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EMPTY WAVES OF AIR

Michael W. McLemore

A comical illustration caught my attention several years ago. I liken it to a very real problem that exists among some of those supposed as “faithful” among God’s people. It seems a certain church had taken the paper towel dispensers from the restrooms and replaced them with electric hand dryers. The very next week someone placed a hand-written sticky note on one of the dryers that said, “Punch this button for a brief recorded message from our preacher!”

Granted some of US are empty waves of air when we preach; perhaps I’m as guilty as the next preacher. But, rest assured the preachers are not alone. Far too many members of local churches are not growing, learning and maturing as they should. Though the outer façade is present and in place, their true expression of conviction

through life action is often little more than the vain exercise of “beating the air.”

Paul warned Timothy of those who were “every learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth,” *2 Timothy 3:7*. The author of the Bible book of Hebrews dared to utter the needed charges against the spiritually immature, who, though sufficient time had passed, had failed to develop their spiritual coordination, *Hebrews 5:12-14*. But, perhaps Jude described the plight best when he pronounced woe upon those said to be “trees without fruit, storms without rain and wandering stars with no light,” *Jude 12-3, paraphrase*.

Preachers are not alone in the temptation to become like electric hand dryers spewing useless empty waves of hot air. But, should we not all ask ourselves, Am I?

WHAT’S

HAPPENING TO US?

By Dee Bowman

It’s right there. In broad daylight. Everybody can see it. What’s happening to us? It says, “Who’s the real father?” then it gives a number, “DNA-Help.” What’s happening to us?

Can you believe that? There is enough sleeping around and there are enough babies being born out of wedlock that someone one has found a way to make money off it. It’s very depressing to me that we have stooped to such low moral depths. And what bothers me about as much as anything is where do we go from here? It should be obvious that just a little evil seed sown will result in a considerable more being harvested—in this instance, I fear—a bumper crop!

The Scriptures speak to such times. In Romans, Paul speaks of the degeneration of the Gentiles. He says, “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened.” That’s a description of where and what we are, folks.

“What can I do?” you say, “I’m only one person—one person without much influence.” Well, maybe so, but there are several things you can do. For instance.

You can talk against evil. Just talk about it with folks. Tell folks you don’t like that sign. Tell them you don’t like the direction our “morality” has taken. Tell them it’s time for folks who are repulsed by such obvious disdain for righteousness to speak out against it. You may not can do much, but everyone can touch just one.

Keep yourself from being involved. Far too many folks are being gradually taken in by the pressures and possibilities of a society filled with lewdness and putridity. Some folks are saying “I can handle it,” and are carrying home “R” and “X” rated movies. This kind of filth takes its toll on your spirituality. It gradually wears away

your protective coating. Paul says, “Give no place to the devil,” *Ephesians 4:27*.

You can feast on higher things. It’s actually not enough to get the evil out; you must put the good in, as well. A person who has constant, daily contact with the word of God is far less likely to be impressed with the allurements of the world. How often do you read your Bible? As often as you watch your favorite TV show? You will likely subscribe to the things to which you are most often exposed. That’s a serious matter, don’t you think? And it’s beyond me how we think we can just give some sort of mental assent to the Scriptures and that’s all that’s needed. The Bible is to be mined. Its principles are to be practicalized. If you are to overcome the world, you’ll have to “put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand,” *Eph 6:11*. Notice that it requires the whole armor, not just part of it. Whatever area you neglect, you become vulnerable in that area.

You can make your real citizenship known. “This world is not my home,” the song says, “I’m just a passing through.” It’s true—this world is not your home. “For our conversation (“citizenship,” ASV) is in heaven; from whence we look for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” If we are really dedicated to going to Heaven, why is it that we become so enamored with this world. This is not our home! We are strangers here. We are of another culture, one where holiness and piety are the norm. It’s hard being what you ought. But being what you ought you must. It’s the only course of conduct that makes any sense at all. And besides, we don’t belong here.

We are fighting against great odds. But that’s been the case for God’s people for all time. But that for which we fight has real substance, so let’s do it with our might. Someday we’ll be glad we did.



Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Thanksgiving

On **October 3, 1863**, in the midst of the American Civil War, President Lincoln issued the Thanksgiving Proclamation:

"Now therefore I, as President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday of November as the day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the universe."

As Christians we daily observe thanksgiving for the good and perfect gifts that come from above. May gratitude ascend for ALL He does.

FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister, underwent surgery earlier last week. Please keep her in the forefront of your prayers. Because of weakness the doctors decided to do the procedures in stages. All of your concern and your prayers are much appreciated.

Ruth Mitchell is scheduled to undergo knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus on **December 1st** at The Surgery Center. Please pray for Ruth's surgery and for her complete recovery.

Sandra Ivey, Terry Childress' mom continues on our prayer list. Sister Ivey contends with those challenges that come with advanced age. Remember her name to the Lord as you approach Him during the coming week.

Peggy Childress remains on our daily prayer list as she continues recovery from the side effects of medications. Thank you for the pray-

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 28, 2021

12-2	Ryan Patrick	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Carley Hill Rodriguez	12-4	Tommy Hill
12-4	Gwyn McLemore	12-6	Ken Cavender
12-6	John Patrick	12-13	Joanne Abernathy
12-15	Carol Roberts	12-17	Stacey Besherse
12-17	Kayleigh Stovall	12-17	Bill Thompson
12-23	Charles Hill	12-25	Phil Furlough

Reaching the Heights

Michael W. McLemore

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow reasoned, "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night." Sloth is as old as man. One might infer that it was the sin of Cain, bringing God the handy, rather than that which required diligent effort. Slothful men achieve little in life; the wise man assured his readers that the sluggard has even less expectation in eternity.

It seems apparent that some among the Lord's people are plagued by delusions of greatness, yet remain shrouded with the dark veil of lethargy. A greater contradiction there is not. Achievement come only with hard toil, no matter the endeavor. During the teen years of my life, I could never quiet understand why I was expected to work, while so many of my friends enjoyed leisure in abundance. My father believed in keeping his four sons as a busy as possible, with slightly any time for even rare recreation. Now I see!

Faithful Christians would do well to heed the exhortation of Longfellow in sowing the seed of the kingdom. To paraphrase the Psalmist — "He that goes forth crying, bearing precious seeds, shall doubtless come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves," *Psalms 126:6*. The pressing question, "Are you toiling or sleeping?" ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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

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Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, November 28 Sunday, December 5

Welcome:	Tommy Hill	Will Starks
Song Leader:	Hill Roberts	Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer:	Phil Furlough	Tommy Hill
Scripture Reading:	Ecclesiastes 9:13ff	Isaiah 61:1-3
Sermon:	Bill Thompson "There Was a Wise Man"	Mike McLemore Healing the Broken Heart
Closing Prayer:	Kirk Hatcher	Bill McCord

Evening Worship Evening Worship

Bible Skillz	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Songs Leader:		
Opening Prayer:	Virtual Devotion on ZOOM	Virtual Devotion on ZOOM
Closing Prayer:		

Wednesday, December 1 Wednesday, December 8

Songs Leader:	Hill Roberts	Phil Furlough
Invitation:	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer:	W.D. Patrick	Alex Thompson

None None

2021 Lectures Canceled

Quarterly Adult Classes October – December 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in December

Serving on the Lord's Table AM **** Phil Shaver (12-5), Bill Thompson (12-12), Steve Hagewood (12-19), Phil Furlough (12-26)**
**** Overseer**

Lord's Supper PM ******

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

