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The Profound Mystery

Michael W. McLemore

When Paul writes in Ephesians 5:32, "This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church," he is not saying that I've been speaking of marriage, but I'm actually talking about the church. Neither is he saying that it is too profound to understand. He is not suggesting marriage or the church to be an enigma. Instead, Paul points back to the garden paradise and reveals the intended meaning of the profound mystery of the ages — marriage.

On that first wedding day in the lush paradise of Eden, God brought the woman that He had made perfectly suited to Adam and said, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh," *Genesis 2:24*. Paul explains the profound mystery of the Ages to his Ephesian readers, saying, "this was man's first image of the church that is to come."

For millennia young men and women from all over the world, across cultures and societies, have married. But, God didn't design marriage the way it is for no reason. It was never solely about procreation, or even compan-

ionship. God had something more profound than a best friend in mind. From the beginning He has been revealing the good news of "Christ and His church" through the lens of marriage.

In marriage the Holy Spirit arranged for us to daily experience what it means to be "joined to Christ," to "hold fast," or literally be glued to Him. He's been showing the world what "the love of Christ for His bride, the church" looked like as husbands love their wives more than their own bodies, and willingly sacrifice their own lives for the one they love. For centuries marriage has mirrored the ultimate devotion of the church in the lives of wives who "submit themselves to their husbands in everything."

From the very beginning God, through faithful marriages, has been revealing the church of His Son. He's been using marriages like the seventy-seven years of our beloved Don & Lane Roberts to demonstrate what it means "to love the church like Christ does, and to respect Christ the way the church should" in the way they have loved and respected one another. Marriage is the profound mystery of His church revealed! □

Don & Lane Roberts A Tribute to Seventy-seven of Marriage

I am on the long list of guests who have been welcomed at the Robert's home for extended periods of time. I have spent six years in their home. It was a joy to participate in evening meals around the table, learning from grandpa in the garden, cooking lessons from grandma, Sunday night dinners and Lawrence Welk together. What a gift to listen to stories from the times of the depression, World War II, early years in marriage, family history, personal struggles and successes. They are both models of generosity with their time, talents, finances and service. From grandma, I have learned how to encourage others as witnessed to her spending countless hours listening to those on the phone, sending cards, and being the voice of wisdom that many young women would seek out. She is ever hopeful and trusting in the goodness of all people and will put the best positive spin on any struggle or situation. She is a continued example of the value of learning and reading as she continues to read novels of books as well as story books to Virginia. He is an example of frugality, living within your means and being content with all circumstances. He is one of the best examples for me of hard work spending all of his life working on physical tasks. As long as the list is of guests, I have an equally long list of members of the church and neighbors that have had something in their home repaired by Grandpa Roberts. This is to speak to the gratitude I feel for the time I have had with Grandpa and Grandma and foremost to be a witness to the daily sacrifice of Christian marriage for 77 years. I continue to be blessed as they spend time with Virginia and Anna as they read, share past stories



There are many things I could say about my Grandma and Grandpa individually but when I think of their marriage and the home they built together, I think of hospitality. My grandparents hosted our family year after year for gatherings, opened their home for family members to live when needed, invited brethren to break bread over the lunch table in their home, or in later years invited people to the table of their favorite Chinese buffet. They established a culture in their home where we knew we were welcome to be there anytime. But where traditional hospitality usually ends, the Roberts live a more Holy Hospitality. Over the years, they welcomed people to live with them who needed a safe place to land for a while. They've sacrificed comforts



and luxuries in their own home to give to other causes. And perhaps harder to describe but so easy to experience with them, they've also created a space within their relationship where hospitality is more the warmth of knowing you'll be welcomed. For 77 years, my grandparents have lived a constant love for each other that has extended to a love and joy for other people from all different places, seasons of life, and backgrounds. I imagine the Robert's welcoming spirit to all is more the type of hospitality spoken of in 1 Peter 4:9, Titus 1:8, and 1 Timothy 5:10 and I'm thankful for them.



ly, I don't say anything negative about difficult times or difficult people, she finds those words. To me, she is such an example of Ephesians 4:29 "Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification, that it will give grace to those who hear." Another example they have provided is their hospitality. There has frequently been some weeks, months and years. They exemplify the command to "Do not neglect to show hospitality to those who have entertained angels unaware"

Rachel

Watch LIVE



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and words of wisdom.

