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The Real Test

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It is always easier to walk with the crowd, to agree when everyone else is agreeing, to go with the flow. However, it is how we stand in opposition that is often the real test of our faith in God.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,” *Ephesians 6:11*. To be a true Christian means to oppose evil. To stand with Christ often means to stand against people and ideas that are set against Him. While a Christian is to be patient and loving, he or she is not to be passive. A Christian is a soldier in a war.

Christ displayed such a character. While He was meek and gentle, He could also be aggressive and bold: “I tell you, no: but unless you repent you will all likewise perish,” *Luke 13:3*. “For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men,” *Mark 7:8*. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much

a son of hell as yourselves,” *Matthew 23:15*.

It was not that Jesus was trying to be offensive, but in standing for what was right it was necessary for Him to oppose certain beliefs, teachings, and even people. It was necessary to tell people what they needed to hear rather than what they wanted to hear.

How much do you believe in God? How much do you trust the Bible as God's word? How convinced are you that Jesus is God's Son? How committed are you to the Bible's standard of righteousness? If you are truly faithful to God and firm in your devotion to His will, then you must stand against what opposes these things.

It is easy to speak up for Christ when others are doing the same. The real test though comes when we must speak for Him when others are speaking against Him or His word. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind,” *2 Timothy 1:7*. □

SIX QUESTIONS Of Life for Young People!

ADAPTED

What kind of son or daughter will I be? The world says, “You are only young once, so enjoy it in every way you can.” This is easy for most to accept, because they want freedom from restraints. However, the Bible says, “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,” *Ecclesiastes 12:1*. Young people should be obedient and have consideration for their parents *Ephesians 6:1-3; Proverbs 10:1; 17:50; 25*. Parents are not, as some think, just old fogies trying to keep them from having a good time - but are mature and experienced in many of life's problems. It is wise for young people to heed the advice of their parents, *Proverbs 13:1*.

What kind of character shall I develop? “A good name is better than precious ointment,” *Ecclesiastes 7:1*. “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold,” *Proverbs 22:1*. It takes no planting, watering, or cultivating to grow weeds, nor does it take effort to grow worthless character. Careful attention and diligent effort are required for noble character. Young people, strive to build a good reputation by purity and godliness, and by being examples of the believers, *1 Timothy 4:12*.

Whom shall I choose as my associates? “Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits” *1 Corinthians 15:33*. “Evil companionships corrupt good morals” *1 Corinthians 15:33 ASV*. The counterpart of this is also true: Good companionships promote good morals. Young people should avoid the crowd that drinks, dances, tells dirty stories, uses curse

words, and laughs and pokes fun at people who serve God.

What will be my life's occupation? Much depends on the answer of this question. In far too many instances, though, too much emphasis is placed on money. “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” *Matthew 16:26*. Furthermore, one must be careful to choose an occupation that is honorable and legitimate. Dishonest gains and get rich schemes must be avoided. This may mean a smaller income; however, “Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right,” *Proverbs 16:8*.

Whom shall I marry? If there is ever a place for clear minds and true ideas, it is in marriage. God's laws must be understood, respected, and heeded *Matthew 5:32; 19:9*. Marriage is for life, *Romans 7:2-3; 1 Corinthians 7:39*. The best advice I can give to young people in choosing a mate is, “Marry a Christian.” Marry someone who will encourage you in the way of salvation. If that boy or girl cannot be converted before marriage, they may never be, and problems are only multiplied when children come along.

What shall I do with my life in relation to God? If you have never obeyed the gospel, you should answer, “I shall become a Christian.” Jesus said, “For whosoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed,” *Luke 9:26*. If you are already a Christian, you should answer, “I shall remain faithful.” Jesus said, “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved,” *Matthew 24:12-13*. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

At this printing **Mike McLemore** is preparing to go to Texas to be with his mother who was rushed to an east Texas hospital on Wednesday evening. She was intubated and put on a ventilator and is in the ICU after she stopped breathing. Subsequent tests revealed "a clot or series of clots" in one leg that resulted from her immobility. She underwent surgery on Thursday evening to address the clots. We will update her condition in the morning announcements. **Gwyn** was not able to go on the trip because their daughter, **Emily**, is about to deliver.

