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“Teach IT!”

Michael W. McLemore

I read a story about a fellow who into a Texas café for lunch. He sat down at the counter and before he could say a word, the old proprietor barked, “Here, drink this coffee. I make the strongest coffee in these parts.” “It’s too hot for coffee,” the customer retorted. “No,” the waiter demanded, pulling a double-ball shotgun from under the counter, “Drink it!” The man complied with the strange command given by one equally strange. Then, the waiter handed over his gun and shouted, “Now, hold it on me and make me drink it!”

Silly yes, but it seems to me that we may handle the Gospel similarly. Teaching another what we believe conjures the awkward. It’s unnatural for many and out and out unpleasant for most. We hold the gun on each other and say “Teach it!” Then we pass the gun to another to make us “Teach it!”

We delightfully sing, “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,” but in the context of our everyday life, the stanzas involving “hiding under a bushel” and “satanic-poofting” seem all too familiar. What’s the solution? It’s not a question of our love for God. In most circumstances it’s not that we are unfamiliar with His Word. Largely we simply are uncomfortable because it’s unsettling coupled with a lack of a sense of urgency.

We must cultivate an anguish of soul for the fate of the ungodly. We must break out of the comfort zone of complacency and seek to save the lost zealously, because the love of Christ “constrains” us, *2 Corinthians 5:14*. We must take off our coats of condescension and go into the harvest fields, rolling up our sleeves to bare holy arms to be laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, becoming God’s servants sent to lost man! □

Simple Service

Bubba Garner

The last week of Jesus’ life is so filled with important events that it is often called “The Passion Week.” It highlights major characters like Pontius Pilate, Judas, and Peter. But it also includes an act of service recorded in three of the four gospel accounts. Matthew and Mark do not even mention the servant by name. John informs us that it is Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus.

Have you ever wished that you lived during the time of Jesus? That you could hear Him preach, see Him work a miracle, or watch Him interact with people? We are far removed from the time that Jesus walked the earth. But we can still serve Him just the same. As His disciples, we can do things for Him just like Mary did.

These things can be summed up in two words: simple service. How can we render such simple service to the Savior?

Don’t settle for second best. Mary anointed Jesus with an “alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard,” *Mark 14:3*. “Spikenard” was a very expensive ointment taken from a plant in India. The disciples put a value of 300 denarii on this perfume, the equivalent of a year’s wages. When Mary served Jesus, she didn’t look through her things and find something that she planned to give away anyway. She had the same attitude of King David who said, “I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing,” *2 Sam. 24:24*. Mary was the one Jesus had earlier commended for “choosing the better part,” *Luke 10:42*. The better part is giving your best.

The Lord deserves your best in every area of service. When you come to Bible class unprepared, will you be able to contribute anything or get everything out of the lesson that you need? When you miss services for a game or school or work, who is getting your best? Your team, your coach, your employer? You can’t expect to hear “well done, good and faithful servant” when you’ve not served your best.

Don’t worry about what other people think. The disciples who witnessed Mary’s act of service saw pouring the ointment on Jesus’ head as a huge waste. “For this perfume might have been sold... and the money given to the poor,” *Mark 14:5*. Mary was not deterred. It

was not the disciples’ approval she was seeking. Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me,” *Mark 14:6*. That’s what the Lord thought about it. That was what mattered to Mary.

Sometimes we choose our behavior based on what others will think of us. But you don’t always know why people are thinking a certain way. Judas led the charge against Mary “not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it,” *John 12:6*. Sometimes, people are critical out of jealousy, envy, or some other motive. We are to present ourselves “approved to God,” *2 Tim. 2:15*. Jesus is the One who will judge us. His approval of our service is the only one that matters.

Don’t neglect what only you can do. Mary made her mark. Jesus continued His praise for her by predicting, “Wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her,” *Mark 14:9*. The apostles would be taking the gospel into all the world. When they did, they would also be taking this example of simple service. Mary didn’t do this to make a name for herself. Remember, in Matthew and Mark’s accounts, she is not called by name. But in doing a small, kindly deed, she made a big difference.

Man-made memorials and monuments fade with time. But the memory of a good deed will last forever. It’s the one thing you can take with you when you die, *Rev. 14:13*. Don’t forget Jesus’ words of commendation. “She has done what she could,” *Mark 14:8*. The only thing you are accountable for is what you can do. It may be that just a cup of cold water is all that you can give right now, *Matt. 10:42*. But the Lord will take note. Heaven is reserved for those who served.

