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The Source of Vitality

Michael W. McLemore

Culture relies upon what it can see. It prizes independence and self-assurance. The Word of God however exposes the fallacy of depending solely upon prevailing circumstances or relying upon other people. The prophet Jeremiah warned against turning away from God in favor of man — “Thus says the Lord: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land,’” *Jeremiah 17:5-6*.

Local churches are made to stand firm in Christ when its members reject culture’s confidence and walk instead by faith. “We walk by faith and not by sight,” *2 Corinthians 5:7*. As individual Christians are “saved by faith” and not by feelings, the church, composed by individuals, bases its work and worship on “faith” and not “sight.” This seems counter

intuitive to the world, but it is the wisdom of God.

If we as a family are to remain vital and full of life, our spiritual nourishment must come directly from the Scriptures. Individually and corporately, we submit to the Lord’s guidance that comes from His word. Error and false doctrines are sifted and left on the threshing floor with all human philosophies and vain notions that possess no true nourishment.

Churches that find their value in and base decisions on the things this world values are destined for dryness and doom with the world. God’s people must daily reorient themselves by the divine pattern for life, work and worship. A local church that is knitted together in love, unity, and belief in Jesus will be immovable in the world. It will see good.

May God help us to be this kind of church. Pray that our fellowship with God will be rooted and grounded in a strong foundation of faith in Christ. □

TRUTH DECAY

Dee Bowman

Truth is a vital commodity. It is vital because of what it can do, *Proverbs 23:23; John 8:32; 17:17*. In every area of life—social, familial, economic or religious—truth is the necessary standard for progress, stability, efficiency. As we have seen in recent days, truth can be important even in matters of properly inflating a football before the game. No matter the gravity of the occasion or how simple, truth is necessary for the achievement of the highest good for everyone concerned.

It seems to me that the present generation has gained considerable momentum in its head-long descent from truth. People today use all sorts of mental devices with which to excuse their obligation to truth and righteousness. Stealing by employees has come to be almost routine. The business lie is so ordinary that nobody pays much attention to it. In fact, it is somewhat expected. Cheating in the athletic arenas today is being revealed with astounding regularity.

The Christian’s obligation to and respect for truth needs not only attention, but immediate attention, lest we fall into the same “no-care” attitude the world has toward truth and verity.

Truth needs to be ascertained. Parents today must come to see the importance of emphasizing the use of truth in every area of life. If they don’t show a healthy regard for truth in their lives, it will very likely affect how their children regard truth. It is necessary that children be brought up “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, *Ephesians 6:4*, that they be brought up in the way they should go,” lest they depart from that later on, *Proverbs 22:6*. It amazes me that parents today will spend thousands of dollars making sure their children are instructed in scientific knowledge, the route for business success, etc., but don’t have the time nor inclination to make sure they have the biblical knowledge to live their lives in accordance with the will of God and so insure for themselves a home in heaven,

see *Luke 12:15*.

Truth needs to be diligently and courageously applied to real life situations. Far too many people today admit to the truthfulness of the Bible—even admit to the advisability of practicing the principles it advises—but when it comes to the actual application of its principles to some specific situation, they choose to use what is convenient, what will cause them the least amount of difficulty, or what is quick and easy. Don’t we understand that truth loses its potency when it is dormant? Do we not see that whether or not it is difficult to apply is not the standard for whether or not we use truth? Truth can be admired without being used, but that’s not what God had in mind when He gave it, see *Colossians 3:1-4*.

Truth needs to be recommended. Part of the reason that is not being done is because of what we have mentioned heretofore. Far too few seek it and far too many who recognize it don’t do anything with it. Truth is, far too many people who admit to believing the Bible have such a limited knowledge of it they can’t actually recommend it to others. We have at our hand the key to life everlasting, a solution more useful than a cure for cancer, heart trouble or diabetes. How is it that we cannot find it in our hearts to give it to people when they need it so badly? How is it that we can keep locked up in a box that which can do so much for so many? Is it timidity? Than we need to get rid of it! Is it because we’re somewhat embarrassed to bring it up? Then we need to get over it! Is it because we’re fearful of being ignored, or afraid of losing some favor with our peers? Then we need to get over it! “To whom shall we go, Lord, Thou hast the words of eternal life?” *John 6:68*. Do we believe that? Then we better act like it!

