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Committed?

Michael W. McLemore

Athletic fields of competition are filled with spectators and fans cheering on their teams this fall. Games are being played all across the country. Teams are winning. Teams are losing. But all are competing with vigor and enthusiasm, every participant committed to his role. It leads me to ask, as participants in the cause of God, are we committed?

Folks need to fully understand that in becoming a member of God's church, in becoming a Christian, they are assuming a definite obligation. It is a lifetime commitment. As a Christian one's thinking is transformed. Once a child of God, a man or woman's speech is restyled. In behavior, the Christian is reborn. Paul said of this process of growth and development, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," *2 Corinthians 5:17*. The Christian is a new creature -- a new person. It is by

the Gospel that we are transformed into the image of Christ.

Obedying the Gospel is not something that one does just once in a lifetime. It is a lifetime of commitment and service to Christ. There is no road of ease from then on. Obedying the Gospel is the mere beginning of a life long commitment. Christianity is a way of life, not a once a week, twice a week, or even a three times a week affair. It's a path that must be traveled until death. The Lord warned the brethren at Smyrna, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," *Revelation 2:10*.

"Let us hold fast our profession," the Hebrew writer exclaimed, *Hebrews 4:14*. "Let us go on unto perfection," *Hebrews 6:1*. The Lord concluded, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after Me, cannot be My disciple," *Luke 14:27*. Are you committed to the Lord for life? ☐

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Which Way Should I Go?

Adapted

In the children's classic, *Alice in Wonderland*, Alice came to a fork in the road where she met the Cheshire Cat.

"Which way should I go?" she asked.

"Where do you want to go?" responded the cat.

Alice said, "I don't know."

"Well, if you don't know where you are going, then one road is as good as another," declared the cat.

The pressing question, "Which way do YOU want to go?" seems to be one of the perplexing issues that plagues the world today. People don't know where they want to go. The result is that many are adrift going where the tide of life takes them. Others have bought into a lifestyle that costs a lot of time and resources - the acquisition of material possessions, prestige, power or fame - without really contemplating the consequences of such a decision. Still others just try to be unique, not caring if their life really matters as long as they walk to the beat of a different drummer.

What is clear... is that the Bible shows that there are only two paths that one can take. One leads to eternal life - along the narrow road with only a few

willing to take that road. While the other leads to destruction - along the broad road that is traveled by many.

You may be like Alice and really don't have an idea of where you want to go. Let me make a suggestion. Take the path that leads to God! Heaven will be your reward, life here on earth will be more fulfilling, and peace that is beyond understanding will fill your life. This path is made possible and is clearly marked by the life and blood of the Son of God, for He alone leads you in the paths of righteousness.

The path that Jesus has made available is one that brings the abundant life now and eternal life to come. The gate is open to those who believe in Him, *Acts 16:31*, repent of their sins, *2 Corinthians 7:10*, are baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, *Acts 2:38*, and put Him first in their lives by walking faithfully along the road that leads to life, *Matthew 7:13-14*.

Yes, if you don't know where you are going, one road may seem as good as another, but the end of those roads are an eternity apart!

Won't you choose the road that leads to life? ☐

Watch
LIVE!



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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Bobby Ferguson Passes

Bobby Ferguson, 87, formerly of Fayetteville, TN, passed away on Wednesday, October 6th, at **Tammie & Scott's** home near Athens.



A graveside service will be held Saturday, October 16th, 2021, at 12:30pm at Prospect Cemetery in Park City, Tennessee. Visitation will be Saturday from 10:00-11:00am at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home, 322 Hwy. 31 N., Athens, AL 35611

FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Peggy Childress' bronchoscopy went well last Wednesday. She is awaiting a Magnesium infusion sometime next week. They are getting closer to being able to return home to Fayetteville. We are continuing to pray that all of this goes well.

