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Don't Be Carried Away

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RIP CURRENTS are powerful, narrow channels of fast-moving water that are prevalent along the Gulf Coast. They can move at speeds of up to eight feet per second, faster than an Olympic swimmer. This force overwhelms panicked swimmers trying to swim straight back to shore — putting themselves at risk of drowning because of fatigue. This force of nature is mirrored in the spiritual realm.

Peter warns the Christians of his generation and beyond to be on guard against attitudes and ideologies that would “carry them away” from truth — “You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not **CARRIED AWAY** with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability, *2 Peter 3:17*. “Carried away” is the Greek *synapago*. The word describes the force or impulse that moves a person away from God, destined to be spiritually drowned as a result.

The apostle forewarned of the danger of following the impulse of a thing until one's life

begins to harmonize with it. Ironically Paul used the same term to describe Peter's unwholesome bias among the brethren in Galatia — “And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was **LED ASTRAY** by their hypocrisy,” *Galatians 2:13, emp. mine*. The lawless impulse carried Barnabas away from truth.

Swimmers overwhelmed by rip tides are told to swim horizontally to the shore line until they are free from its power. Christians would do well to heed the same advice — swim in the direction of the safety only found by praying for God's help, meditating on His word, repenting and turning to God through obedience. Practicing these spiritual disciplines defeats the powers of evil that carry us away, destabilizing our life.

No matter how far away from God you have drifted, He is waiting and longing for your return, *Luke 15:20*. Jesus assured every prodigal that you have a home. Whatever your drifting story, make this the day that you return. □



Jesus on Serving Two Masters

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The Lord warned His mountain side listeners, “No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon, *Matthew 6:24*. In this text, Jesus identifies the two masters men attempt to serve.

GOD — On one occasion, Jesus said that we should not call men Rabbi, Father, or Master, *Matthew 23:7-10*. Why should men not be called by these names? Obviously many do not know what Jesus said, or they do not understand its significance, or they are simply not interested in following His teaching. They use these words of men freely. Jesus explained why we should not use these titles: “For One is your Teacher,” “One is your Father,” “One is your Master.” We do not use such titles because they belong to God.

It is imperative that each individual determine the place God will hold in his life. Ask yourself this question: On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the most important in your life and 10 being the least important in your life, where is the Lord? It is sad but true, most people place God somewhere other than at the top of the scale. Even most religious people do not actually believe that Jesus must be the prime factor in their lives. This is the point Jesus made in Mark 12:28-30. He was asked, “Which is the first commandment of

all?” His reply was “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’”

MAMMON — The original word used means more than mere money. Vine says, “a common Aramaic

word for riches, akin to a Hebrew word signifying to be firm, steadfast, hence, that which is to be trusted.” *Volume III, 32*. Men have always put their trust in physical possessions. Eve trusted the forbidden fruit rather than God to make her wise. Cain trusted the fruit of the field rather than the commands of God to make his sacrifice acceptable. Solomon trusted in his riches rather than the teachings of God to make him happy.

Let's take a reality break. It is difficult to admit, but a dose of

honesty is not going to hurt and it might help. It is just too easy to push the Lord down the scale because of other things that we want. When we sleep late on Sunday morning we think God is supposed to understand. When we have to work so much we cannot study the Bible and pray, God is supposed to understand. Some are even heard to exclaim when they are unfaithful to their mate, drink alcohol, ad infinitum, “Only God knows what I'm going through.” We must acknowledge: “You cannot serve **GOD** and **MAMMON**.” whoever or whatever that is to you! □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Levi Tate Caudle



Levi Tate Caudle entered the world Thursday at 3:11 pm. Tate and mom, Megan, are doing great! He was 8 lbs. 11 oz. and 21 inches long. "He has been just the best little baby so far. And to say that big brother Cooper is super excited, would be an understatement. We are so blessed!"
Wes & Megan

Family Updates

Prayers:

Mike & Gwyn McLemore are grandparents again. Amanda & Jared Jimison's to-be-adopted daughter, Olivia Ann, was born at 12:08 am in Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday. Gwyn accompanied them on a late Friday night flight and is caring for Liam. Baby Olivia will need extra medical attention for a few days. We would covet your prayers.