And do you want to know what’s sad? In far too many cases there is more attention given to tooth decay than is given to truth decay. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Peggy Childress continues to wait for her transplant. They are very appreciative for the prayers that are being said on their behalf.

Wanda Castleman's shoulder is doing well. She still has some soreness, but her range of motion is improving. Unfortunately she strained her knee climbing into **Murray's** truck to go to her post-op appointment last week. Pray for her to get better quick.

Jenny Jacks is feeling much better since Monday. The soreness is getting better too. She is looking forward to feeling better than she has in a long time.

Brooke Hatcher is better, but not 100%. Hopefully another week and she'll be doing more. She has been cleared to drive if need be. We are grateful for her quick recovery.

Buddy Hunt, Marty's father, is declining rapidly. Hospice became involved on Wednesday and is working to balance his medication so that he doesn't suffer. **Mike Hunt, Marty's** brother, received great news on his most recent scans. There was no detectable cancer anywhere in his body. He does not have to continue taking chemo. **Mechi's** sister, **Zoila Herrings**, continues her treatments.

The Hunts want you to know how thankful they are for your prayers to the Lord for the members of their family who are sick.

The Besherse family has been overcome with a "bad cold." COVID tests were all negative, but its been rough. Pray for their quick recovery. This is **John's** busy time. He doesn't have time to be sick.

We are happy to report that **Cathy Preston** is doing better. She is working to get her strength back. Please continue to pray for Cathy.

Collis Terry does not require surgery, just rest. He is still moving slow, but he says, "I'm getting there."

Mike Coward is doing great considering. **Peggy** is better also. Thanks for all the prayers for them.

Cyndi Vanatta, Phil Shaver's sister, continues on our prayer list as she undergoes treatments for cancer.

Pray for those who are confined in care facilities and memory care — **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	Ron Harmon

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will begin at 9:30 — **Mike** will conclude his class series **Christ Clashing with Culture** today.

Sunday morning will begin at 10. **Mike** will conclude his **Christianity 101** series. His lesson is entitled **The Fellowship**.

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

Wednesday Bible Study — **Mike** will review his recent class on **The book of Colossians**. We stream at 7 p.m. No assembly Wednesday. ☐

How to Built Up

Gus Nichols

If all the sleepers would wake up,
And all lukewarm members fire up,
And straying starving sheep come up,
The church of Christ would be built up.

If those "at outs" would all make up,
And those out to ruin would give up,
And destructive critics shut up,
The church of Christ would be built up.

If backsliders would confess up,
And those mentally lazy read up,
And those in sin repent up,
The church of Christ would be built up.

If haters of truth would love up,
The foolish and ignorant wise up,
And those in darkness shine up,
The church of Christ would be built up.

If babes in Christ would all grow up,
And those hiding out would show up,
And those robbing God would pay up,
The church of Christ would be built up.

If those down and out would get up,
And alcoholics sober up,
And all gloomy pessimists cheer up,
The church of Christ would be built up.

If spiritual stinkers would clean up,
And those at the bottom climb up,
And all godless members pray up,
The church of Christ would be built up.

If elders and preachers speak up,
And all the members back them up,
Unitedly pull and push up,
The church will grow, glow and go up.

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WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, June 27

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Scripture Reading:

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Fellowship
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Wednesday, June 30

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

None

2021 Singing Cancelled

Sunday, July 4

Will Starks
Hill Roberts
Ed Dill

1 Timothy 4:12-13
Mike McLemore
I Am the Church
Jim Risner

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, July 7

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes

April – June 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Christ Clashing with Culture
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Challenge of Colossians
Mike McLemore

Serving in July

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

**** Will Starks, Bill Thompson, Kirk Hatcher, Phil Shaver**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS



JUNE 27, 2021

6-30	Susan Hand	7-10	Will Patrick
7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Phillip Dill		

