids, I move toys...

I’m a mover!” Finally, one reader diplomatically turns the question back on the one who asks it: “I’m raising the future leaders of our nation. I could work in the business field as I have in the past, but my desire is to raise my child. What better thing can I do right now? And what do you do?”

As evidenced by the above remarks, our society generally does not place much value on mothers who choose to stay at home to raise their children. Young women are constantly encouraged to prove their worth in the business world, and millions are. Many are doing quite well, too. There is no question that women are fully capable of succeeding in business, industry, politics, or whatever field they pursue. But while women are “proving” their worth in the cubicles and boardrooms, “who is raising the children?”

“Encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home...” *Titus 2:4-5*, NASV. Isn’t God’s way best? ☐

# We Are Special

Rickie Jenkins

“There will always be someone who does not see your worth. Don’t let that someone be you.” *Jon Gordon*



## ONE OF THE DEVIL’S BEST TOOLS IS TO GET US LOOKING AT OUR FAULTS AND FAILURES. HE IS A MASTER AT DISTRACTION. IF HE CAN GET US THINKING AND

feeling bad about ourselves, then why try. If I do not see myself as worth the effort to overcome my mistakes, I will not even try. Satan has won just as if we had committed some heinous sin of immortality.

We not only do this to ourselves, but others do it to us as well. So, if Satan can get others to work on us, amplifying our failures, then once again, he wins.

There will always be someone who will tell us we are no good and we cannot succeed. I remember in college I had a professor who told me I would not make an “A” in his class because I was too small. It was a farm, power, and machinery class. We had to break down a Briggs and Stratton engine and rebuild it. Also, we broke down a Ford tractor. They both were stripped to the core. Engines and all had to be rebuilt. At the end of the semester, we got three pulls on the Briggs and Stratton engine. If it did not start on the third pull, we got an “F.” Well, I worked hard in that class and I got an “A.” I am not sure what being small had to do with my grade, but I was not going to let the professor intimidate me.

We love to label people. Once we label someone, we

then talk to the label or we try to fix the label. The person is forgotten. God knows us, *Psalm 139:1-6*. He knows our thoughts. He knows where we go. He knows what we need. The point is, He knows us intimately. He created us. That means we are special. Further, when we sinned, He did not forget us. He made the way for us to become His special creation. His special child by adoption. His by redemption. We are His chosen. The riches of His inheritance is in the saints, *Ephesians 1:18*.

In our world today where so many are struggling with their identity, we need to be reminded that God created who we are. God did not make a mistake on our gender. He did not make a mistake on our sexual orientation. Our identity does not come from labels. Our identity does not come from science. Our identity does not come from our culture. Our identity comes from God!

First, let’s teach our children God gives them their identity. Second, let’s reinforce for our children God made them the way God wanted them to be and who He wanted them to be. Help them embrace they are God’s creation. The zenith of all His creation. That makes us special!

When God defines us, He does not define us by how others say we look. God does not define us by our critics. He does not define us by labels. He defines us as His creation. By redemption He calls us His special creation. He calls us His children. That makes us special!

So, while others may not see our worth, let it not be us who do not see our worth. ☐

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# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Cathy Preston** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery tomorrow. Please pray for her during the surgery and throughout her recovery.

**June Furlough's** test results came back good allowing her to proceed with her injection to relieve the neck pain with which she suffers. The procedure will be at the Surgery Center on May 19th. Thank you for your prayers and expressions of concern for June.

**Peggy Childress** is scheduled to have the long awaited procedure at Vanderbilt on May 25th. We are thankful she will be able to have the much needed repair to allow her to proceed with the next phase of her treatment. Your fervent prayers are solicited for both **Peggy & Terry**.

Please pray for our brother **Ron Harmon**. Ron is working hard doing physical therapy, trying to get stronger. Your prayers for **Ron & Phyllis** are both needed and appreciated.

**Peggy Shelton** was not with us on Sunday. She was not feeling well at all. Your prayers for Peggy are so meaningful. Our prayer is the treatments will relieve her discomfort.

