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Combating Satan's Lies

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The world constantly pressures us to adopt a way of thinking that is contrary to God's Word. Christian faith is incessantly attacked in our generation in virtually every public forum. Unless one makes some effort to combat this onslaught of propaganda, he will fall victim to its debilitating poison. Satan wants Christians to accept his lies and, as a result, leave them vulnerable to temptation.

I'm sure a case could be made for many ways to address this onslaught of viciousness. Wouldn't you agree that one of the best ways to counter the Devil's attack is to fill the mind with Scripture? Memorizing scripture has become a lost art. Scripture needs to be fresh in our thinking, and flowing from the core of who we are. What better way than memorizing it? But, where do we start? Let me suggest a few things.

First, learn to exchange Satan's lies for God's truth. Focus on the areas in which you are most tempted.

Second, set small goals. Remember, the ultimate goal is not to memorize Scripture, but to live a godly life because you have God's Word "hidden in your heart."

Third, "if you don't use it, you lose it." Review your previously internalized passages on a regular basis. Implement a review system.

Fourth, personalize scripture. David did this in his psalms. "Lord, I choose to set my mind on things above and not on things on earth, for I have died and my life is hidden with Christ in God."

Finally, audibly recite God's word. Jesus did!

Christians get bombarded by daily pressures to adopt the standards of this world. Memorizing God's Word realigns our thoughts with the Lord's values and standards. Refreshing your mind with the His eternal perspective will help you resist the temptation to conform to the world, *Romans 12:2*. Then you won't be prey to Satan's lies. □

The Kingdom of God is WITHIN YOU!

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Christ, in replying to the Pharisees' misunderstanding of the nature of the kingdom, said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, lo, here! or, there! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you," *Luke 17:21*.

It is obvious that the nature of the kingdom is misunderstood by the religious world today. It is likewise abundantly obvious that many within the kingdom have no clear conception as to what it is all about – verily, some think it is "eating and drinking", unsuitably called fellowship. We can further narrow the view and find "faithful" members of "faithful" churches who do not seem to have the foggiest notion of what it means to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly," and who seem totally unaware of the importance of Hebrews 8:10: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and on their heart also will I write them: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." I was asked some time ago about the meaning of this passage, thus this piece arose from my deeper consideration of it.

The Savior expressed it in these words to the woman at the well: "...whosoever drinketh of the water that, I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life," *John 4:14*. Paul's words in Ephesians 6:6 also have a bearing upon the subject as he urged Christians to serve their employers "not...as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart..."

It is admitted that not all of these passages are dealing with the same subject in their context. But, I want us to notice that whatever subject is discussed, the in-

nermost feelings and motives of man are considered. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." How sorely needed is the disposition of members of the church to have the kingdom of God within them, and to have God's commandments in their hearts. How superficial and shallow is the kingdom in the lives of so many. We must understand, the kingdom of Christ is a "kingdom of souls."

Consider the person who absents himself from the assembling together of the saints to go fishing, to entertain company, or to voluntarily work for a little more money. Is the kingdom of God really within that person? Does the word of Christ dwell so richly within him that his every thought and deed is regulated by the will of the one who gave His own life for us? Is this the joyful expression of that well of water springing up within him unto eternal life? Is this the result of the fervent desire within that person to do the will of God from the heart? We know that it is not!

It is hard to express the thought that came to me that very day as I contemplated what it would be like if all the members of the kingdom really and truly had the kingdom of God within them. Think of the tremendous saving of time, energy, and effort that could then be put to use toward those who have not the gospel, and who have absolutely no hope of everlasting life!

Consider it seriously. Does the word of Christ dwell richly in your heart? Is the kingdom of God really with you? Do you love the Lord, or are you creating more work for others to do? Are you helping to solve problems, or are you a part of the problem? Are you working to save others, or are you helping them to be lost because time has to be taken from teaching them in order to keep you on the track? Consider it well, for eternity depends upon it. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Our Singing

Friday night's annual singing was a resounding success. 164 were present for our first singing since 2019. Our elders considered that an excellent response after such a long time away from any special events here at the building. Weatherly was very well represented by our own membership. Thank you for committing to the effort and being present. Many of you brought friends and/or family.

