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The Fiery Sermon

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A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary

glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said in an emotional tone, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

(The discussion Wednesday of members "falling away" reminded me of this story. You've probably seen/heard it before, but thought I'd share it in case you hadn't.— Sharon Dubose. Thanks Sharon for sharing a needed reminder.) □

"Officious Reverence"

James W. Adams

When a friend does something that we deem harmful to us, we often say, "With friends like that, we don't need enemies." The Holy Spirit moved Paul to write concerning certain professed disciples (friends) of Christ, "Many walk, of whom I have told you often, and not tell you even weeping, they are the enemies of the cross of Christ," *Philippians 3:18*. F.W. Farrar, in his *History of Interpretation*, says "Even when the Ark seems to totter, it is more really profaned by the Uzzah-hands of officious reverence than by the rudeness of the Philistines," 6.

Under the fair name of "piety," zealots have done as much to besmirch the reputation of the gospel and the Lord's church as the avowed enemies among believers. This falls with equal force upon the

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visionary liberal of the far left and the anathematizing conservative of the far right. The "Uzzah-hands of officious reverence" that hesitate not to take hold of consecrated things to alter them are to be found active among both. They may function to liberalize or to obstruct.

Righteous concern and enlightened "exhortation to love and good works" on a personal level are never to be discouraged among the saints, but let us be very sure that we understand the difference between healthy concern and constructive admonition and officious meddling and destructive condemnation. When a situation transcends personal and individual relationships and involves group fellowship in worship and service, true piety always defers to the duly constituted overseers of the congregation, and in the absence of compelling evidence of their failure to dispose of the matter scripturally and ethically, to acquiesce in their action. To agitate such matters under the guise of reverence for truth is, in every sense of the expression, "Uzzah-hands of officious reverence." it breathes the "party spirit" and promotes strife and division. However, what party-minded, extremist ever believed he merited the designation? □

Good News, December 1992

Julie Warnock Adams
5 mins ·

Opportunities. I pray for this every day. Tonight I picked up Lea from Chick-fil-A. She worked till 8 and I had the #3...8 count nugget combo waiting. As we were leaving, my name was called. Here they stood with another #3 nugget combo for me. Obviously there was a mistake, but they told me to go ahead and take the extra order. I told Lea I wanted to give it to somebody. I had seen a police cruiser at the Walmart next door and decided I would give it to an officer. When I got there, the cruiser was gone.

So I decided I needed to find someone...maybe go to a Fire Hall or police station. At that moment, Wilson called me and said we needed lunch meat. No problem...I'll head to the Dollar General on the way home.

As I pulled into the parking lot of the DG, I figured one of those employees might like a nice surprise! I walked in and the first person I saw was an employee on the floor stocking shelves. She got up and greeted me. I said..."Hi... I'm in here to buy some lunch meat and I have this extra Chick-fil-A order. Would you like it?" She kindly smiled and said..."Yes I would."

I handed the bag to her and picked up what I needed and headed to checkout. The same lady was there. She looked at me with tears in her eyes and streaming down her face..."I am homeless and you have no idea how happy my daughter will be to get this Chick-fil-A."

I don't know what my face looked like, but inside I was stunned. "Where do you live?", I asked. She told me where she and her teen daughter were staying for now. "I'm working very hard here." With tears now streaming down my face, I hugged her and she tightly hugged me back. I whispered in her ear..."Thank you for blessing me today."

This story is not about me. It's about praying for opportunities. It's about intentional love and searching for people who need the love of Christ. Sometimes it happens when you least expect it. □



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Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Dot Summers is doing much better. Visits to her doctors are ongoing, She will undergo a regime of radiation (five days a week) and will be taking a pill form of hormone therapy to treat any potential residual cancer, though none has been indicated. This is all out of an abundance of precaution. Your ongoing prayers are appreciated.

Debbie Harbin is making very slow progress. She is taking physical therapy which understandably leaves her tired and sore. Your prayers are so meaningful. Please continue to say her name daily.

Marty Roberts Haselden is struggling mightily, though her cancer, as serious as it is, is not the main issue right now. Please pray for her and for her family as they try to help her.

Laura Phillips, Jenny Jacks' mom, is doing considerably better. The episode early last week seems to be behind her and she expects to go to a rehab facility (yet to be determined) on Monday or Tuesday. Please petition the Lord for her care. **Jenny & David** are for good reason pretty tired. Remember them to the Lord, too.

Peggy Shelton is doing some better. We are praying that she will be able to find some long term relief from her discomfort.

As soon as I read Julie's post last week, I knew that it had to be shared with our "Weekly" readers. One never knows how the Lord plans to use the radiant light of His people to bless the hurting. Pray for opportunities every day! Thanks for your permission to share Julie. *MWM*

Bill & Betty Reavis are doing better and we are thankful. Say their name to the Lord this week as you approach His throne.

Please pray for the **Young family**. **Melody** is making good progress. We are all on pins and needles to get to see little **Ray**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

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

Fall Study Series, October 13th

Sunday, October 13th through **November 24th** at **5:00 p.m.** is slated for the next Fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series. Our theme this year is **God Works Through His People: "I Want to Be a Worker."**

We will all be studying the Old Testament Bible account of Nehemiah as he led the people of the Lord to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Through this hands-on Bible adventure our children will come to understand the importance of encouraging others, and to appreciate the many, varied contributions made by each of God's children.

We hope each and every family here at Weatherly will plan to participate in these important **lessons on purpose, passion, persistence, purity, prayer, and praise!** ☐

Group Two Meeting

Group Two, led by Phil Furlough will meet tonight immediately after evening worship. Please make plans to be present.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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
9-28	Doris DeCelles	9-30	Rebecca Pellegrini

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"Finger Pointing"

Michael W. McLemore

From time to time bold preaching on unpopular subjects is met with the accusation that the preacher is "finger pointing." Too often such hearers err, mistaking "God's finger pointing" for the preacher's. But, a far more common perplexity is how few people feel the goading of the word of God when it is plainly proclaimed.

God's prophet Malachi dealt with this problem, *Malachi 1*. God's people had let worship fall into a state of decay. They robbed God of tithes. They offered tainted animals. The priests considered service to be weariness. When confronted, they asked, "How have we despised God?" God rejoined, "I have loved you." They brashly inquired, "How have you loved us?" *1:2*. They heard the truth valiantly taught, but missed the point.

When the word of God is preached and your life is not in harmony with what is taught, will you take offence? Or, will you even notice? The Lord is pleading through His word for you to repent. Why not believe and obey?

It is easy to so crowd the mind with worldly affairs that no room is left for serious thought about eternity. Rest assured, we will either consider it now, or we will face the point of God's finger of judgement later. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

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**

Sunday, September 15

Tommy Hill
Bill Thompson
W.D. Patrick
Phillip Dill

Ephesians 3:1-12

Mike McLemore
In Your church, Lord Be Glorified
Charley Skinner

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Hill Roberts**

Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Ron Harmon**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore

Bill Thompson
Forest Summers
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday, September 11

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

Wednesday, September 18

Mike Coward
Mike McLemore
Gene Preston

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
**** Overseer**

Ken Cavender
Dwight Ivey
Kirk Hatcher
Collis Terry **

Phil Furlough
John Besherse
Ryan Patrick
Jerry Mitchell

Lord's Supper PM

Gene Preston **

Terry Childress

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Petra Carter
John Stokes

