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The Courage to Stand

Michael W. McLemore

Walking with the crowd is easy. It's simple to follow. The crowd tends to flow in a path of least resistance. Standing in opposition is another matter. It tests us on virtually every level. Virtue is standing for the right, no matter what.

Paul wrote to the Ephesians "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" *Ephesians 6:11*. Living as a child of God is living a life antithetical to evil. It often requires standing against people and ideas that are aligned against God. That is never easy.

Jesus displayed this 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," *Matt 23:15*.

Jesus' motive was not to be offensive. He upheld right and thereby opposed certain beliefs, teachings, and even people. He gave the response that the people of His generation needed to hear. It was often not necessarily what "they wanted to hear."

The spirit of this age is more and more nearly replicating that of Jesus' and Paul's. We are no longer surrounded by people who share a fundamental faith that "God is" and that "Jesus is His Son." The idiomatic phrase seems to fit: "This isn't Kansas anymore!"

It's easy to stand for Christ when others are doing the same. But, the day will come early and often when defending the will of God will set the Christian at odds with others. Be prepared! Remember, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind," *2 Timothy 1:7*. □

Bill Robinson, Jr.

In our culture where relativism is the prevailing philosophy, life is viewed as little more than a bundle of contradictions existing in a morass of confusion. In an odd and most horrifying way, man's inhumanity to man seems to plummet to new depths with every news report of violence. Yet, for all of this, the wisdom writer reminds us, "Concerning the conditions of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals" (*Ecclesiastes 3:18*). This passage speaks to the free choices of men whose only concern is this earth-life and who do not acknowledge any moral accountability before God. Even so, such horror of man's abuse of his free will, should serve as a reminder for all those who abhor such choices to look beyond this world to God for guidance. Only then, can we put the inexplicable violence of our day in proper perspective.

Having said this, we also acknowledge much of what passes for signs pointing to God in the religious world often leaves men confused and estranged from God. This is due in large measure because the religion of our day has moved itself along on the ever shifting winds of the doctrines of men. Thus, rather than point men heavenward to God through the Lord Jesus Christ and His teaching found in the Bible it has anchored men to this world by exalting their party or their denomination. Is this not the Lord's point to the religious of His day when He rebuked their hypocrisy calling to their mind the words of Isaiah the prophet saying, "These people draw near to Me but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (*Matthew 15:8-9*).

The competing schools of religious thought and traditions had left the people confused and disillu-

sioned. Yet Jesus did not see it as a hopeless, or at best a merely tolerable, situation. In fact, when Jesus came to the multitudes and saw them as shepherd less sheep, "He began to teach them" (*Mark 6:34*). If the Son of God, who came to reveal the will of God, saw the harried conditions of humanity and was moved to teach them how can we today do any better than to listen and follow His teaching?

The message of Christ cannot succeed in the lives of men if they will not study and practice it. Those professing to be followers of Christ must hear and heed the message in their own lives. Only then will others, who otherwise may not be inclined, examine the probative value of our living hope in God's word and the Christ who makes it real (*1 Peter 1:3; James 1:19-21*). The apostle Paul reminded the Christians at Corinth, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart" (*2 Corinthians 3:2-3*). Thus, it is to this end, namely that others would see Christ in us, that we are exhorted and admonished to study.

To see Christ in a person is to see a life rich in hope and filled with purpose. This life of hope and purpose does not exist in a vacuum apart from the world. It is able to give its fullest expression, as it is confronted by the world and overcomes its challenges, living and walking in the Spirit (*Galatians 5:24,25*). One is not less of a person for having yielded to the Spirit of God. To the contrary, one is never more like that real person created in the image of God than when he/she has been made whole again, crowned with glory and honor in Christ our Savior (*Hebrews 2:9-10*). □



Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Debbie Harbin's surgery is tomorrow. She will have two procedures. This will require a few days to complete and weeks of recovery. Please pray earnestly for a positive outcome. Our Lord will hear if we will pray!

Dot Summers will undergo surgery Tuesday at **Cancer Center of Huntsville, 201 Governors Drive**. The surgery is schedule for 8 am. Your prayers for Dot are requested. This will be the first in a series of efforts to address her breast cancer. We are trusting Dot's care to the Lord.

