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SERIOUS BUSINESS

Michael W. McLemore

The native Alabamian, “Satchel” Paige, is surely one of the most iconic professional baseball players to play the game. At the age of 42 in 1948, Paige made his debut in the major leagues with the Cleveland Indians. That same year Paige became the first player who had played in the Negro leagues to pitch in the World Series.

On July 7, 1948, his 42nd birthday, Cleveland Indians owner Bill Veeck brought Paige in to try out for the team. The owner and his player-coach, Lou Boudreau, were so impressed with Paige they offered the pitcher his first major league contract of \$40,000 to pitch for just the last three months of the season. Securing “Satchel” Paige proved critical. He helped propel the team to the World Series, which they won in 6 games. Paige ended the 1948 season with a 6–1 record with a 2.48 earned run average, 2 shut-outs, and 43 strikeouts.

What was the secret to “Satchel” Paige’s long career and tremendous success? Listen to Paige’s own words from the book *Our Team* that chronicles the story of the four pitchers who helped the Indians win the series – “I ain’t no clown. I ain’t no end man in no vaudeville show. I’m a baseball pitcher, and winning baseball games is serious business. You gotta live pitch’n to be a good one – think pitch’n, eat pitch’n, sleep pitch’n, work on it.”

Paige’s wisdom for his iconic success is not just for aspiring baseball pitchers, Christians can learn from him, too. Aspiration to life’s ultimate pinnacle of success, heaven with God, is serious business. “You gotta live it, think it, eat it, sleep it, work on it!” It has always been so with believers. Listen to Jesus as He quoted Moses – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment,” *Matthew 22:37-38*. □

Watch LIVE!

Wisdom is Required

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The story is told of an ancient leader of an army that was hard pressed by his enemy. A close counsellor advised him to protract the fight as long as possible, because the enemy was suffering from lacking of provisions and his supply lines could not remedy the problem. The leader of the besieged army failed to heed the advise of his confidant and threw his army into conflict with his attacker. As a result, he lost both the battle and the empire. He took his own life in disgrace and was laid in an unmarked tomb of dishonor. If he had listened to the advise of his counsellor, hunger would have routed the enemy. Consider the waste of life, the loss of the battle and the sacrifice of the empire which all would have been avoided had not this man felt that valor demanded a violent, frontal assault with the enemy.

This story made me think of those with a distorted concept of faithfulness to Christ, His Word and the church who believe a violent, frontal attack on any and every species and degree of error in practice or teaching is required. These believe this is the only course consistent with truth and righteousness. Not so! Christians are compelled to the “good fight” and to “wage a good warfare,” but wisdom in the battle is at least tacitly required if not emphatically demanded. Listen to Paul, “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each

person,” *Colossians 4:5-6*.

Victory over sin and Satan, for truth and over error, is the object of the Christian’s warfare. Loyalty to Christ never demands a foolish, frontal, violent assault upon every species and degree of error. The tactics of battle should always be determined by the circumstance which prevail and the prospects for victory. Did not our illustration expose the fallacy of arrogant assaults without proper consideration of the outcome?

New Testament Christians are soldiers and the Christian’s warfare is against the Devil, *2 Timothy 2:3, Ephesians 6:10-20*. The self same Christians are taught to use wisdom in said battle — “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves,” *Matthew 10:16*. Wisdom is required.

Due consideration should be given to securing victory with the least loss to the forces of truth. We are dealing with immortal souls. Let us not win a doctrinal victory and lose the object of our warfare, the souls of dying men and women in the process.

No rule can perfectly order the response to every sin or degree of error. We must be “be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger,” *James 1:19*. Indignation must never spur a careless frontal assault. And, we must be slow to criticize the methods of another in pressing the battle for truth. His wisdom may live on and our lack thereof become an illustration of dishonor for future generations. □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Mike McLemore's father, **Henry McLemore**, was released from the hospital on Wednesday afternoon. He is home doing very well. **Mike & Gwyn** want to express our thanks for your prayers and expressions of concern during this uncertain time.

