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SMALL THINGS

Michael W. McLemore

We've heard of the ravages of hurricanes, read about the power of floods to destroy. Men have sold countless copies of works telling of the destructive force of tornadoes. But most houses don't crumble from the impact of natural disaster, rather under the accumulates ravages of little things.

Some years ago a major corporation in Richmond, Virginia demolished eight houses in the Oregon Hill neighborhood of that old city. The properties were deemed unsafe and uninhabitable. A hundred years before they were new, fresh and very attractive. What happened to them? The accumulated raids of the "little thing."

More drivers are forced to walk by a dead battery than a sudden engine failure. Few marriages are destroyed by sudden overwhelming problems. It's the small daily grievances that go unresolved. Emerson wrote, "He that despises the small things will perish little by little."

God has never been silent when it comes to the little details of life. He inspired his prophet to ask long before Emerson lived or the foundations were laid in Oregon Hill — "Who hath despised the day of small things?"

Our Creator and Savior God is mindful of little things. He has greatly blessed the "least in the kingdom of heaven," and He has given great responsibility to them. He chose David to lead the nation and bring His Messiah into the world because of his "God-sized" heart, when he looked too little on the outside. He picked a little man in the wilderness who ate locust and honey to tell the big story of the Son of God come to save the world. He said the "little children" are the substance of the Kingdom of heaven, while the mighty people of the world scoffed.

You may think yourself insignificant. You're not! You are small part of the great cause. Don't bury your opportunity. Do your best! Address the small things. Over time they add up! □

The Stars Still Shine

R.L. Hester

Someone wrote: "Two men were walking along a country road one evening. One was bewailing world conditions. Everything was wrong — civilization was being swept away, religion was defeated, there was no future but darkness. When the speaker paused for breath, his friend pointed to the sky and commented, 'The stars still shine.'"

In this age of scientific discovery, nuclear fission, etc., accompanied by man's craze for recognition and power, human society seems to be balanced on a powder keg. Scientific minds admit the possibility of a war that could wipe out most of the populace and set the rest back many decades. In addition to this, the economic situation is highly unstable. With the world becoming more wicked daily, potential dangers of various kinds are mounting. In view of it all, the human mind is highly disturbed. Fear, perplexity, anxiety and distrust are mounting on every hand. Even in the church there is unrest. Faithfulness to the Lord's standard is made more trying by the lowering of the moral standards of world society and a pulpit policy that fails to properly indoctrinate the immersed in the fundamentals of New Testament Christianity.

Yet, "the stars still shine," and the Lord is still with His own. His message to the Christian says: "Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for Himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say: The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?" *Hebrews 13:5*.

Even in this present life, our blessings far

exceed our understanding; and it behooves us to "be ye thankful," *Colossians 3:15* instead of dwelling upon the unpleasant potentialities of tomorrow. Much of man's sorrow stems from his trust in material and temporal things. We can never find true and lasting security until we look to the right source; and when we do this, the things over which men worry so much will become less important to us. To the Christian — the baptized believer whose trust is in God and His Son and message — the important thing is not what he has done upon the earth, but what his state will be when the elements have melted with fervent heat. For, as Paul wrote: "... we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal," *2 Corinthians 4:18*. As the stars in the heaven continue to shine, though the world is troubled, neither our earthly sorrows nor the removal of earth and the stars can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, while we remain faithful to Him. □

Editor's Note: This is an old piece but I think valuable to our generation. Man has no power to keep the faithful child of God from his reward. But one stands between us and our Lord's promise. That one is ME!

The next time we lament our sorrows or faint because of troubles about, remember "the stars still shine!" We are the Redeemed. Our Creator and Redeemer's promise remains. *MWM*



Watch LIVE!



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Susan Ivey tested negative last week and was cleared from COVID jail. We are thrilled that she quickly recovered.

Mike & Peggy Coward both have COVID for the second time. Both have been able to have the antibody infusion. Please continue to pray for them as they recover.

