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Abound in His Work

Michael W. McLemore

Paul encouraged the Corinthians “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” He is not demanding that we must be engaged each and every moment of our lives doing some item of Heaven’s work, rather that our efforts be constant, continual and steady. Consider three characteristics which should be reflected in our service.

WILLING SERVICE—The reason many fail at doing the Lord’s work is that they simply are uninterested. Peter said, “as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word,” *1 Peter 2:2*. In order for one to grow in the knowledge of God’s Word, he must first desire to know more. In the matter of personal growth, willingness must drive our ambition. Such is true of every aspect of service to God.

FERVENT SERVICE—The term “fervent” comes

from a word which in the original language meant “heated as to boiling.” Paul exhorted the Romans to be “fervent in spirit,” *Romans 12:11*. Our activity in service to Christ is therefore encouraged to the fervency of briskly rolling boiling water. This fervency of spirit is often demonstrated in the service of the new-born Christian. We need to recapture it if we are to abound in the work of the Lord.

FIRST PLACE SERVICE—Christ said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,” *Matthew 6:33*. Service to Christ has first place in the lives of faithful Christians. His/her interests are not divided. Only when the Lord comes first and everything and everyone else comes later can we serve God acceptably.

“Be steadfast, immovable” in faith said Paul. Put forward the unceasing and constant effort to produce the kind of service described in God’s word. Then, indeed, we can all abound in His work! ☐

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Predisposition

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All of us to one extent or another are creatures of prejudice, or “predisposition.” While imagining that we are independent thinkers, studiously logical, and quite objective in our appraisals, we have strong dispositions toward certain views, procedures, and organizations. These dispositions result from many things: rearing, custom or tradition, popularity of the thing in question, innate personality traits etc. The cause may differ with different individuals, and whatever the cause the practical result in the same, but we all have predispositions. This fact should cause every man who desires to spend eternity with God to reexamine the spiritual ground on which he stands. Am I what I am and do I believe and practice that which I believe and practice because they are right and true, or because they are what I want to be right and true?

One of the universal tendencies of mankind has been to worship a God of his own creation. This can and is done without constructing a graven image of wood, stone, or precious metal. Many individuals professing to be New Testament Christians who would consider it quite heathen to bow down to a graven image (to) worship a God of their own creation. The Psalmist warned against this tendency when he quoted God as

saying to the wicked: “These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself...” *Psalm 50:21*. Do we worship and serve God as He is revealed to us in His word? Or, do we worship and serve Him as we desire Him to be?

Frances Bacon wrote: “What a man had rather were true he more readily believes. Therefore he rejects difficult things from impatience of research; sober things, because they narrow hope; the deeper things of nature, from superstition; the light of experience, from arrogance and pride, lest his mind should seem to be occupied with things mean and transitory: things not commonly believed, out of deference to the opinion of the vulgar. Numberless in short are the wars, and sometimes imperceptible, in which affections color and infect the understanding.” (*Novum Organum via Logic and Language*.)

Jesus impressively taught in the “Parable of the Sower” that the “good seed” — “the word of God” — takes root and grows to fruition only in the “good and honest heart,” *Luke 8:11-15*. The more strongly therefore we desire to believe a thing, the more carefully we should guard against being deceived by our own predisposition! ☐

By James W. Adams



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Watch
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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Much has happened since last Sunday's issue of the Weekly. Early Sunday morning **Peggy Childress** received the notification that a potential organ had become available for transplant. **Terry & Peggy** quickly made their way to Vanderbilt where the surgery took place overnight Sunday into Monday. Since Monday, Peggy has cleared every hurdle. She is now feeling great, walking on her own without oxygen. Truly, prayers have been answered. She will be moved soon from ICU to a regular where she will need to remain for several more days. Once she is released she and Terry will need to remain less than 10 minutes from the hospital for the next 3 months. We are praising God for Peggy's recovery. Say their name as you approach His mighty throne. Be sure to say, "Thank you!"

Visitation for **Phil Shaver's** sister, **Cyndi Shaver Vanatta** (61), was held yesterday in Titusville, Florida. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 10. Your continued prayers for this family are solicited. Phil traveled to Florida for the services.

