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Immortality

Michael W. McLemore

In his 19th Century work *New Cyclopaedia of Prose Illustrations*, Elon Foster recorded the following by F.F. Trench —

“An English nobleman was once exploring among the catacombs of Egypt. He came to one mummy case, which bore a date two thousand years before. On unwrapping the many folds of linen from the shriveled form, he found in the blackened hand a dahlia bulb. For all these ages the hand of death held it. Could there be life in it still? The gentleman took it home and placed it in a pot of warm moist soil. He tended it carefully for a few weeks; and what was his surprise and delight, to see the soil part, and the tender shoots of a strong, vigorous dahlia spring up. In due time it bore a beautiful blossom, which was looked upon with an interest deeper and stronger than ever greeted such a flower before. It seemed almost beyond belief that life could exist so long, shut out from all that nourish-

es life. Yet this is but a faint type of the immortality of that soul which once moved the lifeless hand which so long had grasped it.”

These words come to mind — “But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body,” *1 Corinthians 15:35-38*. Though the dead lay in the grasps of the tomb’s dead hand and for thousands of years, they will spring forth alive at the call of the Lord.

In each of us is the power of immortality that will be unleashed at the last. What comes forth from the grave will be inconceivably beautiful! Victory over death is ours in Christ. □

THE CHURCH

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Some church, any church, no church is the world’s conception of this grand institution of the Lord. In God’s word, however, it is referred to as “the church,” *Colossians 1:18*. It is taught by men that one should be a member of some church, that *any church* will do so long as one is honest and sincere, but that one can be a member of *no church* and still enjoy forgiveness of sins here and spend eternity with God later.

The very first lesson which the world needs to learn with reference to this subject is the essential oneness or unity of the church of God, the church of the New Testament. Can one stamp a Ford emblem on every other automobile and call each and every one a Ford? How can an automobile with no defining characteristic of a Ford be called one merely because the majority of the driving world says that it is so? The Lord’s church is not many churches, but one. Man may stamp His name onto every human denomination, but it will not make them His unique body.

The word “church” is used in at least two senses in the New Testament, a generic and a specific sense. It is used to include the aggregate body of ALL the redeemed of the earth. Jesus promised, “Upon this rock I will build my church,” *Matthew 16:18*. This is its generic or comprehensive use. Paul wrote, “To the church of God that is in Corinth,” *1 Corinthians 1:2*. He wrote to a single local congregation, thus uses the word “church” in a specific sense. When the word is used in its comprehensive sense, it is always singular — church. When it is used in the plural number — churches — it refers to local congregations of the same faith and practice — “The churches of Christ salute you,” *Romans 16:16*.

The Lord’s church is both spiritually and organically ONE. Paul said, “There is one body,” *Ephesians 4:4*. Again, he wrote to the same family of Christians,

“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body,” *Ephesians 1:22-23*. He emphasized the point again — “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near,” *Ephesians 2:13-16*.

Reducing these passages of Scripture to the specific bearing that they have upon our subject, we are left with three conclusions: **1. The church is the spiritual body of Christ, built by Him alone. 2. Christ has only one body, the body is the church. 3. Hence, Christ had only one church.** “One new man, one body, the body is the church.” The church of our Lord is essentially one. It is “the church.” It is not *some church, any church or no church*, but rather *the church*.

I know of no one who denies that the Lord built His church in the world. Men in the intervening centuries have multiplied churches. Organization varies. Leadership offices vary. Doctrines vary. Worship varies. Terms of membership vary. Work varies. Each is essentially different, like brands of automobiles, but stamped with a common badge — church. The church built by the Christ, the divine original, is the one in which we are interested. It is the one with which we must be concerned. It is “the church” that we read about in the New Testament. It is the one He died to establish. It is “the one body.” This is the church that so few really know! □

Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Evelyn Hall was released from the hospital after several hours on Saturday. Searcy was able to be with us last Lord's day. Your prayers for Evelyn are solicited as they search for the cause of her recent health concerns. Your prayers for her are solicited.

