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For Liam

Michael W. McLemore

Children are the natural desire of the human heart. Husbands and wives long for someone to call their own. The child is generally the fruit of their own love and affection. Yet, sometimes children come into our family at the end of the long, hard fought journey of adoption.

The joy of being a parent is keen and common, almost universal. The wise author of Proverbs said that it pure and good. It is God's will, and that they are a glory to their father, a crown to their grandfathers, *Proverbs 17:6*.

Children enlarge the souls of those about them, taking thought away from self, focusing on another. In doing so, children distinctly benefit and bless parents and grandparents. And, like all pure joys, it is lasting, not evaporating with time. On the contrary, it deepens and grows as the child of its affections matures and ages. The affection only grows more tender in the heart of their admirers. Too, it is renewable in other generations. Grandfathers and

grandmothers have almost as much delight in the grandchildren as do their own parents.

Children are a reward from God — His blessing. A house is made a home, when it has been blessed with the desire of two loving hearts. It is often the things for which two loves have longed and waited.

Parenthood can be the source of grievous disappointment and the saddest sorrow, *Proverbs 17:21,25*. The depth of anguish is measured in the proudness of our own affections. Here parents must themselves remain circumspect, for what our children become in spirit and character may be a direct impress of who we are. Ours is a noble opportunity. By kindness and piety, wisdom and virtue, we lead our children into the gates of the kingdom of Christ, toward divine service and commitment.

“You are the glory of your parents, and a crown to your grandparents. May God bless us in rearing you.” □

The Wise Man Built His House on the Rock!

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As the discourse commonly called the “Sermon on the Mount” drew to a close, Jesus made a contrast between those who do His will and those who merely hear it. He simply said the first is wise and the latter is foolish, and to help illustrate and to make the teaching memorable, He employed a parable about two builders. His teaching is not complex, but it is profound; in fact, *Matthew 7:24-27* has been fashioned into a simple children’s song. My first introduction to this text, as yours may also have been, was that song.

Two recurring themes in the mountain message are the need for us to have good works and to respond favorably to the word of God. Much of Matthew 5 is used to combat the misuse of the Law by the religious leaders. Matthew 6 reveals that we must set aside our worries and trust the Lord, seeking His kingdom and righteousness. Matthew 7 begins with the need for us to handle God’s word in a responsible way.

In the middle of Matthew 7, the Lord tells us three things about our pursuit of a heavenly home. First, the way to heaven is narrow, *7:13-14*. Second, some teach a way contrary to the Lord’s, *7:15-20*. Third, we will have no hope of heaven if we do not do God’s will, *7:21-23*.

With this background, Jesus speaks of the two possible retorts to His word: those who hear and do, and those who hear and do not do.

The Wise Man

To hear and do the will of God is wise. Jesus portrays such a person as one who chooses to build his house on the rock. This is not a pebble or a small stone (Gr. petros),

but a mass of rock, bedrock (Gr. petra). The same word is used of Jesus, *1 Corinthians 10:4* and the confession of Him as the Christ, *Matthew 16:16-18*.

A house built on bedrock is secure. Its foundation will not be swept away by a flood of water, nor will it be easily shaken by the wind. So it is with those who have placed their confidence in Christ, and demonstrate such through obedience to the word of God.

The Foolish Man

To hear and not do the will of God is foolish. Jesus pictures such a person as one who chooses to build his house on the sand. This house is not even built on the petros (pebbles), but on ammos, sand as on the beach.

Beaches are great for early morning walks, searching for seashells and for building sand castles, but it is not a good place to build a house. Sand is not a good foundation. Have you ever heard someone speak of something being “set in sand”? Things that are set in sand are swept away. A house built on the sand will not stand. Neither will the one stand who claims confidence in Christ, but does not show it by faithful obedience to the word of God. Jesus said of the house, “...great was its fall.” Of how much greater magnitude is the fall of a soul due to his neglect of God’s word?

The children’s song based on this text tells us to build our lives on the Lord Jesus Christ. It associates the blessings of God with our fervent prayers. We must live and pray as we should - if we do as we should, we can certainly have confidence that God will do as He has promised. □

Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Debbie Harbin is recovering following two extensive multi-part surgeries to stabilize her back and attempt to provide relief from months of severe pain. She remains in our prayers as she endures the "surgical sight" pain that is to be expected from such an arduous procedure. Say her name to the Lord.