We were all thrilled to see **Hannah Harmon, Ron & Phyllis'** granddaughter, on Sunday. She is doing well after her procedure and is preparing to return to school at Auburn. Remember Hannah and her family in your daily prayers.

Becky Hill underwent her second round of Chemo this past week. We are praying that her side effects will be manageable. Pray for her comfort and for the benefit of the treatments. Your prayers for both **Becky & Tommy** are appreciated.

We are continuing to pray for our sister **Wanda Castleman** who is recovering from her recent surgery. We are thankful for her progress.

Donna Rovere remains on our prayer list as she battles cancer. Keep her and her husband, **Joe**, in your prayers.

Guy McDaniel continues his recovery at home. Your prayers for him are appreciated.

Mechi Hunt's sister, **Zoila Herring**, is continuing her Chemo. Prayers please.

The Stark's granddaughter, **Ciera Elledge**, remains on our daily prayer list. We are praying for the benefit from her medical care and for her well being.

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

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible class begins at 9:30. Mike's class on "Lessons for Today from Exodus" is on hold until his return. **Phil Shaver** will be teaching the auditorium class.

Sunday morning Worship begins at 10. In Mike's absence **Gary Patton** graciously consented to preach for us. We appreciate his willingness to stand in when needed. Please let him know how much we appreciate him.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for an open forum class. **Bill Thompson** is going to stand in on Sunday evening for Mike. Bill does a great job and will challenge us in our walk with the Lord. Plan to be present.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7 with our study of **the Book of Exodus**. We are scheduled to conclude the study this week. That will hinge on Mike's return.

A note from Mike: Thank you to **Tommy & Will** for their support as I deal with this family emergency. Also, thank you to all of those who step forward to help during times like this. We are so bless with these wonderful men. ☑

Tomorrow

Jimmy Tuten

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of advancement. Boasting of tomorrow is the lazy man's way of evading today's duties.

"Tomorrow" leaves more tasks undone, more books unread, more house uncleaned, more programs unlaunched, more resolutions unkept than any other factor in life.

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of the church. Our greatest liability is not our ignorance, or our unconcern, or our unwillingness, but "Tomorrow." More absentees have been neglected, more lessons have gone unprepared, more prospects have gone unlisted, more lost people have gone unsaved because of "Tomorrow." It is the great enemy of the soul. Where one man has died and gone to hell because he was an infidel, an agnostic, or an atheist, ten thousand have gone because they have counted on "Tomorrow."

"Tomorrow" is Satan's best scheme in keeping lost men lost. Yes, Satan knows he will never destroy your faith in the Bible or your belief in the love of God. He does not care when you realize that you are lost and need to be a Christian. He knows all of these things are of no avail to you if he can keep you waiting until "Tomorrow." ☑

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
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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, October 9

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Ed Dill**
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**

Sermon: **Gary Patton**
Revolutionary Living
Closing Prayer: **W.D. Patrick**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **TBA**
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

Wednesday, October 12

Songs Leader: **Phil Furlough**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Marty Hunt**

2022 Lectures Cancelled

Sunday, October 16

Will Starks
Hill Roberts
Marty Hunt
Collis Terry
Colossians 3:18-4:6
Mike McLemore
Revolutionary Living
John Patrick

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Bill Thompson
Alex Thompson
Dwight Ivey

Wednesday, October 19

Mel Ambrose
Mike McLemore
Phil Furlough

Quarterly Adult Classes June – September 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Lessons for Today from the Exodus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Exodus
Mike McLemore

Serving in October

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

** **Bill Thompson (10-2), Marty Hunt (10-9), Collis Terry (10-16), Phil Shaver (10-23), David Jacks (10-30)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Bill Thompson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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

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