Mary is mentioned three times in the gospels; each time, she is at Jesus’s feet. First, when she is listening to Him teach, *Luke 10:39*. Second, when she fell at His feet at Lazarus’ tomb, *John 11:32*. And here, where she anoints Him for His burial. In every case, it was her pleasure to serve Him who did not come to be served. Let us go and do likewise. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Becky Hill is slowly getting better. We are constantly praying that she will overcome this soon. Prayers please!

Glenda & Ken Cavender are also recovering from COVID. Ken said, "It was rough!"

Edith Turner completed her move Thursday to **Thrive at Jones Farm**, an assisted living facility located at **2238 Cecil Ashburn Drive, SE, Huntsville**. We are praying that this will be a short-term move. Sister Turner is having a lot of pain related to her most recent fall.

Evelyn Hall's tests from last week revealed that her levels are almost back to normal. We are thankful to the Lord for watching over her through this ordeal. "We appreciate all the payers on our behalf," **Searcy & Evelyn**.

Shirley Laney continues her recovery from COVID. Like several in our family, it has been a struggle. Please continue to say her name to the Lord as you pray.

The **Hatcher family** was back with us on Wednesday evening after a couple of weeks of nursing sickly family members one by one! We were all so happy to see them!

Phil Furlough's sister, **Glenda Ross**, who lives in Kansas City is well. We are thankful.

We were all happy to learn that **Mike & Peggy Coward** tested negative for COVID. Their son **Keith** contracted the virus on his latest visit to Huntsville, but did not pass it along to anyone else. He's home doing much better.

David Jacks continues to improve. We are thankful that he is making good progress.

Betty Dubose remains on our prayer list. So far so good on the AFIB front.

Edith Turner's daughter, **Glenda Bradner**, continues to have an interest in our prayers.

Zoila Herring continues taking Chemo while recovering from liver surgery. She is weak and has a very long uphill recovery period ahead, but she is keeping a positive attitude. Your prayers are solicited and greatly appreciated.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, continues in our prayers.

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

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible class begins at 9:30. Mike is leading us in a study of "Lessons for Today from Exodus." It is amazing how many "take-aways" there are from these old stories. Plan to be a part!

Sunday morning worship begins at 10. Mike is beginning a series in August entitled "FAITH Yesterday and Today." Each lesson will be taken from the Bible book of Romans. Mike's lesson today is "The Obedience of Faith" from **Romans 1:1-7**.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum Bible study. We are involved in a class on Galatians.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7 with our study of **the Book of Exodus**. We hope everyone will be present for class and the devo to follow. ☐

Let's Just Get Busy!

Michael W. McLemore

Too often we make excuses for why we are not able to do more or to be more effective in the Lord's service. Both Christians and congregations are heard to lament our circumstances or our inability.

If I just had more time! Oh, we find time to mow the lawn, read our favorite books, shop for necessities and a myriad of other things, but we just don't have time for spiritual demands. Isn't the real problem that we are simply not accepting God's work as premiere over all else?

If I just had more ability! Moses made this same all too common excuse, *Exodus 3:7-4:12*. But, when God provided a solution to every supposed challenge and deficiency, Moses finally got to the bottom line in pleading with God to just send someone else, *4:13*. He was unwilling. Isn't that our bottom line when we lament about our inability?

If I just had the money! This would be laughable if it wasn't so blatantly untruthful. We are rich compared to our ancestors in the faith who accomplished God's appointed work. Isn't the real issue that many are reluctant to commit their own resources, which are in fact not their own, but are lent by God. Early Christians readily returned God's resources to meet His need, can't we?

Why don't we just get busy and stop with the excuses? ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 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, August 7

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **W.D. Patrick**
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Romans 1:1-7
The Obedience of Faith
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Sunday, August 14

Will Starks
Hill Roberts
Ed Dill
Collis Terry

Mike McLemore
Romans 1:16-17
From Faith for Faith
Adam Hagewood

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Hill Roberts
Bill Thompson
Bobby Wright

Wednesday, August 10

Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Wednesday, August 17

Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Collis Terry

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 August

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

** **Marty Hunt (8-7), Collis Terry (8-14), Bill Thompson (8-21), Phil Shaver (8-28)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Needed. Please see the list in the foyer.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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8-10	Clark Boles	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-19	Peggy Childress
8-23	Janice Schrimsher	8-24	Mike Coward
8-24	Lucas Hatcher	8-24	Marty Hunt
8-25	Ron Harmon	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-27	Bill McCord	8-28	Adelaide Hatcher

