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WHAT'S IMPORTANT

Michael W. McLemore

A first grade teacher seated her students in a circle. She asked them what they wanted to be when they grew up. One by one, each child got up and announced, "I'd like to be a nurse like my mother," or "I want to be a banker like my father," or "I want to be a teacher like you, Miss Smith."

The last child to speak was the most shy and timid little boy in the class. He said, "When I get big, I'm going to be a lion tamer in the circus. I'm going to face those animals with my whip and chair and make them leap through hoops of fire and obey all of my commands."

Seeing the disbelieving looks on the faces of his classmates that he could ever act so boldly or bravely, he was quick to reassure them, "Well, of course, I'll have my mother with me."

I remember a similar incident during a Mother's Day class project when Amanda, now a

mother, was in the first grade. Amanda's paper was entitled:

My Mom is Special

My mom is special because...
I love her.

I like it when my mom hugs me.

My mom can do many things!

I think she's best at cooking.

My mom has a pretty smile!

I like to make her smile by making a 100.

My mom is as pretty as a rose.

My mom is smart!

She even knows the Bible!

Children have a keen perspective don't they? They seem to know what's important. □

Mother

By Michael W. McLemore

Abraham Lincoln is often quoted on a number of issues, but no statements are more noteworthy than these about his mother: "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother"; and "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Washington Irving, in the nineteenth-century, made this powerful statement about a mother's impact on her children. "A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends, who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us; when troubles thicken around us; still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."

Reflecting on the impact mothers have, we take note of Theodore Roosevelt's words. He said, "The good mother, the wise mother... is more important to the community than even the ablest person; her career is more worthy of honor and is more useful to the community than the career of any person, no matter how successful."

Mother's Day, as a national celebration, is a purely human holiday. Its celebration, as a religious event, has no foundation in scripture, thus has no place in our worship or pulpits. But, in our homes I wonder if there is a more apropos modern commemoration. In

1872 Julia Ward Howe (who incidentally wrote the lyrics to the Battle Hymn of the Republic) suggested Massachusetts have a celebration each year called Mother's Day. In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish Mother's Day as a national holiday. She persuaded her mother's community of Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. Jarvis and her supporters wrote to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the second Sunday of May.

Though the Bible is silent on the subject of honoring our mothers on Mother's Day as a national celebration, God is not silent on the high place of the "meter," mother, in our lives. "Honor thy Father and thy mother," said God to the Hebrews, *Exodus 20:12*. Paul followed commanding Christian to "Honor thy Father and Mother; which is the first commandment with promise," *Ephesians 6:2*.

Being a Christian parent is more challenging than ever. Today's demands, stresses, and expectations can seem overwhelming and may distract parents from the basic fundamentals of family life. As our nation remembers our mothers today, let us with them pause, reflect, and give thanks for the significant impact that true Christian mothers can and do have on our society. □



Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Hill Roberts experienced an unfortunate fall from a step ladder yesterday. Thankfully he fell into a mulched area. But, he did strike his head and was pretty bruised. He elected to do to the ER. He is really sore but home. We are thankful that it was not worse.

Jim Risner had a bout with AFIB last week and was taken to the ER at Crestwood. He spent several hours there, but was released Wednesday afternoon. He remains in mild AFIB and is scheduled to see a Cardiologist on Friday of this week. Pray for **Jim** and those who are concerned for him.

Edith Turner has not been doing well in recent weeks. Your prayers for her are appreciated. It's hard watching her suffer at times. She is missed in our assemblies. Her family is so good to care for her needs. Remember them to the Lord, also.

Raymond Harbin, Maragem's son, has been moved to a nursing facility on Millennium Drive in NW Huntsville. Pray for him and for his family as they attend to him.

Peggy Monroe seems to have bounced back after her recent scare. We are glad to see that she is so much better. Please remember **Riley** and family in prayer.

Jimmy Harbin is doing good following his procedure. His mom, **Maragem** is about the same. **Debbie** has been having a really difficult time with back pain. Remember the Harbins to the Lord. They sure have a full plate!

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, remains on our prayer list as she

continues aggressive treatments to fight off her cancer.

Also, we continue to pray daily for **Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, as she also battles cancer.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette & Charlotte Hagewood.**

MOTHERS

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the wonderful mothers in our family here at Weatherly. Not only have they been amazing mothers to their own children, but also have graced our lives with their support and encouragement. We are blessed, indeed! Some of our women, though not mothers in the flesh, have been mothers and grandmothers in spirit to us and to our children. You, too, are cherished and loved!

Thank you one and all! May the Lord bless you and may His countenance shine upon you.

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Mike is continuing his series, **Cultivating Culture**. Today we will be exploring the "Culture of Participation." We are partners in the Lord's Kingdom and each has a critical role in His important work. Those roles are intended to expand with maturity. Join us as we talk about **Cultivating Participation at 9:30 am.**

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum class on **Big Bible Questions**. We hope to see you all. ☐

Fill-in the Blank

Michael W. McLemore

We are a nation of adjectives. We cannot just say something; we have to add descriptive words to make sure we get just the right sense of meaning in all that we are talking about.

That seems to be especially true when it comes to describing people. One person is good, while another is friendly. Someone is kindhearted; another is cruel. We are always describing people.

It is always interesting to me to hear how people describe their mother. Nearly every time, there is a description.

"She was a wonderful mother."

"She is a mother who is always there for us."

"She is a sweet lady."

"She is always thinking of others first."

And on and on it goes. We almost never simply say, "She's my mom!" We constantly add something to honor her.

Knowing that, moms need to ask how they are living their lives! What kind of description would others say about you? The virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 had children who "rise up and call her blessed" (v. 28), because she lived the right kind of life before them.

Moms, if your children were to write out what they think of you and leave blanks where the descriptive words go, how would you fill in those blanks? Your life will answer that question. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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, May 8

Welcome: Will Starks
Song Leader: Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer: Phil Shaver
Lord's Table Lead: Marty Hunt

Sermon: Mike McLemore
Cultivating Partnership
Closing Prayer: Will Patrick

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer: Ed Dill
Closing Prayer: Bobby Wright

Wednesday, May 11

Songs Leader: Bill Thompson
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Will Starks

Sunday, May 15

Welcome: Will Starks
Song Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Collis Terry
Lord's Table Lead: Steve Hagewood

Sermon: Mike McLemore
Cultivating Grace
Closing Prayer: Searcy Hall

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Phil Furlough
Closing Prayer: Phil Shaver

Wednesday, May 18

Songs Leader: Mel Ambrose
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: WD Patrick

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes March – June 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Fulfill Your Ministry
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Second Timothy
Mike McLemore

Serving in May

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

** Will Starks (5-1), Marty Hunt (5-8), Steve
Hagewood (5-15), Ed Dill (5-22), Tommy Hill (5-29)

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Mike McLemore

MAY BIRTHDAYS



5-8	Hill Roberts	5-9	Ruth Mitchell
5-11	Gail Franklin	5-12	Betty Dubose
5-14	Sarah Starks	5-17	Megan Caudle
5-20	Becky Shaw		

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