Adelaide Hatcher is "doing everything with both hands" according to dad, Kirk. We are thankful that the surgery went well on her finger and that she should not suffer any further issue with it. Adelaide smashed her finger in a door on Monday of last week.

Riley Monroe is home doing as well as one could expect following knee replacement sur-

gery on Tuesday. He spent one extra night in the hospital as a precaution but came home Thursday. He even made a run to see Peggy yesterday. Pray for his recovery.

Please continue to remember the Jacks and Phillips families in prayer after the loss of sister Laura Jean Phillips.

Bruce Jansen was admitted to the hospital on Friday with a potentially very serious health concern related to muscle enzymes. At this printing he is still waiting on a room at Huntsville Hospital.

Becky Hill is doing well one week out from Chemo. We are praying for good days!

We are continuing to pray for Lorraine Tizola, wife of Jabulani. Thanks to the gracious financial assistance from Weatherly she was able to go home. The elders are continuing to receive reimbursement for the funds advanced to the Tizola's. If you would like to help, please see Will or Tommy.

Remember Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister, as you pray.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, is now dealing with another issue that had to wait until chemo was over. She has Mayomayo disease, which means that certain arteries in the brain are constricted, blocking blood flow that can lead to a stroke. Ciera must go to a surgeon in Stanford, California for this surgery, scheduled Jan 25-Feb 8, 2023. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

What Do I Owe?

Unknown

LOYALTY — I must help my local congregation carry out every good work it undertakes. I should help other congregations in special efforts, but I should not neglect my home congregation.

DEPENDABILITY — I am depending on it for many things it does in my behalf. It is not fair and right for me to depend on it and not be such that it cannot depend on me.

MONEY — It takes money to operate the church and preach the gospel. I'm responsible to the Lord to give as He has prospered me. My local church has first call on my financial ability, for if the members of the church do not support the work of the home congregation, it will not be supported. The expenses go on whether I am there or not, so I should make up my contribution when absent.

PRESENCE — If everyone stayed home there would be no worship of God. I am responsible as anyone to attend all of my congregation's services. I must not be a parasite, but rather add life to the body.

GODLY LIFE — The life I live either helps others to obey the gospel or makes it the harder for them. How I live effects the work of the church and the salvation of the lost. I should live in such a way that my life will be blessing to others. □

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes 7:00 pm

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Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, November 13 Sunday, November 20

Welcome:	Will Starks	Tommy Hill
Song Leader:	David Jacks	Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer:	Bill Thompson	Marty Hunt
Lord's Table Lead:	Tommy Hill	Steve Hagewood
	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon:	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
	The Midnight Cry	Buried Gifts
Closing Prayer:	Will Starks	Searcy Hall

Evening Worship Evening Worship

Bible Skillz	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Songs Leader:	David Jacks	Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer:	Phil Shaver	Alex Thompson
Closing Prayer:	Tommy Hill	Dwight Ivey

Wednesday, November 16 Wednesday, November 23

Songs Leader:	Phil Furlough	Hill Roberts
Invitation:	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer:	Wes Caudle	David Jacks

2022 Lectures Cancelled

Quarterly Adult Classes October – December 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
"What Can I Do?"
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Compassionate Christ
Mike McLemore

Serving in November

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
** Overseer ** Ed Dill (11-6), Tommy Hill (11-13), Steve Hagewood (11-20), Marty Hunt (11-27)

Communion Prep Building Lockup
David Jacks & Mike McLemore

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11-8	Julie Singleton	11-12	Madelyn Thompson
11-20	Riley Monroe	11-21	Miles Hagewood
11-25	Debbie Harbin	11-25	Amanda Stovall

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