Clara Mae Ortner, mother of our **Debbie Harbin**, passed away on Saturday, October 2nd. She was laid to rest on Wednesday afternoon in Madison. Please remember Debbie & Jimmy and their family in prayer.

We are glad to report that **Mike Coward** continues to do well after having his pacemaker implanted. It is an answer to prayer. Remember **Mike & Peggy** to the Lord as you pray.

Michael Preston continues to improve from COVID. Your prayers are appreciated.

Betty Dubose was with us on Sunday. It was

great to have her back.

Please remember to say **Maragem Harbin's** name to the Lord as you pray this week.

Mike McLemore's cousin, **Steve Smith**, is slowly coming off the ventilator. Thank you for all of your prayers. He remains sedated. But at least we have seen some progress.

Mechi Hunt's sister, **Zoila Herring**, is in our hearts. Your prayers for her are so meaningful.

Terry Childress' mom, **Sandra Ivey**, remains in our prayers. Terry and family greatly appreciate each of you remembering her.

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

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavander	Melvin Godette
Laura Phillips	Dot Summers
Charlotte Hagewood	Lane Roberts
Bill Reavis	Ron Harmon

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. Mike is continuing his series **Divided We Fall**.

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. Mike will continue his series on OT feasts and their NT application. Today we will look at the **Feast of Unleavened Bread: "Leaving in a Hurry!"** from **Exodus 13:3-10**.

Remember our **ZOOM Devo at 7** Sunday evening. If you haven't participated, you will benefit from giving it a try.

Wednesday our **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



10-10	Karen Thompson	10-11	Caryl Ehl
10-14	Janeth Hagewood	10-26	Dwight Ivey
10-27	Jimmy Harbin	10-29	Charlotte Hagewood

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FAITH & SALVATION

Michael W. McLemore

No believer of the scriptures denies the importance

of faith in salvation, *Hebrews 11:6;*

John 8:24. What many fail to understand is that there can be no salvation apart from the law of faith.

"Where is boating then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay; but by the law of faith," *Romans 3:27.*

This raises two questions: First, What is the law of faith? Second, When does it save? The answer to the first is, the law of faith is the "word of faith," *Romans 10:8*, which is the "gospel of peace," *Romans 10:15* that was being preached by the apostles for the purpose of producing faith (Romans 10:17). The jailer's being told to believe and be saved, then their speaking "unto him the word of the Lord," *Acts 16:3-34*, proves that to believe one must hear the word that produces faith, which is the gospel, the law of faith.

The answer to number two is that one is saved by the law of faith when he receives and obeys it, *Acts 2:37-41*. Faith that works avails, *Galatians 5:6*. Faith alone is dead, *James 2:17*. So, the law of faith, gospel, saves when it is obeyed, *2 Thessalonians 1:6-9.* ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am

Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am

Sunday PM Assembly Zoom 7:00 pm

Wednesday Classes Stream 7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher

Hill Roberts

Bobby Wright

Steve Hagewood

David Jacks

Collis Terry



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, October 10

Welcome:

Will Starks

Song Leader:

Mel Ambrose

Opening Prayer:

Ed Dill

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 13:3-10

Sermon:

Mike McLemore

"Leaving in a Hurry!"

Closing Prayer:

Ron Harmon

Sunday, October 17

Tommy Hill

David Jacks

Alex Thompson

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Mike McLemore

"A Day to Reckon!"

Gene Preston

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

CANCELLED

Songs Leader:

Opening Prayer:

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Closing Prayer:

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Wednesday, October 13

Songs Leader:

Invitation:

Streamed Bible Study

Closing Prayer:

None

2021 Lectures Canceled

Wednesday, October 20

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall

Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians

Mike McLemore

Serving in October

Serving on the Lord's

Table AM

** Overseer

**** Steve Hagewood (10-3), David Jacks (10-10), Bill Thompson (10-17), Phil Shaver (10-24), Phil Furlough (10-31)**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep

Building Lockup

