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BE CAREFUL!

Michael W. McLemore

A MEME featuring a dapper dressed Hollywood type from the 1960's caught my eye last week. You remember the look – tight fitting suit coat, short length, matching slim fit slacks, narrow at the ankle, hemmed slightly above the shoe. The quote was very telling and directly to the point: "Be careful calling 80 year old's out of touch. Your sons are wearing our clothes to prom!" That made me think of these words: "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun," *Ecclesiastes 1:9, ESV*. We have all heard it one way or another, "Hold on to what you have because what is old will be new again."

I was impressed with this truth several years ago when my dear friend and brother, Glenn Tomblin, always dressed to the nine's, entered the meeting house on a Sunday morning. I noticed his tie immediately, and asked where

he found it. His wife, Sharon answered rather sneeringly, "In his closet! He's had that for years." Sure enough, Glenn showed me the brand tag. He was wearing a 40 year-old tie. My mind went to Solomon's sage warning, "There is nothing new under the sun." But notice what followed, "Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new'? It has been already in the ages before us," *1:10*.

The MEME and the little lesson from my friend's tie reminded me that while younger generations believe they know best, it isn't true. What goes around comes back around. The failure to learn lessons today from those who've tried and failed in the past, leaves us destined to repeat their mistakes. Rather than chasing the wind, Wisdom says, "Let the wind come to us. It will." Solomon reminded, "Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind," *Ecclesiastes 4:6*. □

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PREACHING ON FUNDAMENTALS

By 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 constant reaffirmation of the truth on

these fundamental themes and others like them would keep the church strong and impervious to the insidious efforts of designing men to corrupt her and lead her into 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 fruition 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



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ruth Mitchell has an appointment with a neurosurgeon tomorrow. He will schedule her surgery following that visit. Please keep Ruth in your prayers as she deals with debilitating pain. We are trusting her care to the Lord and continue to pray for her relief.

Joanne Abernathy was diagnosed with COVID late last week. She feared that it was likely as her son, **Joseph**, and his wife had been diagnosed earlier. Please keep Joanne and her family in your prayers.

Hill Roberts was back with us Wednesday evening. We appreciated his reading of 2 Timothy as a conclusion of our latest adult class study. We are thankful that his accident was no worse than it was.

Jim Risner saw his cardiologist last week to address his latest bout with AFIB. Your prayers for Jim are solicited. No word yet as to what approach will be taken to get his heart back into its proper rhythm. We will pass that word as soon as we have it. In the meantime, pray for Jim and those who love him.

Carolynn Barr's sister-in-law, **Rachel Ranson**, died last Sunday. She was the wife of Carolynn's brother, **Mel Ranson**. They are members of the Oak Mountain church of Christ. Both of Carolynn's siblings have lost their spouses in the last few months. Please keep Carolynn and her family near your heart and in your daily prayers.

Edith Turner remains on our prayer list. She is missed in our assembly. Ask for her comfort from the nagging pain that she faces daily.

Please continue to pray for **Raymond Harbin, Maragem's** son. Pray for him and for his family as they attend to him.

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.**

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible Study begins promptly at 9:30 am. Mike will begin our study of Paul's letter to Titus with an introduction to that wonderful little book. We hope you'll be present.

Sunday morning worship begins at 10. Mike is continuing his series, **Cultivating Culture**. Today we will be exploring the "**Cultivating Grace**." Every child of God is the recipient of grace from our loving Father. We have been called to be "givers of grace." Join us as we talk about **Cultivating Grace** at 10:00 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.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7. Mike McLemore will be leading the auditorium class as we study **Titus, chapter 1**. We hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to participate. ☐

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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So Much More!

Michael W. McLemore

Faith is more than simple acceptance of testimony. It may be the beginning, but faith goes beyond, taking note or saying "I believe!" Faith finds its lodging in the heart of the hearer. Faith affects the life. Listen to Paul, when he wrote to the Thessalonians to tell them that Timothy was sent to, "establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith," *1 Thessalonians 3:2*. Note...

Paul knew they would suffer tribulations, and wanted to "learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain," *5*. If these Thessalonians had given ground, or drawn back, because of their trials, Paul would assign this to lacking faith. Timothy brought good tidings of their "faith and love," *6*, so Paul was "comforted about you through your faith," He said, "For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God," *8-9*.

Faith needs constant improvement. Despite the comforting assurance of Timothy, Paul prayed "most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith." *10*. Great faith is needed for such things as forgiveness of one who repeatedly wrongs us, and repeatedly asks forgiveness. In such a case even the apostles asked, "Lord, increase our faith," Luke 17:3-5. It's so much more! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	6:00 pm
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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, May 15

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

John 8:1-11

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Cultivating Grace

Closing Prayer: **Searcy Hall**

Sunday, May 22

Tommy Hill
Hill Roberts
Bill Thompson
Ed Dill

James 1:22-27

Mike McLemore
Cultivating Service

John Patrick

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

Mike McLemore

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Mike McLemore

Hill Roberts
Will Starks
Bill McCord

Wednesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 25

David Jacks
Mike McLemore
Collis Terry

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