Betty Dubose postponed her Cardioversion last week. It is rescheduled for tomorrow around 11 am. Please pray for a better and longer lasting result.

Bill Singleton, grandfather of **Julie Singleton's** husband, **Shawn**, passed away last Sunday. The Singletons were to travel to Little Rock for his service.

Peggy Monroe had to make a trip to the ER last week. She has an infection that can be controlled with antibiotics. Please pray for **Peggy** and for **Riley** as he attends to her every need.

Will & Sarah Stark's granddaughter, **Ciera**, has been diagnosed with stage 3 cervical cancer. She will be undergoing chemo and radiation treatments. Please pray for Ciera and for all of those who love her.

We are asking everyone to continue praying for **Peggy Shelton's** cousin, **Rita Montgomery**. She is very ill with COVID and has been on a ventilator for some time. Peggy's brother, **Sam Eaves**, and wife, **Martha**, have COVID. Also, Peggy's niece, **Michelle**, tested positive last Tuesday. Peggy is understandably very concerned for her family members. Please pray for all of these!

Please continue say the names of those in **LaNelle Patrick's** family who were recently diagnosed with COVID — her brother, **Don Patton** and family; **Gary Patton**, LaNelle's cousin; and her niece **Allison**.

Please continue to pray for **Mechi Hunt's** sister, **Zoila Herring**.

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

WEDNESDAY we were forced to suspend in-person Bible study because of a broad potential exposure to COVID by several in our Weatherly family. To date we have heard of no additional positive diagnosis or concerning symptoms. While this is good news we must remain vigilant. Stay home if you have any hint of a respiratory issue. Be safe.

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. **Mike** will continue his study **Divided We Fall!**

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. **Mike's** lesson today is entitled "Redeemed!" from **Ephesians 1:7-10**.

Remember our **ZOOM Devo** at 7 Sunday evening. Zoom in with us tonight!

Wednesday our study of **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm with streaming and in-person assembly. ☐

Persistence

Michael W. McLemore

We live in a fast paced world. Everyone is busy. The phone is ringing; "Your extended warranty is expiring!" The television is blaring. Salesmen are knocking. The children have hair appointments, doctor's appointments, ball practice and back-to-school night. And, that's just Monday! Uggh! Do you ever feel like that? Sure you do. Taking on anything else is just out of the question.

Do you think its anyone wonder we can't get people's attention these days? Spiritual concerns are not on the back burner, they aren't even in the kitchen! Talking with our friends and neighbors about the Gospel is made very difficult when spiritual concerns are being pushed way back on the priority list. But, be assured those concerns are still there! We have to learn persistence.

In his book **Biblical Evangelism** Harold Comer argues this point in an article entitled, *The Proposal to Study*. — "Many hesitate to agree to a period of personal Bible study. You generally have to make repeated proposals... it is important that you don't give up with one proposal."

How important is the message of the Gospel in this busy world? Do you suppose it deserves more than one offer? The busy of this world need Christ as much as ever. ☐



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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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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 9

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Scripture Reading:

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
A New Year: Redeemed!
Closing Prayer: **Adam Hagewood**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Wednesday, January 12

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **WD Patrick**

2022 Lectures TBA

Sunday, January 16

Will Starks
Mel Ambrose
Bill Thompson

Psalm 51
Mike McLemore
Smile Again!
Bobby Wright

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, January 19

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Kirk Hatcher

Quarterly Adult Classes January – March 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in January

Serving on the Lord's Table AM **** Ed Dill (1-2), Kirk Hatcher (1-9), Tommy Hill (1-16), Will Starks (1-23), Marty Hunt (1-30)**

Lord's Supper PM ******

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Text

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1-9	Wes Caudle	1-11	Elena Hagewood
1-11	Margaret Smith	1-15	Xavier Cole
1-19	Ed Dill	1-20	Edith Turner
1-23	Gordon Dorris	1-26	Marissa Hunt
1-29	Jim Risner	1-29	Will Starks
1-30	Jenny Jacks		

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WEEKLY WALK

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