Dot Summers has the surgery behind her and has very little discomfort. She received good news from the biopsies and will see the surgeon for follow-up in a few days. At that time an appointment will be scheduled with an oncologist for recommendations on cautionary radiation and hormone therapy. Thank you for your continuing prayers.

Harold Smith was with us Sunday. It was good to see him. Pray for **Harold & Margaret**.

Peggy Shelton has been able to be back. Ask for her comfort as she wrestles with recent discomfort in her feet.

Melody Young spent a couple of days in the hospital this week. A complication following delivery of Matt & Melody's son, Ray, led to a trip to the ER. She is home resting now and monitoring her blood pressure closely. She will be on bed rest for a few days. Pray for them.

Funeral services will be held for **Bobby Ray Sneed** Monday at 11 am. at Greenview Memorial Chapel in Florence. Bobby was a long time member of the College View church of Christ in Florence. He passed away Thursday. **Bob & Martha** were friends of many here at Weatherly, and are the parents of **Janice Schrimsher's** daughter-in-law, **Whitney**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Barbara Woodard	Melvin Godette
Glenda Cavender	Ken Cavender
Pam (West) Davis	Laura Phillips
Betty Reavis	Marty Haselden

Two Families Moving

Ben, Laura, Kate, Henry & Thomas Little are relocating to the Florence area in the next couple of weeks. Ben is opening a new office for his law firm. We are saddened by the news but rejoice that they will be near family. Their influence upon our family has been profound.

Also, **Terry & Peggy Childress** have sold their home in SE Huntsville and will be returning to their farm in Fayetteville. They have been a radiant light among us and they will be missed greatly.

77 Years on the Way to Forever

Don & Lane Roberts will be celebrating their 77th wedding anniversary on September 3rd. The two wed on that date in 1942. They are remarkable in so many ways. Reaching this true milestone in marriage is worthy of celebration. The Roberts' are people of great faith and they are to be esteemed. We have included their address if you would like to write.

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Group Four Meeting

Group Four, led by Ron Harmon will meet tonight immediately after evening worship. Please make plans to be present.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



August 25, 2019

8-25	Ron Harmon	8-25	Ben Little
8-26	Kirk Hatcher	8-28	Adelaide Hatcher
9-5	Kim Barnett	9-8	Melissa Skinner
9-9	Anna Skinner	9-14	Brooke Hatcher
9-14	Henry Little	9-17	Aurora Leshko

Happy Homes

Adapted

Our homes are being assaulted from every side. Many are failing in want of a firm foundation. The results are becoming increasing apparent. Unhappy homes abound. It invites the question, how can I make a happy home?

MAKE GOD ITS CENTER

After all, He originated it and He deserves a place in it. Remind yourselves - He is there with you at all times. Let the thought of Him influence your treatment of each other and shape every family priority.

LOVE YOUR SPOUSE

And tell it! It is reassuring to even the very best relationships to know there's love in it. Learn to express your affection. Spend time together and keep your relationship strong.

LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN

I mean really listen. Sit down and let them say what's on their mind. All of us like to be heard occasionally. Let each child know you will always listen.

EAT TOGETHER

Plan at least one meal each day with the whole family. No TV or cell phone. Give thanks to God. Enjoy your meal. Talk. Smile and laugh TOGETHER!

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

Your children will only be there for a short time. Give each moment the best treatment you can give it while it lasts. Enjoy every day with your family while you are together. Make memories you can treasure for a lifetime. ☐

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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Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood
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 25

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

Luke 2:41-52
Sermon: *Mike McLemore*
My Child Asked About Baptism
Closing Prayer: *Jim Ehl*

Sunday, September 1

Tommy Hill
Charles Hill
Ben Little
Jim Ehl

Ephesians 1:3-14
Mike McLemore
Lord, Be Glorified
Nick Holland

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz *Mike McLemore*
Songs Leader: *Singing*
Opening Prayer: *Hill Roberts*
Closing Prayer: *Kirk Hatcher*

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Charles Hill
Will Starks
Jim Risner

Wednesday, August 28

Songs Leader: *Bill Thompson*
Invitation: *Mike McLemore*
Closing Prayer: *Terry Barnett*

Wednesday, September 4

Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Terry Childress

Group 4

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Group 1

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 September

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender	Phil Furlough
** Overseer	Dwight Ivey	John Besherse
	Kirk Hatcher	Ryan Patrick
	Collis Terry **	Jerry Mitchell

Lord's Supper PM	Gene Preston **	Terry Childress
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Communion Prep Building Lockup	Petra Carter
	John Stokes

