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SATAN'S SCHEMES

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SATAN IS A LIAR, and no one is immune to his attempts to deceive. Believers must understand his schemes. His assaults are willful. He sets his sights on the destruction of body and soul. He strikes anytime from anywhere.

Satan seeks his prey when we are at our weakest. He knows exactly who or what to use as a lure. He tempts us with what we do not need. He seeks to bring us down with what we should not have. He infiltrates our world with his lies but he lures us with promises of the off-limits. We must be familiar with how he works.

HE EXPLOITS DESIRE – He began in the Garden of Eden, drawing Eve's gaze to the forbidden. He promised Eve, and will believers too, that having what is desired will satisfy. It won't. Nothing forbidden by God will bring lasting joy, only disaster.

HE PREYS ON WEAKNESS – Satan came for Jesus when he was famished, offering satisfaction. But, Jesus didn't come to serve Himself. He came to obey His Father. The devil comes

when we are hungry, tired, lonely and angry. When we are our weakest, he is near.

HE SEIZES ON DOUBT – His first assault is God's Word. He is the consummate fact-checker. But he is a liar, spreading fake news. He wants believers to rationalize disobedience and misconstrue God's will as supporting evil desire. He gains a foothold and promotes his lies.

HE CRAVES DEBATE – His temptations are not the subject of debate. He hates the "It is written" line. He obscures the truth. He seeks to mislead the immature, the young and the searching. His goal is to replace unity in the family, church, and society with strife, distrust, and division. The church and the wholesome nuclear family are public enemy number one and two.

Satan is a liar who stands against the truth of God's Word. The greatest protection against his lies for those who belong to Christ is the Word of God. When we fill our minds with His Word and live in accord with its principles, only then do Satan's schemes lose their power over us. □

The Kingdom of Christ

By Michel W. McLemore

As David made plans to build a house (temple) for God, God promised to build a house (lineage) for David, *2 Samuel 7:12-16*, *1 Chronicles 17:1-10*. God promised that when David's life expired He would raise up "David's seed" and establish his kingdom. Was God speaking of Solomon, or of something far more important?

When the angel told Mary she was told that her son would be called the Son of the Highest, and that He would receive the throne of his father (earthly ancestor) David, and of his Kingdom there would be no end, *Luke 1:31-33*. Clearly Gabriel spoke of this as "David's seed." In His lifetime Jesus taught His disciples to pray for the kingdom to come, *Matthew 6:10*, and in *Mark 9:1*, Jesus promised that the kingdom would come during the apostles' lifetime. Later in *Matthew 16:18-19*, He adds that the keys of the kingdom would be given to Peter.

After Christ's crucifixion and resurrection the apostles were curiously inquiring about the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel, *Acts 1:16* though Jesus had continued teaching them about the kingdom of God, *1:3*. When the day of Pentecost came, the apostles spoke to a tremendous audience by the power of God, and Peter announced that the promise of God to

David was now being fulfilled: "David... a prophet... Knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne... This Jesus hath God raised up... God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ," *Acts 2:29-36*.

By this message, Peter used the keys of the Kingdom of Christ to open its doors to those who would repent and be baptized. The early Christians were in the kingdom of Christ, *Colossians 1:13*, *Revelation 1:9*, and asserted that the rule of Christ would continue until the final enemy (death) was subdued, *1 Corinthians 15:25-26*. When death is finally destroyed (at the resurrection), then Christ will deliver the kingdom over to God the Father, *1 Cor. 15:24-29*.

It is a mistake to suppose that the coming of the kingdom of Christ is a future event. The Kingdom of Christ is present! It is made up of those who have submitted to his rule in their lives. It will continue until the end of life on earth, and will be turned back to God, forever. If we are among the redeemed, we will be able to say, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign," *Revelation 11:17*. □

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Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Let me apologize in advance for the Weekly's publication uncharacteristically well advanced of today's date. Any outdated information is regrettable, but unavoidable. *Mike*

Ellie Pellegrini underwent ankle surgery on Friday. The surgeons are making a repair to a congenital defect in the way her ankle formed from birth. We are praying this will give her relief from some of the discomfort that she has been experiencing. Pray for Ellie!

The Hunt family has been touched by COVID. At this printing **Sophia** is suffering from its affects. Thankfully her symptoms are mild. We will update you on the rest of the family today in our morning announcements.

