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THOUGHTS ABOUT TRUE FREEDOM

R.L. Whiteside

People who long for freedom usually know little of what it is nor do they know how to obtain it.

An illustration or two may help us see what freedom is. A machine runs free when all parts move as the designer intended. A living thing is free when it moves unhampered in the element, or surroundings, in which God intended it to live. A fish in water, not in a net or otherwise confined, is free; for there is where God intended it to live. Out of its element, it is not free. Contrary to speculative theology, man's natural element is righteousness. That is the element in which the creator intended that he should live and in which he is placed. He is not free anywhere else any more than a fish is free on dry land. By sin man, each man brings himself into

bondage. Adam's sin did not bring you into bondage to sin; you did that yourself. "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin," *John 8:34*.

While living in sin, men are under the most servile slavery, from which there is only one way to escape. "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness," *Romans 6:17-18*. Obedience to the truth is the Lord's way of making us free from the bondage of sin. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," *John 8:36*. But Jesus forces freedom on no one. □

Preaching on FUNDAMENTALS

James W. Adams

A number of years ago when I was a student in Freed Hardeman College, Brother Hardeman constantly warned the preacher "boys" against the tendency on the part of preachers to neglect the discussion of fundamental themes such as "The church," Baptism," "The Conversion of the Eunuch," "The Two Covenants," and so forth. He emphasized the fact that a

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apostasy.

I have lived to see a generation of people grow up among the churches of Christ who have been nurtured on teaching of the other kind and to behold the corruption of the doctrine and practice of the church on every hand. It only requires one generation of the wrong kind of teaching to cultivate the soil for the germination and the frui-

tion of the seed of apostasy. The thing that has caused churches of Christ to grow in the last one hundred years from a few, widely scattered, obscure, poor congregations to a great, militant, prosperous people occupying a position of dignity and influence in the world has been militant, fundamental, Bible preaching. Now, at the very height of prosperity, what has been gained through sweat and sacrifice and tears can in one generation be swallowed up through compromise in the great sea of Protestant denominationalism. What the winds and the waves of denominational opposition has not been able to do to the house of God from without through a hundred years, spiritual termites boring from within can accomplish in one generation.

The gospel is still "the power of God." Strict adherence to the gospel coupled with a militant proclamation of its fundamental teaching is our shield and sword. A congregation strictly practicing and fervently proclaiming the pure gospel is a power to be reckoned with. Through such means sinners will be saved and God's people edified. May each member dedicate himself anew to such a program. May our "hearts burn within us" at strong, fundamental Bible preaching. May we give it our unqualified endorsement and support. Let us be neither ashamed nor afraid to "ask for the old paths and walk therein." □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Cathy Phares Hall

Funeral services for **Cathy Phares Hall** (64) were held Saturday afternoon. Cathy married **Randy Hall**, son of **Evelyn & Searcy** in 1978. She was a Grissom High School graduated (1975). Cathy is survived by her husband of 43 years, **Randy T. Hall**; son, **Jake Hall**; daughter, **Tracy Hall Bailey (Mike)**; grandson, **Hallden Bailey**; parents, **Glenn & Polly Phares**; siblings, **Nancy Dove (Jim)**, **Lance Phares (Karen)**, and **Bruce Phares (Sundy)**; several nieces and nephews; countless friends; and even more individuals that her cheerful giving has touched along the way. Please pray for this family.

FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Collis Terry is not moving at 100% but he is doing very well. We are thankful that his surgery went well. **Sue & Collis** appreciate your prayers and expressions of concern.

Ron Harmon was released from Crestwood Hospital on Thursday evening. We are thankful for the positive test results and that he will have no further issue. Your prayers and expressions of concern have meant much to the Harmon's.

Please continue to remember **Sandra Ivey, Terry Childress'** mom in prayer. We are thankful that sister Ivey is well enough to be home. Say her name to the Lord as you pray.

Peggy Childress remains on our daily prayer list as she continues recovery from the side effects of medications used to treat her most recent infection. Your prayers are coveted.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister needs our continued prayers as she battles cancer. Say her name daily to the Lord. **Marty, Mechi & family** are moved by your love for them.

Maragem Harbin's patiently awaits her upcoming appointment to address some of her ongoing issues. Pray for her comfort. Also, remember **Debbie & Jimmy** to the Lord as you pray. Debbie has been having an ongoing irritation with shingles. Ask for her comfort.

Pray for those who are in assisted living 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

We are thankful that COVID numbers have fallen to a sufficient level to allow us to return to mask optional assemblies. Progress!

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 "Gratitude" today. His lesson is entitled — "Guard Yourself with Gratitude" from **Colossians 2:1-8**.

Remember our **ZOOM Devo at 7** Sunday evening. Come be a part of something pretty special.

Wednesday our **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm. We will stream as well as assemble in person. ☐

Greater Than HE?

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 judges 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? Are we greater than HE? ☐

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	7:00 pm

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Weatherly's Deacons

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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, November 21

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Scripture Reading:

Colossians 2:1-8

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Guard Yourself with Gratitude
Closing Prayer: **Adam Hagewood**

Sunday, November 28

Tommy Hill
Hill Roberts
Phil Furlough

Ecclesiastes 9:13

Bill Thompson
"There Was a Wise Man"
Kirk Hatcher

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

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

Wednesday, November 24

Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Invitation: **Phil Shaver**
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Wednesday, December 1

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
W.D. Patrick

None

None

2021 Lectures Canceled

Quarterly Adult Classes October – December 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in November

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

**** Tommy Hill (11-7), Ed Dill (11-14),
Collis Terry (11-21), Will Starks (11-28)**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 21, 2021

11-17	Brody Beshers	11-20	Riley Monroe
11-21	Miles Hagewood	11-22	Ina Carter
11-25	Debbie Harbin	11-25	Amanda Stovall
12-2	Ryan Patrick	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Carley Hill Rodriguez	12-4	Tommy Hill
12-4	Gwyn McLemore	12-6	Ken Cavender
12-6	John Patrick	12-13	Joanne Abernathy