John Besherse was taken to the hospital a week ago yesterday and underwent surgery to remove his appendix on Sunday afternoon. He was released early Sunday evening and is recovering at home. Thank you for your prayers and expressions of concern for **John, Stacey & family**.

Ron Harmon is making incremental progress in rehab. We are praying for his strength. He wants to go home as soon as possible. Remember him to the Lord.

Steven Guice and mom, **Julie**, will be returning to MD Anderson January 21st. Steve is anticipating surgery to remove the other tumors which have been deemed unresponsive to chemo. In the meantime Steve has resumed his normal work schedule. Prayers for **Steven!**

Donna Godette left on Friday for a month in Kuwait. Please pray for her safety while in that part of the world. Also remember Melvin and the children. **The Godettes** are anticipating two surgeries in the month of February. **Keira** is to have her tonsils and adenoids removed right after Donna gets home and **Melvin** is to have another back surgery at the end of the month.

Glenda Cavender remains on our prayer list not out of habit but out of sincere love and appreciation for her. She is missed. Remember her to the Lord today and everyday as you

pray.

Betty Reavis continues her treatments to manage her cancer. Pray for her and for **Bill**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Melvin Godette	Marty Haselden
Betty Reavis	Sarah Jernigan
Dot Summers	Glenda Cavender
Barbara Jean Woodard	Laura Phillips

Adult Auditorium Class

Tommy Hill will begin his class on The Book of Galatians on Sunday, January 19th. This will allow **Mike McLemore** two additional classes this quarter in The Gospel of John. Mike's class on John will continue on Wednesday evening for the rest of the first quarter 2020.

A Very Special Addition

This month we will introduce a very special new effort at Weatherly. Be on the lookout. We are expecting great things! More soon. ☐

Skills Class

Skills Class continues tonight at the front of the auditorium promptly at 5 pm.

Group One Meeting

Group One, led by **W.D. Patrick**, will meet following worship this evening in the back classroom. Plan to attend.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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1-6	Keria Godette	1-7	Bobby Wright
1-8	Charley Skinner	1-9	Wes Caudle
1-9	Jacob Frazier	1-11	Elena Hagewood
1-11	Margaret Smith	1-15	Xavier Cole
1-19	Ed Dill	1-	
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Success

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"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect due intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he has found it, whether by a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."

Though the author of these sage words remains a mystery to us, their sentiment invites impersonation. Yet, as high as are these standards, higher still are those of our Lord. Christ lived a life of true noble character. He is our example and our encourager. All of this was He and more. His disciples became students of His walk. Those who came after sought to live on His high plain. Paul pleaded, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ," *1 Corinthians 11:1*.

May we add to these beautiful sentiments the fact that no man has lived successfully whatever his earthly attainments if he has not made adequate preparation to live with God in that timeless age beyond the bar of death. ☐

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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Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood
Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 5

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **Charles Hill**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**
Scripture Reading: **Jimmy Harbin**
Exodus 3:1-15
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Great I AM
Closing Prayer: **Ken Cavender**

Sunday, January 12

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **David Jacks**
Scripture Reading: **Searcy Hall**
1 Peter 3:13-22
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Whys of the Whats
Closing Prayer: **Nick Holland**

Evening Worship

Bible Skills **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Charles Hill**
Opening Prayer: **Charley Skinner**
Closing Prayer: **Will Starks**

Evening Worship

Hill Roberts
Hill Roberts
Marty Hunt
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday, January 8

Songs Leader: **Mike Coward**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Jim Risner**

Wednesday, January 15

Charley Skinner
Marty Hunt
Terry Barnett

Group 1

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Tadd Corder, Wilson Adams & Matt Bassford

Group 2

Quarterly Adult Classes
January – March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Galatians, Beginning Jan 19
Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Gospel According to John
Mike McLemore

Serving in January

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender	Marty Hunt
** Overseer	Bobby Wright	Ron Holland
	Kirk Hatcher	Clark Boles
	Collis Terry **	Jerry Mitchell

Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough **	Phil Shaver
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Communion Prep	Hilda Wright & Doris DeCelles
Building Lockup	Bobby Wright

