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Abounding

Michael W. McLemore

Paul encouraged his Corinthian brethren and us by extension to be “always abounding in the work of the Lord,” *1 Corinthians 15:58*. He is not demanding that we must be engaged each and every moment of our lives doing some item of Heaven’s work, rather that our efforts be constant, continual and steady. Consider three characteristics which should be reflected in our service.

WILLING SERVICE — The reason many fail at doing the Lord’s work is that they simply are uninterested. Peter said, “as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word,” *1 Peter 2:2*. In order for one to grow in the knowledge of God’s Word, he must first desire to know more. In the matter of personal growth, willingness must drive our ambition. Should not willingness characterize every aspect of our divine service?

FERVENT SERVICE — The term “fervent” comes from a word which in the original language meant “heated as to boiling.” Paul

exhorted the Romans to be “fervent in spirit,” *Romans 12:11*. Our activity in service to Christ is therefore encouraged to the fervency of briskly rolling boiling water. This fervency of spirit is often demonstrated in the service of the newborn Christian. We need to recapture it if we are to abound in the work of the Lord.

FIRST PLACE SERVICE — Christ said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,” *Matthew 6:33*. Service to Christ has first place in the lives of faithful Christians. His/her interests are not divided. Only when the Lord comes first and everything and everyone else comes later can we serve God acceptably. Faithful daily commitment to His work invites His blessing and multiplies our value in His work.

“Be ye steadfast and unmovable in faith” said Paul. Put forward the unceasing and constant effort to produce the kind of service described in God’s word. Then, indeed, we can all abound in His work!

SOLID, SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

Dee Bowman

We live in troubled times. Life seems full of holes. Everywhere you look there are problems. Political problems, social problems, racial problems, problems in the home, in the business world, in the medical community. No matter where you look there are problems. Life is just full of holes. It’s hard to know what’s going on. There are bumps, curves, potholes and trash in the streets. There are stop signs run, and speed limits violated. And honesty? It has suffered damage in almost every area of life.

As if that weren’t enough, along comes the catastrophic invasive coronavirus pandemic. Never in the recent history of mankind has there been such a world-wide invasion. Every nation has been infected by the virus. It has disrupted world trade, travel, and politics. The health of every community in the world has been sorely affected. People don’t know which way to go, where to turn, what to say, what to wear. We hide out from the invasion only to turn and face it again. It has not only affected health and welfare, it has affected attitudes and dispositions of every person. We turn to face the difficulty and find it where we turn. It is confusing. We ask what can we do, where we can go, how to overcome. The frustrations continue, perplexities persist.

The world is in a mess. What do we do?

The answer to the question for the Christian is not as difficult as one might expect. The fog around us is lifted when we turn to the Lord for the answer. I would like to suggest three things to help us be wise small in the midst of all this conflagration.

First, we have to face in the right direction. In *Proverbs 4:25*, the wise man said “Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.” This world is not our home, but we must endure

it while “looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.” For the faithful Christian there is a home beyond this world where there are no conflicts, no disorder, no sickness and death. “Set your affection on things above and not on things on the earth, for you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ and God. When Christ, who is our life, will appear, then you shall also appear with Him in glory,” *Colossians 3:2-4*. It is imperative that we look up to God for strength and stability during these turbulent times. “For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken,” *Proverbs 3:26*.

Second, we must look up to better things. Do right. One day things will be better. Hope is our mentor. It reaches into the future and attaches itself to something glorious, something free from doubt. Something permanently pleasant. The Hebrew writer calls it “the anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil,” *Hebrews 6:19*.

Finally, to live a good life in the midst of the ever present daily trials, we must come to realize that death is inevitable, no matter how it comes, and judgment is coming. Ultimately, things will be straight, hurt will be gone, disease will be no more. There will be no crying, no sadness, because if you live a good life, heaven will be your home and all things will be good. “Those things which you have both learned, and received, and heard and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you” *Philippians 4:9*. One day things will be different, so don’t forget where you are going.

“Let your conversation be without covetousness: be content with such things as you have: for He hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, so that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me,” *Hebrews 13:6-7*.



Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

Ron Harmon was released Regency on Friday. He is doing very well considering. They were even able to go out for lunch at one of Ron's favorite places yesterday. Prayers are powerful. We are so excited that Ron has recovered so much of his former strength. Remember **Ron & Phyllis** to the Lord.

Betty Dubose updated us on her son-in-law, **Jackie Taft**, yesterday. I felt it would be the best way to relay his current situation. "Jackie seems to be doing a little better. The doctors have gotten him to a point where he could be at home with Hospice care. They are waiting on Hospice to get someone who can treat him at home. We thank everyone so much for their prayers, please continue them." Please especially remember Jackie's wife, **Shirley**, and son, **Michael**.

Peggy Childress has an interest in our prayers. She is still struggling with a bad cough, weight loss and not eating much. They are going for a test on August 23rd. Your prayers for her are requested and greatly appreciated.

Will & Sarah Starks sent us this news about their granddaughter, **Ciera Elledge**. Ciera received good news on Friday. Her scan showed all of the tumors responded to treatments and had shrunk. Thanks for answered prayers. Keep praying. *Will & Sarah*.

We were all excited to see **Jenny Jacks** last Sunday. This was her third bout with COVID. We are thankful that she's better.

Guy McDaniel was released from rehab last Saturday and has moved in with his daughter, Tabitha and her family. He's doing very well

according to **Joanne Abernathy**. Your prayers are appreciated.

The **Ambrose** family had strep invade the household last week. **Knox** was diagnosed Wednesday. The fear was that it might go through their entire family. We pray that it will not. **Mel** reports that they are almost back to normal. We are thankful. Remember their family to the Lord.

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

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, Maragem 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 "How to Fail as a Leader." We will be observing traits in Israel's first king, Saul, who was an abysmal failure. Our goal is to grow in our own character in order to be effective in the Lord's service. The text will be **1 Samuel, chapters 15, 18, & 23**

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



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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

Happiness

Michael W. McLemore

A BRAHAM LINCOLN once said, "Most people are about as happy as they choose to be." Coming from a man who knew one heartache and disappointment after another that is an interesting statement.

A common philosophy is often observed that suggests unless everyone is treating me the way I want to be treated, unless life is going my way, unless I have all that I want, I can't be happy. As a result many people are not happy and at peace.

The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes teaches another approach to life. If you want an honest description of the harshness of life, then look no further than this ancient book. Again and again in Ecclesiastes the writer comments on the injustices, frustrations, and disappointments of life. Yet, over and over he advises his readers to do the same thing... rejoice. "I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor - it is the gift of God," *Ecclesiastes 3:12-13*.

The Bible does not advocate naïveté. The Lord does want us to enjoy life. In spite of our circumstances, as grim as they may be, we can be happy. Choosing happiness sounds foreign to some, but the Bible says it "can be done." This is only possible in faithful living. Then, no matter what is happening around you, you can rejoice. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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 20th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
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**

Sunday, August 27th

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Bill Thompson**
Lord's Table Lead: **Phil Furlough**
Ephesians 4:25
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Invaluable Truth
Closing Prayer: **Wes Caudle**

Evening Worship

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

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

Wednesday, August 23rd

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

Wednesday, August 30th

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Alex Thompson**

Weatherly Heights Singing 2024 Lectures

May 2-5, 2024
Speakers 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