We want to say a special thank you to both **Hill Roberts & John Stokes** for their roles. Hill worked hard to make the stream perfect, even installing at least one new camera to capture the perfect angle for those watching online. As always John wears many hats: mixing the video, capturing sound and he will make the audio recordings for those who requested them.

Thanks is also in order for **Joanne Abernathy** who worked to have the building in tip top shape for the singing. She works hard week after week to keep everything nice.

Also, thanks to the elders, **Will & Tommy**, who graciously supported the planning of the singing, and Will who made sure we had cold water on hand for the participants. It was a great night. Thanks to all of you!

Family Updates

Prayers:

As expected **Jim Risner** was at worship last Lord's Day morning. He said, "I'm great!" Thanks for your prayers for him.

Jenny Jacks is recovering from COVID. It will take a bit for her to get her strength back. Again, thank you for your prayers.

Guy McDaniel continues in rehab. Please say his name to the Lord as you pray.

Ron Harmon remains at Regency undergoing daily rehab. We are continuing to pray that he will gain the needed strength to go home.

Jackie Taft, Betty Dubose's son-in-law, has been diagnosed with a form of Leukemia. Your prayers are solicited by the family.

Susan Watson's mother, **Janie Cheatham** remains on our prayer list. Say her name to the Lord as you pray daily.

Please remember **Ciera Elledge** in prayer. She will be undergoing tests soon.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister continues to have an interest in our prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragern Harbin, Betty Dubose & Harold Smith.**

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Tommy Hill** will continue his study: **Building Strong Homes**. We hope to see you all.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike's** lesson today is titled "Our Many Hats." We will explore Epaphroditus as a model for the Christian's role in the Church. The text will be **Philippians 2:25-30**.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotion. We hope you will plan to gather with us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his verse by verse study of the **Gospel of Mark**. Let's all be present. ☐

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 6, 2023

8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Lucas Hatcher	8-24	Marty Hunt
8-25	Ron Harmon	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-27	Bill McCord	8-28	Adelaide Hatcher

A Father's Prayer

Unknown

Build me a son, oh Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak...

and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid. One who will be proud and unbending in defeat...

but humble and gentle in victory... a son who will know that to know himself is the foundation stone of all true knowledge. Rear him.. I pray...

not in the paths of ease and comfort... but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm...

here let him learn compassion for those who fail. Build me a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men. Build me a son whose heart will be clean...

whose goal will be high. One who will learn to laugh... yet never forget how to weep. One who will reach into the future... yet never forget the past. And after all these are his...

add... I pray... enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious... yet never take himself too seriously... a touch of humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness... the open mind of true wisdom... the meekness of true strength. Then...

I... his father... will dare in the sacred recesses of my own heart... To whisper... "I have not lived in vain!" ☐

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TIMES OF SERVICES

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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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, August 13th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Lord's Table Lead: **Phil Shaver**
Philippians 2:25-30
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Our Many Hats
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Sunday, August 20th

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**
1 Samuel 15, 18 & 23
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
How to Fail as a Leader
Closing Prayer: **Searcy Hall**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**
Closing Prayer: **Will Patrick**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Closing Prayer: **Dwight Ivey**

Wednesday, August 16th

Songs Leader: **Phillip Dill**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Wednesday, August 23rd

Songs Leader: **Phill Furlough**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Jim Ehl**

Weatherly Heights Singing 2024 Lectures

TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Building Strong Homes
Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Gospel of Mark
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
** Overseer
** **Collis Terry (8-6), Phil Shaver (8-13), Marty Hunt (8-20), Phil Furlough (8-27)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Collis Terry

