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Twice Mine!

Michael W. McLemore

I once read a story of the little boy who built a sailboat. He built the sail and had it all fixed up, tarred and painted. He took it to the lake and pushed it in hoping it would sail. Sure enough a wisp of breeze filled the little sail and it billowed and went rippling along the waves. Suddenly before the little boy knew it, the boat was out of his reach, even though he waded in fast and tried to grab it. As he watched it float away, he hoped maybe the breeze would shift and it would come sailing back to him. Instead he watched it go farther and farther until it was gone. When he went home crying, his mother asked, "What's wrong, didn't it work?" And he said, "It worked too well."

Some time later, the little boy was downtown and walked past a second hand store. There in the window he saw the boat. It was unmistakably his, so he went in and said to the proprietor, "That's my boat." He walked to the window, picked it up and started to leave with it. The

owner of the shop said, "Wait a minute, Sonny. That's my boat. I bought it from someone." The boy said, "No, it's my boat. I made it. See." And he showed him the little scratches and the marks where he hammered and filed. The man said, "I'm sorry, Sonny. If you want it, you have to buy it." The poor little guy didn't have any money, but he worked hard and saved his pennies. Finally, one day he had enough money. He went in and bought the little boat.

As he left the store holding the boat close to him, he was heard saying, "You're my boat. You're twice my boat. First you're my boat 'cause I made you and second you're my boat 'cause I bought you!"

If you ever think that you aren't worth much and if you think you're cheap, just remember what God thinks of you. He thinks you're His. Twice His. First you're His because He made you. And second you're His because He bought you on the cross. He paid a price to redeem you. □

A Greater Desire

By Michael W. McLemore

I have heard many different versions of the following story. This particular version comes from "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

There once was an eager student who wanted to gain wisdom and insight. He went to the wisest of the town, Socrates, to seek his counsel. Socrates was an old soul and had great knowledge of many things. The boy asked the town sage how he too could acquire such mastery. Being a man of few words, Socrates chose not to speak, but to illustrate.

He took the young man to the sea and, with all of his clothes still on, walked straight out into the water. He summoned the pupil who gingerly followed his instruction and walking into the sea. Finally — the water just below their chins — without saying a word, Socrates reached out and put his hands on the boys shoulders. Looking deep into his student's eyes, Socrates pushed the student's head under the water with all his might.

A struggle ensued, just before the boy began to drown, Socrates released his captive. The boy raced to the surface sand, gasping for air and choking from the salt water, looked around for Socrates in order to seek his retaliation on the sage. To the student's bewilderment, the old man was already patiently waiting on the shore. When the student arrived on the sand, he angrily shouted, "Why did you try to kill me?" The wise man calmly retorted with a question of his own: "Boy, when you were underneath the water, not sure of you would live to see another day, what did you

want more than anything in the world?"

The student took a few moments to reflect, then went with his intuition. Softly he said, "I wanted to breathe." Socrates, now illuminated by his own huge smile, looked at the boy comfortingly and said, "Ah! When you want wisdom and insight as badly as you wanted to breathe, it is then that you shall have it."

There is much of a spiritual nature that we do not receive because we don't want it enough. But, when we desire a knowledge of God's word, when we desire a close relationship with God, when we desire wisdom (the ability to make good decisions) to such extent that those things take first priority, when we truly want them more than anything else in the world, then they lie within our grasp.

Our problem often is that we desire them, but we also desire many other things. That's why Jesus told to rich young ruler to sell everything and follow him, *Mark 10:21*. He wanted to see how strong the young man's desire was. "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it,'" *Matthew 16:24-25, NASB*.

Let's confess our failures, putting off the distractions that prevent us from having a close relationship with God. Let's be praying for strength to want His things more! □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

Jenny Jacks thankfully does not have pneumonia as once feared. Tests revealed an infection that is being treated with medication and rest. Please remember Jenny to the Lord in prayer as she regains her strength.

Ron Harmon was with us for worship on both Sunday and Wednesday evenings. We are thrilled to see him doing so well. **Phyllis** said, "He is better than he has been for some time." He's worked hard to get back. Your prayers for **Ron & Phyllis** are very much appreciated.

Peggy Childress was admitted to Vanderbilt last Wednesday. She has Norovirus and is not doing well at all. She left the hospital yesterday but is on oxygen and meds. Prayers please.

Will & Sarah Starks were exposed to COVID at a family reunion in Kentucky last Sunday. They quarantined for the week but never demonstrated symptoms. We are thankful.

Elaine Dorris continues to have an interest in our prayers. She is very slowly recovering from her injury some weeks ago. It is still very painful and limits her mobility dramatically. Your prayers for both **Elaine & Gordon** are requested and cherished.

We still have no date for **Bill McCord's** knee replacement surgery. Please remember his name to the Lord as you pray this week.

Betty Dubose's son-in-law, **Jackie Taft**, remains on our prayer list. He is under hospice care at home. Your prayers for Jackie's wife, **Shirley**, and son, **Michael**, are greatly appreciated by **Betty, Sharon & Sharon**.

The **Ambrose** family was able to be back

with us on Sunday. We are happy their "strep-invasion" didn't impact the rest of the family. Thank you for your prayers.

We are continuing to pray for other brother, **Guy McDaniel**, former Weatherly evangelist. He is staying with his daughter and her family. Your prayers are appreciated.

The **Starks & Elledge** families continue to rejoice in **Ciera's** recent good news. We will update you on where she goes from this point when we have that information. Please continue to remember this young family to the Lord in prayer.

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 "Invaluable Truth" from **Ephesians 4:25**.

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 & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 27, 2023

8-27	Bill McCord	8-28	Adelaide Hatcher
9-1	Leslie Patrick	9-14	Brooke Hatcher
9-20	Sophia Hunt	9-25	LaNelle Patrick
9-28	Doris DeCelles		

It is Finished!

Michael W. McLemore

While two visitors were visiting Annapolis, they noticed several students

on their hands and knees assessing the courtyard with pencils and clipboards in hand. "What are they doing?" one of them asked their tour guide.

"Each year," he replied with a grin, "The upperclassmen ask the freshmen how many bricks it took to finish paving this courtyard."

"So what's the answer?" one of the visitors asked the tour guide when they were out of earshot of the freshmen.

The guide replied, "One." That brings up an interesting question.

How many sacrifices did it take to finish paying for our sins? The Jews would have needed lots of pencils and clipboards to make the calculation. "Let's see, let's take all the sin offerings, all the guilt offerings, the bulls, the goats, the lambs, the turtledoves."

So what's the answer? How many sacrifices did it take to finish paying for our sins? Only one, *Hebrews 10:12*.

After thousands and thousands of sacrificial animals had been sacrificed, Jesus Christ gave his own life on the cross. Only then could it be said, "It is finished," *John 19:30*. ☐

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 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**

Sunday, September 3rd

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Shaver**
Lord's Table Lead: **Ed Dill**
Isaiah 55:1-13
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Food for Life
Closing Prayer: **Doyle Wray**

Evening Worship

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

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

Wednesday, August 30th

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

Wednesday, September 6th

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Dwight Ivey**

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 September

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

** Ed Dill (9-3), Steve Hagewood (9-10),
Tommy Hill (9-17), Bill Thompson (9-24)

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Lynn Franklin