**Hill** tells me that his mom, **Lane Roberts**, has improved quite a bit in recent weeks. We are thrilled to hear that she is rebounding. The extra interaction with guests and other residents has surely been beneficial to her outlook. Remember her to the Lord as you pray.

**Joan Uptagrafft** proved what a hearty soul she is on Sunday. She was present for our assembly. It was great to see her. We are thank-

ful that she is improving after her nasty fall.

**Cyndi Vanatta**, **Phil Shaver's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, **Mechi Hunt's** twin sister, and **Mike Hunt**, **Marty's** brother, are all fighting cancer. Pray for them as they undergo Chemo.

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

### Daily Prayer List:

<b>Glenda Cavender</b>	<b>Melvin Godette</b>
<b>Laura Phillips</b>	<b>Dot Summers</b>
<b>Charlotte Hagewood</b>	<b>Lane Roberts</b>
<b>Bill Reavis</b>	<b>Ron Harmon</b>

## WEATHERLY UPDATES

**WEATHERLY UPDATE:** Big changes are underway. **Sunday, June 6th**, we plan to add back our congregational singing and Bible classes for all ages (25 minute class beginning at 9:30 am). This of course is all fluid and depends upon many things, but our plans are underway! More will follow soon...

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will begin at 9:00 — Mike is continuing his quarterly Bible Class series **Christ Clashing with Culture**.

**Sunday morning** will begin at 10. Today Mike will return to his series **#OWNIT**. Today's lesson is entitled **Moms Make the Difference**.

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

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

## Sincerity

Michael W. McLemore

In 1991 Clayton Nixon died of an untreated ear infection. His family lived in Holidaysburg, PA and were members of a religious sect known as Faith Tabernacle. The group rejected the need for medical intervention for illness. They relied solely upon prayer citing James 15:14-16 as Biblical authority for refusing medical treatment. Many were compelled to ask, "How could they allow something like that to happen to their child? Couldn't they see the child wasn't recovering?"

Six years later the Nixon family was back in the news. This time their daughter, Shannon, died from a lack of insulin for her diabetes. When she became ill, instead of calling a doctor, her parents called for her grandfather, Charles Nixon, who anointed her with oil and prayed over her. Even after she went into a coma, no medical treatment was sought. The District Attorney, recalled, "Even at the point of coma, this illness was treatable." Again, the question, "How could they?"

Many are heard to say, "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere!" But, does sincerity count for more than what you believe? If what one believes is false, the results can be tragic. Sincerity alone will not gain salvation, neither is sincerity alone enough. Man must obey God and be sure what he believes is from God and not man! ☐

## WEEKLY WALK

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Bible Classes</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday AM Assembly</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday PM Assembly</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday Classes</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

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## Weatherly's Deacons

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<b>Kirk Hatcher</b>	<b>David Jacks</b>
<b>Hill Roberts</b>	<b>Collis Terry</b>
<b>Bobby Wright</b>	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

### Sunday, May 9

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

**Sermon:** **Proverbs 31:26**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Moms Make the Difference**

**Closing Prayer:**

### Sunday, May 16

**Mike McLemore**  
**Hill Roberts**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Tending His Temple**

### Evening Worship

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

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

### Wednesday, May 12

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

**None**

## 2021 Planning Underway

## Quarterly Adult Classes

**April – June 2020**

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Christ Clashing with Culture  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
The Challenge of Colossians  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in May

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

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**Lord's Supper PM**

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**Communion Prep**  
**Building Lockup**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



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5-9	Nick Holland	5-9	Ruth Mitchell
5-12	Betty Dubose	5-14	Sarah Starks
5-15	Dot Summers	5-17	Megan Caudle
5-23	Terry Childress	5-23	Melvin Godette
5-24	John Besherse	5-26	Addison Ivey
5-28	Terry Barnett	5-31	Petra Carter
5-31	Nancy McCord		