Betty Dubose is still struggling with AFIB. A change has been made to her medications. We are praying this will help in anticipation of her next cardiology appointment, July 15th. Also, Betty's grandson, **Michael Taft** and wife, **Maxine**, have been diagnosed with COVID. **Betty & Sharon** were exposed and are staying home today to be safe. So far they are showing no symptoms.

June Furlough is to undergo an abdominal surgery on Tuesday. Remember June to the Lord as she undergoes this procedure.

Glenda Bradner, Edith Turner's daughter, was taken to Huntsville Hospital last week. She had a bit of an episode that relates to her ongoing challenge with disorientation. Edit tells me that she will require a more careful degree of care than Fleming Farms is able to provide. Pray for Glenda and her family as she makes yet another transition.

Bill McCord is settling in at Fleming Farms just off Whitesburg Drive, apartment 431. We are thankful that he is doing well and continue to pray for his full recovery. Bill's new address is...

4670 Bellwood Drive, SE Apt 431
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Ellie Pellegrini continues to do well following ankle surgery. Remember her to the Lord in prayer as she undergoes PT.

Hill & Carol Roberts are on an upward trend following their COVID diagnosis. We are glad that they are getting better daily.

Jenny Jacks is also much improved after her bout with COVID. She is back to a more normal routine. We are thankful.

Raymond E. Harbin

Raymond Edwin Harbin (70), son of our **Maragem**, brother of **Jimmy Harbin**, passed away on Tuesday, July 5th. A visitation will be held this evening from 6-8. Funeral services will be conducted at Spry Funeral Home, Monday, July 11, at 2 pm. Please pray for Raymond's family.

Mechi Hunts' sister, **Zoila Herring**, is scheduled for surgery this week. Your prayers for her are appreciated.

We are rejoicing with **Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, in her recent good report.

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 worship begins at 10. Mike is beginning a July series entitled "Belonging." Today we will address two questions together — "Attending? Or Belonging?"

Eaglelike Vision

Michael W. McLemore

The author, Charles Swindoll, in his book *Living Beyond Mediocrity*, informed his readers that "an eagle has eighty times as many visual cells per cubic centimeter than does a human. This translates into rather astounding abilities. For example, flying at 600 feet elevation, an eagle can spot an object the size of a dime moving through six-inch grass. The same creature can see three-inch fish jumping in a lake five miles away. Eaglelike people can envision what most would miss."

While Christians are not eagles, the Lord provides for eaglelike vision 2 *Peter 1:1-11*. Bible students recognize this as the "adding Christian graces text." Note Peter's warning for the Christian who fails to add to his faith, etc. — "For whoever lacks these qualities is SO NEARSIGHTED THAT HE IS BLIND, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins," 9. "Christian vision" increases as faith is fortified with "virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brother affection and love." These graces must be in us and increasing for effectiveness and fruitfulness to abound in our lives.

If the children of God are to become "eaglelike" in our vision we have work to do. We serve a Savior who sees the end from the beginning. Modeling Him means developing His eaglelike vision! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm
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Phil Furlough Steve Hagewood
Kirk Hatcher David Jacks
Hill Roberts Collis Terry
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, July 10

Welcome: Tommy Hill
Song Leader: Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer: Collis Terry
Lord's Table Lead: Phil Furlough

Sermon: Mike McLemore
Attending or Belonging?
Closing Prayer: Will Patrick

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz: Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer: Marty Hunt
Closing Prayer: Bobby Wright

Wednesday, July 13

Songs Leader: Hill Roberts
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Alex Thompson

Sunday, July 17

Will Starks
Hill Roberts
Phil Shaver
Ed Dill

Sermon: Mike McLemore
What I Do Have, I Give
Closing Prayer: Ron Harmon

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Hill Roberts
W.D. Patrick
Alex Thompson

Wednesday, July 20

Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Bill Thompson

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes June — September 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons for Today from the Exodus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Exodus
Mike McLemore

Serving in July

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

** Phil Shaver (7-3), Phil Furlough (7-10),
Ed Dill (7-17), Steve Hagewood (7-24), Tommy Hill (7:31)

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

TBA

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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

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