Harold Smith was released from Crestwood Hospital on Monday. He is doing better and we are grateful. Say his name in prayer.

Peggy Shelton remains on our prayer list. She's had a difficult few weeks. Your efforts to encourage her are very meaningful.

Louis Garrett was back with us Wednesday evening for Bible study. He was missed in our assembly. The medication seems to be helping to get him back to his normal strength. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Continue to pray for **Judy McMinn's** family. Her loss will be keenly felt by that family.

Your prayers for the **Terry & Brewer families** are greatly cherished in the loss of **Lona Mae Brewer**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Barbara Woodard
Glenda Cavender
Pam (West) Davis
Bill Thompson
Marty (Roberts) Haselden

Melvin Godette
Ken Cavender
Laura Phillips
Betty Reavis

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Mike Coward	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-25	Ron Harmon
8-25	Ben Little	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-28	Adelaide Hatcher		

New "Young" Baby

Robert Alan "Ray" Young was born Monday, August 12th at 11:10 am to **Matt & Melody Young**. Ray was 19.5 inches and weighed 8 lbs, 11 ounces. Both mother and son are doing well. They arrived home on Wednesday afternoon. Your prayers for and encouragement of the Youngs are treasured. You may write to Matt, Melody and Ray at...



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Liam Jimison's Big Day

Liam wants you to know that the final gavel will fall at 1 pm. on Tuesday, August 12th that says **Jared & Amanda Jimison** are my parents! "This day has been long anticipated and we could not be more thrilled. It would be impossible for our family to thank you for all of your encouragement during this long process. Liam has stolen our hearts and we can't wait to watch him grow up. Please join with us as we celebrate his adoption becoming official. **The McLemore & Jimison family**"

Group Three Meeting

Group Three, led by **Murray Castleman** will meet tonight immediately after evening worship. Please make plans to be present.

Just Pretend

Michael W. McLemore

A married couple enjoyed their fishing boat together. The husband was always behind the wheel operating the boat., but became concerned about what might happen in an emergency. One day out on the lake he said to his wife, "Take the wheel, dear. Pretend that I'm having a heart attack. Get the boat safely to shore." She guided the boat to shore.

Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching television. She sat down next to him, switched the channel, and said to him, "Go into the kitchen, dear. Just pretend I'm having a heart attack. Set the table, cook the dinner, and wash the dishes."

"Just pretending" may seem a silly exercise. But, the seriousness of meeting God and preparing for its reality is far from silly. Jesus' brother asked for precisely this form of introspection:

"Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:13-14).

Daily living requires a degree of seriousness that may make us more than a bit uncomfortable. Coming from a guy who speaks from experience; just pretend for a moment that you are having a heart attack. Are YOU prepared for eternity? ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes 7:00 pm

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Ron Harmon **Kirk Hatcher**
David Jacks **Ben Little**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, August 18

Welcome: Forest Summers
Song Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Ron Holland
Scripture Reading: Searcy Hall

John 17:1-11
Sermon: Mike McLemore
Let Them Be One, Father!
Closing Prayer: Steve Hagewood

Sunday, August 25

Welcome: Forest Summers
Song Leader: Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer: David Jacks
Scripture Reading: Gene Preston

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Sermon: Mike McLemore
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Closing Prayer: Jim Ehl

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Forest Summers
Closing Prayer: Phil Shaver

Evening Worship

Jared Jimison
Singing Hill Roberts
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday, August 21

Songs Leader: Mike Coward
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Louis Garrett

Wednesday, August 28

Bill Thompson
Mike McLemore
Terry Barnett

Group 3

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

TBA

Group 4

Quarterly Adult Classes
July — September 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

More Lessons from Isaiah

Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Philippians: "God Blessed Me With You"

Mike McLemore

Serving in August

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

Riley Monroe
Jeremy Leshko
Jimmy Harbin
Will Starks **

Marty Hunt
Phil Shaver
Wes Caudle
Jim Risner

Lord's Supper PM Ron Harmon ** John Stokes

Communion Prep Building Lockup Gwyn McLemore & Amanda Jimison Kirk Hatcher