Ruth Mitchell is doing much better and is well on her road to recovery. Your prayers and expressions of love and concern for her have lifted her spirit. Thank you, ALL.

Peggy Shelton saw her doctor for test results on Wednesday of last week. We will update those findings in our morning announcements. Remember Peggy to the Lord.

Julie & Shawn Singleton are well on their way to recovery from COVID. We are thankful they are both better.

Mechi Hunts' sister, **Zoila Herring**, is preparing for liver surgery in the next few days. This is of course related to her treatment for cancer. Please remember Zoila and her family to the Lord as you pray.

At this printing **Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, is between treatments. Your continued prayers for her and her very

young family are greatly coveted.

The condition of **Raymond Harbin, Maragem's** son, and brother of our **Jimmy**, is grave at this printing. Please continue to ask for the Lord's comfort of this family during the trying hours. Especially ask for comfort for Raymond's immediate family and his mother, Maragem.

We have a couple of members who are daily contending with the effects of AFIB. **Jim Risner** and **Betty Dubose** both continue to deal with this chronic health challenge. Remember them to the Lord.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette & Charlotte Hagewood.**

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible Study begins promptly at 9:30 am. **Steve Hagewood** will teach this morning's class.

Sunday morning worship begins at 10. **Tommy Hill** will be standing in for Mike today. His lesson is entitled, "Serving Our Lord." Join us for worship at 10:00 am.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for song worship. In Mike's absence today **Bible Skillz** will be suspended for just this week. We hope to see you all for worship tonight.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7. **Bill Thompson** will be leading the auditorium class this week.

We want to thank **Ed Dill** for his fine work last Wednesday evening as he discussed the work of the Lord on the island of Crete. ☐

A Preacher's Notes

Dee Bowman

"It occurs to me that a preacher must approach his life with a degree of confidence, but without pomposity; not with superiority, but as one with the people. It fact, I suppose that to be a good course of pursuit for everyone."

"What a blessing it is to have brethren at your side. They make the difficult times easier to bear and share the joy when times are good."

"It's interesting to me when you stop and think about it: we'll spend extra hours at the gym in an effort to keep our physical bodies in good shape, but only a minimal amount of time in and effort to care for our spiritual being? Which one do we suppose will last the longest?"

"I have to work some tomorrow on my column for Mark's e-mag. My creativity is not at a very high level right now. But, as I've often remarked, 'there's this strange connection between inspiration and deadlines.' It is not time to rest."

"In my opinion, meditation is fast becoming a lost art. Our thinking today is dominated by external observations, leaving little time for internal reflections. People don't know what they're missing who don't take time to stop and think."

"The Bible is about people—all kinds of people—each with a lesson for those who take the time to read it."

"Yesterday, I dropped nearly everything I picked up. Some days are like that." ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
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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, June 12

Welcome: *Will Starks*
Song Leader: *Mel Ambrose*
Opening Prayer: *Ed Dill*
Lord's Table Lead: *Phil Shaver*

Sermon: *Tommy Hill*
"Serving Our Lord"
Closing Prayer: *Adam Hagewood*

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

Songs Leader: *Mel Ambrose*
Opening Prayer: *Phil Furlough*
Closing Prayer: *Bobby Wright*

Wednesday, June 15

Songs Leader: *Hill Roberts*
Invitation: *Bill Thompson*
Closing Prayer: *Ron Harmon*

2022 Lectures TBA

Sunday, June 19

Tommy Hill
David Jacks
Alex Thompson
Collis Terry

Philippians 1:3-11
Mike McLemore
Cultivating Excellence
Searcy Hall

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore

David Jacks
W.D. Patrick
Riley Monroe

Wednesday, June 22

Mel Ambrose
Mike McLemore
Ed Dill

Quarterly Adult Classes

June — September 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons for Today from the Exodus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Exodus

Mike McLemore

Serving in June

**Serving on the Lord's
Table AM & PM**
**** Overseer**

**** Bill Thompson (6-5), Phil Shaver (6-12),
Collis Terry (6-19), Marty Hunt (6-26)**

**Communion Prep
Building Lockup**

TBA

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



6-13	Adam Hagewood	6-15	Murray Castleman
6-16	Jaxie Rogers	6-16	Phil shaver
6-23	W.D. Patrick	6-26	Keion Godette
6-30	Susan Hand		

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