Melissa

There is much that could be
said to honor the 77 years of
marriage of Don and Hilary
Lane Roberts. There are
many challenges they have
been through together in
those 77 years including
being separated from one
another due to Don's service
in the war, living through the
Depression, losing a child and
their own health battles. Amazing-
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Brooke

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Dot Summers suffered a seizure on Friday evening around 10:30 at their country house near Fayetteville, Tennessee. She was taken to the local hospital for tests. The doctors are treating her for a stroke, and at this printing are arranging for her transfer to Huntsville Hospital. Your prayers for our dear sister and brother are solicited. Dot has been through so much in recent weeks. We're fervently praying that this will have no long term consequence.

Debbie Harbin must feel about like she's on a rollercoaster following the arduous week of surgery on her back. This is the most extensive surgery I have ever known about on one's back. **Jimmy** said her back looks like a railroad track on X-ray. But, the surgery is behind her. Now comes the healing. That, too, has proven a great challenge. Your prayers will make the difference as our God hears them and looks after His precious child, and our sister in the Lord.

Please pray for **Marty Roberts Haselden**. She is not well at all. Her cancer is very advanced and the effects are trying. Ask for her comfort and for consolation for her family, as well as all of those who love her.

Laura Phillips, Jenny Jacks' mom, is now in Huntsville. She will be living at The Cottages Assisted Living, 4200 Chris Drive, Huntsville. But, in the meantime, she has been admitted to Crestwood Hospital. For the time being sister Phillips doesn't need any company. She is being treated for at least two separate infections. Jenny will be with her mother at the hospital this morning to be sure to talk to the

doctor about test results etc. Please pray for **sister Phillips** and for **Jenny & David** as they work through this difficult transition

Peggy Shelton remains on our list of those for whom we are praying daily. Please ask our Lord to remove her pain and the illness that is causing it.

Bill & Betty Reavis were able to be with us on Sunday. They look good. Bill has had a rough time since his hernia surgery, but is slowly making progress. Continue to remember them to the Lord as you pray.

Melody Young is feeling a good bit better. They haven't been to the ER since last Saturday. Her blood pressure is staying down mostly without medication. Her doctor wants her to take in easy for another week or so. Pray for **Melody, Matt** and little **Ray**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Barbara Woodard **Melvin Godette**
Glenda Cavender **Ken Cavender**
Pam (West) Davis

New Address

Please make note of a new address for **Rick Morgan**. I recently realized that we have not published it.

4038 Hunters Ridge Drive, SE, Apt. 1
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Group One Meeting

Group One, led by **W.D. Patrick** will meet tonight immediately after evening worship. Please make plans to be present.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9-5	Kim Barnett	9-8	Melissa Skinner
9-9	Anna Skinner	9-9	Abbey Craig
9-14	Brooke Hatcher	9-14	Henry Little
9-17	Aurora Leshko	9-20	Sophia Hunt
9-21	Louis Garrett	9-23	Dylan Craig
9-25	LaNelle Patrick		

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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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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, September 1

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Charles Hill**
Opening Prayer: **Ben Little**
Scripture Reading: **Jim Ehl**
Ephesians 1:3-14
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Lord, Be Glorified
Closing Prayer: **Nick Holland**

Sunday, September 8

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Scripture Reading: **Jeremy Leshko**
Ephesians 2:1-10
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
In My Life, Lord Be Glorified
Closing Prayer: **Bill Thompson**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Charles Hill**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Closing Prayer: **Jim Risner**

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Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Ron Harmon**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Wednesday, September 4

Songs Leader: **Phil Furlough**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Terry Childress**

Wednesday, September 11

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Hill Roberts**

Group 1

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Group 2

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
Communion Prep Building Lockup		Petra Carter
		John Stokes

