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Prepare for Battle

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Warriors must prepare for battle. Many warriors use prayer as part of their preparation: One of the most famous prayers was made by General George Patton during WWII.

“Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen.”

It is said that Patton used prayer as a form of preparation for battle. Though only 71 words, this prayer is widely believed to have influ-

enced the course of his Third Army’s advance to Germany. General Patton continued to communicate with the Chaplain of the Third Army and wanted to encourage them all to pray. He believed that God had already blessed that army, but now he wanted them to pray that the rains would stop.

History records the General saying next to the Chaplain: “I am a strong believer in Prayer. There are three ways that men get what they want; by planning, by working, and by praying.”

If we want to prepare for battle against our common enemy the devil and way of darkness, then we must be united and be willing to stand for God’s truth and perfect way. We cannot be divided, or we cannot stand. And above all we must petition our God.

Are you prepared for the spiritual battles that Christians wage day-by-day? ■

SIN: A Reproach

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” *Proverbs 14:34*

Adapted

Cultural acceptance of behavior that is clearly contrary to God’s word is nothing new. Christians and non-Christians alike are appalled by senseless crime, mass shootings, abortion, or homosexuality. Proverbs 14:34 is on the tip of every tongue and the Amens are all around. But, are we among those calling for tolerance and acceptance for what might be termed “socially acceptable sin?”

Christians at Corinth were touched by culture. Theirs was a permissive society. Common societal philosophies had been allowed to distort their concept of what was sin. It was Christians that Paul asked in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” He warned, “Do not be deceived!” Earlier in 1 Corinthians 5 Paul identified a brother who was practicing such things, but nothing was being done about it. Paul said it is unacceptable for Christians to engage in this behavior, don’t condone it!

This list of sinful practices is similar to those mentioned in other passages, *Romans 1:26-32*, *Galatians 5:19-21*. They were common problems then and they are common problems now. Adultery and fornication in the list forbids sex outside of the bonds of marriage. Homosexuality was accept-

ed and practiced openly. The Greco-Roman society of Paul’s day was riddled with immorality. In fact, Nero, emperor at the time Paul wrote 1 Corinthians, was about to and did marry the boy Sporus and also later married his freedman Doryphorus according to Suetonius’, *The Twelve Caesars*. Fourteen of the first fifteen Roman emperors practiced some form of homosexuality. Such behaviors were acceptable by cultural standards, but not to God!

Paul does on to identify many more forms of transgressions that affected God’s people in his generation. Idolatry: those who participate in the worship of false gods or those who attend the sacrificial feasts. Thieves, the covetous, and extortionists are those who are greedy of gain and do whatever (extort, swindle, and rob) it takes to achieve gain. Drunkards. Revilers: an archaic term that describes slanderers, or those who make unfounded accusations. Paul tells them that those who participate in these things cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Sin may be socially acceptable to Culture. But it will never be acceptable to God. As Christians we have been “called out” of the dark world. Paul reminded the Corinthians, “such were some of you,” *1 Corinthians 6:11*. But, the faithful put it behind them. Sin was part of their past, not their present. “Do not be deceived” society may accept and even glorify these behaviors, but God said they are barriers to our residence in Heaven and Fellowship with God’s people in this life. He considers them a “reproach to any people.” ■

Watch
LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Sue Terry was taken by ambulance to Huntsville Hospital emergency room on Tuesday evening after suffering stroke like symptoms. It was determined that she had COVID. After much testing it was shown that she suffered a TIA, potentially from thickening of her blood. This can be a side effect of COVID illness. She is home resting with a bit of a cough. Thus far neither **Collis** nor **Sharon** have shown any symptoms. Knowing that you are all praying has been a great comfort.

Bill Reavis underwent surgery on Wednesday, February 9th, to repair his aneurysms. The surgery was successful. He is home resting. He says that he is "gaining strength with some pain." Bill will be staying with his daughter for a few weeks while he recovers. Your prayers are coveted and appreciated.

David & Jenny Jacks are both improving after being diagnosed with COVID. Jenny is about three days behind David. We are glad to report that they are getting better. Thank you for your all of your prayers, and other expressions of kindness!

It was awesome to see **Mike & Peggy Coward** for worship on both Sunday and Wednesday last week. I told them they had to get back, "We can't do this without them!" It did all of our hearts good, but none more than Mike & Peggy! Praise God for his care.

Please continue to remember the **Godette family** in the loss of **Melvin's** mother, **Annie Godette**. Your prayers are greatly treasured.

Dianne, Ed & Phillip Dill were with us for

worship Sunday. We are most thankful for their full recovery!

Several have been exposed to COVID in recent days. Some are still in quarantine. Keep them in your prayers. They are watching today via live stream.

Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, **Ciera Elledge**, is continuing her recovery from COVID as well as keeping up her treatments for cancer. Your prayers are greatly desired.

Mechi Hunt's sister, **Zoila Herring**, continues to have an interest in our daily prayers.

Pray for those who are in assisted living 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 Bible Class begins at 9:30. **Mike** will be continuing our study of **1 Timothy** — **Holding Faith in a Good Conscience.**

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. **Mike** is continuing his series "The Heart." His lesson today is "Heart Filled Worship" from **Psalms 138:1.**

Remember our **ZOOM Devo** at 7 Sunday evening. Zoom in with us tonight!

Wednesday Mike's class continues on **1 Timothy**. We hope you will be with us for the Bible classes. We meet at 7 pm with streaming and in-person assembly. ☐

She Knew to Much

Adapted

A little girl, asked by a priest to attend an instruction class, refused because it was against her father's wishes. The priest said she should obey him, not her father. "Oh, Sir! We are taught in the Bible to honor our father and mother," she replied. "But you are to call me father" was his answer. She replied: "No, for the Bible says 'call no man your father upon the earth for one is your father, which is in heaven.'" The priest was anxious not to lose a religious discussion to one so young and he said, "You have no business reading the Bible." "Then why did Jesus tell me to search the scriptures" the girl asked. The priest replied by saying, "But that is only to the clergy. You understand that a little girl cannot know the scriptures." "Then why she asked, 'did Paul write to Timothy, 'from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures?'"

Surely, thought the priest, there is some way to get the best of this troublesome child, so he said, "Timothy was trained to be a bishop and he was taught by the church authorities." "No, Sir, said the little girl, 'He was taught by his mother and grandmother; at least, that is what the Bible says.'" The priest turned away and was heard to mumble something about "the little brat knowing enough Bible to poison a whole parish." ☐

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	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, February 13

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**
Lord's Table Lead: **Bill Thompson**
Psalms 138:1
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Heart-Filled Worship
Closing Prayer: **Adam Hagewood**

Sunday, February 20

Tommy Hill
David Jacks
Marty Hunt
Phil Furlough
Proverbs 23:19
Mike McLemore
Directing Your Heart
Alex Thompson

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Wednesday, February 16

Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **WD Patrick**

Wednesday, February 23

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Bobby Wright

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in February

Serving on the Lord's Table AM
**** Overseer** **** Collis Terry (2-6), Bill Thompson (2-13), Phil Furlough (2-20), Steve Hagewood (2-27)**

Lord's Supper PM ******

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Will Starks

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2-13	Julie Guice	2-14	Brennan Ivey
2-15	Glenda Cavender	2-15	Hilda Wright
2-23	Layla Belle Beshere	2-27	Penny Hill

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