Please pray for **the Eakes** and **Franklin** families in the loss of **Sam Eakes'** sister, **Tina Franklin**. Please remember **Sam, Lori** and family to the Lord as you pray.

The "surgery sisters," **Wanda Castleman, Brooke Hatcher, Jenny Jacks & Cathy Preston**, are all graduating from the Weekly today. They are doing well. Your prayers on their behalf and kind expressions toward them are greatly appreciated.

We have been asked to remember **Buddy**

Taft, the grandson of **Betty Dubose**, in prayer. Buddy has been diagnosed with a treatable but concerning health condition. Your prayers for them would mean a great deal.

Edit Turner's sister, **Catherine Wall**, is doing about as well as possible following her fall. She is back in Athens. Edith is feeling better about her level of care. Thank you for your prayers.

We are sad to report that **Marty Hunt's** father, **Buddy Hunt**, passed away in the early morning hours July 4th. We apologize for not relating this news immediately. Please pray for this family as they grieve the loss of their patriarch. Funeral services were held Saturday.

Mike Hunt, Marty's brother, continues to do well. **Mechi's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, continues her treatments. Remember her to the Lord as you pray this week.

Pray for those who are confined in care facilities and memory care — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavender	Melvin Godette
Laura Phillips	Dot Summers
Charlotte Hagewood	Lane Roberts
Bill Reavis	Ron Harmon

WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will begin at 9:30. **Sunday morning** will begin at 10. **Mike** is continuing the series **I AM CHURCH!** His lesson is **Cancelling Consumerism**. **Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo"** on Zoom at 7. We will email a link Sunday. Join in. **Wednesday Bible Study** — The study of **First Corinthians** will continue on Wednesday nights this quarter. This will allow a full discussion of the text. We stream at 7. ☐

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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7-10	Will Patrick	7-19	Jim Ehl
7-19	Peggy Shelton	7-27	Donna Godette
7-29	Mike McLemore	7-31	Phillip Dill

He Understands

Michael W. McLemore

Many have tried to comfort those who find themselves in pain or sorrow. Sometimes our expressions of consolation create more hurt than good. Even the most well-intentioned words, "I understand" feel empty. It's hard to help when we haven't walked in another's shoes.

Still, we long to feel we have been understood. It helps to know individuals who have endured circumstances similar to ours. The author of Hebrews reassures us that Jesus truly understands because He endured struggles like ours.

The writer refers to Jesus as our High Priest. Under the Law each year the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies. In God's presence, he offered a sacrifice for sin. He was a bridge to God. Christ not only took on this role, but also became the sacrifice when He died. He now sits at the right hand of God, interceding on our behalf.

In Jesus we find the encouragement that He truly understands our pain and our weakness. He faced the very temptations, needs, and hurts we experience. He identifies with betrayal. Judas turned against Him for money and spite. He knew isolation, even His own trusted disciple Peter denied knowing Him when He needed someone most. He felt the pain and anxiety of depression for he faced separation from His heavenly Father at the cross. Jesus knows! And, best of all, Jesus cares!

If you feel alone in the hardships you are facing, recall Jesus' trials, hurts, and temptations. You will find comfort in His understanding. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday Classes Stream	7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, July 11

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**
Scripture Reading:

Matthew 20:20-28

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Cancelling Consumerism
Closing Prayer: **Gene Preston**

Sunday, July 18

Will Starks
Hill Roberts
Steve Hagewood

Romans 12:3-8

Mike McLemore
"We're Not All the Same!"
Ken Cavender

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

CANCELLED

Songs Leader:

Opening Prayer:

Closing Prayer:

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

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Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, July 14

Songs Leader:

Invitation:

Closing Prayer:

None

2021 Singing Cancelled

Wednesday, July 21

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes July — September 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Frist Corinthians

Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Frist Corinthians

Mike McLemore

Serving in July

Serving on the Lord's

Table AM

** Overseer

**** Will Starks, Bill Thompson, Kirk Hatcher, Phil Shaver**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep

Building Lockup

