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# We Will Never Forget

#### Michael W. McLemore

oday America remembers that twentyone years ago our nation was brought to its knees by a senseless assault upon the unsuspecting. September 11, 2001, 2,977 people died at the hands of 19 hijackers who committed murder–suicide. More than 25,000 others were injured. It was the deadliest terrorist act in history. A phrase was coined in the days following 9/11—"We will never forget."

Christians have been remembering another dreadful and senseless assault for almost two millennium — the death of Jesus of Nazareth on a cruel Roman cross of crucifixion. Every first day of the week Christians remember. We are enjoined to "Never forget!" But it is not because of the cross of His death that we remember. We remember the cross "because He lives!"

Because He lives, we have assurance that we are never alone. He did not leave us as orphans. The Father "sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father!" *Galatians 4:6.*  Because He lives, we are never alone.

Because He lives, we need not worry whether God will provide. Jesus assured listeners that His Father, who feeds the birds, colors the grass, and clothes the flowers, will also provide for their needs. This promise would have meant nothing if Jesus were only a man. But because He is the Son of God who was raised from the dead, His word is true! No circumstance or need is too big for Him. Because He lives, He provides.

Because He lives, we can face death courageously, confidently and boldly. With fear and death looming Jesus assured His questioning disciples, "I am the only true and living way," *John 14:6*. His death and resurrection proved forevermore that He alone is the source of our eternal life. Because Jesus lives, we never truly die but live with Him eternally.

He said, "Remember ME," and we will never forget!

hink for a moment about Paul's opening words to the church at Philippi: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of

# In All My Remembrance By Doy Moyer

Christ Jesus. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God," *Philippians 1:3-11*.

When I look back there is much here to which I can relate. It's hard to believe so much time has passed. Over a life-time, preachers may generally experience the spectrum of the good and bad in working with churches. Some works they will remember as encouraging, loving, and peaceful. Such has been the case for me. The work has been challenging, yet encouraging, peaceful, and, I hope, beneficial for all of us.

I am confident that I will always be able to say, as did Paul for Philippi, that I thank God in all my remembrance of you. Yet I also pray that there will be opportunities for further interaction and work together. Your participation and fellowship with me in the gospel is meaningful and worthwhile, and no matter where any of us find ourselves in this world, our kingdom work together will continue in the Lord. For Christians, earthly separations are not final, nor do they stop the joint participation in our labors. We are simply finding more opportunities to expand our kingdom work together.

Again, with the apostle Paul, I can say that I am confident "that He who began a good work in you will perfect it



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Watch LIVE until the day of Christ Jesus." If all of us will give ourselves wholly to God and His kingdom, then God will continue to work through us. In the same epistle, Paul wrote, "So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure," 2:12-13. God has begun a work in us, and His will is to continue that work so that we will ultimately bring it to completion. Therefore, continue to carry out the goals of salvation to the very end. There is to be no "quit" in the child of God.

It is right for me to feel this way about you "because I have you in my heart" and, while I have not suffered imprisonment for His sake, it is still true that you all are partakers of grace with me. We share a common faith, a common salvation, and a common hope. If we stay dedicated to Him, that will never change. I pray, then, with Paul, that your love abound still more and more in real knowledge and discernment. We are in this "until the day of Christ" and all that we are and do are to be "to the glory and praise of God."

I thank God and I thank you, then, for the work that we have able to share and will continue to share in the kingdom of God. Things are always changing, but the commitment we have to the truth of God and His word ought never to change. I will always maintain a strong affection for this group. I have been abundantly cared for both physically and spiritually. The shepherds here have demonstrated wisdom and spiritual maturity, watching for our souls and seeking to act in the best interest of others. I could not ask for a more gracious and pleasant group of men with which to work, and I thank God for them as well as all of you. May God richly bless you all.

Finally, I simply want to mirror Paul's words as he closed his epistle to the Philippians: "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen," *Philippians 4:19-20.* 



News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members

#### **Family Updates**

#### Prayers:

We are continuing to pray for **Gene & Cathy Preston** along with their entire family following the tragic loss of Michael. Weatherly is to be commended for the great outpouring of love and hospitality shown last Sunday. The memorial service for Michael was beautiful. I know it meant so much to the Preston's.

Hanna Harmon, granddaughter of Phyllis & Ron, collapsed at Auburn on Thursday afternoon and was taken to the hospital. She was determined to be suffering from ventricular tachycardia. Her dad, **Chris**, immediately rushed to be by her side. The two returned to Huntsville late Friday. Hannah is at home now being treated with medication and is scheduled to see a cardiologist at the Heart Center on Monday. She will wear a heart monitor for a while to determine the best course. Your prayers are both solicited and appreciated.

Becky Hill began Chemotherapy on Wednesday. The first course had to be halted before it was completed, but she was able to continue the other scheduled treatments. She will go for a final injection in this course tomorrow. Her oncologist is adjusting the first part of this regimen to make it more agreeable to her system. Your prayers for Tommy, Becky and family are highly coveted.

Remember to pray for both Edith Turner & **Peggy Monroe** who have recently moved to Thrive at Jones Farm. Both enjoy visits.

The McLemore's daughter, Amanda, is home recovering from surgery. All went as planned. As expected she is experiencing substantial discomfort. We are praying her pain will hit its peak soon and that she will begin to improve. Thank you for your prayers.

**Bill McCord** is improving from his COVID infection. Ellie Pellegrini was able to be with us Sunday after her COVID diagnosis. Others we are unaware of may also be impacted. We are thankful that the symptoms are mild.

Guy McDaniel, former Weatherly evangelist, remains in our prayers as he receives treatment for his infection. Your prayers for Guy & Ann will sustain them during hard days.

Mechi Hunt's sister, Zoila Herring, is continuing her Chemo. Remember her to the Lord as you pray daily.

The Stark's granddaughter, Ciera Elledge, also continues to have an interest in our prayers as she anticipates further scans and an important procedure soon.

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 & Betty Dubose.

#### **TODAY AT WEATHERLY**

Sunday morning Bible class begins at 9:30. Mike is leading us in a study of "Lessons for Today from Exodus." Worship begins at 10. Mike's lesson this morning will be entitled "By His Own Blood" from Hebrews 9:12.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for Bible Skillz and then open forum class. Come be a part.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7 with our study of **the Book of Exodus**. This is a great study. We hope to see you all.

## **On True Fellowship** Michael W. McLemore

TRUE fellowship requires mutual individual commitment. In Philippians Paul acknowledges the "partnership" of the church from the first day, continuing to the present, 1:5. Beginning a relationship is easy; continuing in relationship is difficult. Without doubt Paul could have filled books with stories of the things that they experienced and had to overcome together. Moments of trial and seasons of adversity require commitment, to God and to each other. Working for decades in any local

church is not easy. There are no enduring relationships without forgiveness. And that too requires commitment. The greater glory goes to Christ-not when we take our marbles and go home because something didn't work out the way we wanted it. The greater glory goes to the Lord when we pursue and persevere in relationships in spite of the shortcomings that we see in one another. Consider 4 things that break down

commitment and destroy fellowship: Christians cease to be committed to one another when entitlement

takes over. This attitude says, "I deserve to get. I must have. I can't continue if I don't receive."

Christians cease to be committed to one another when superiority raises its ugly head. "My opinion counts

Christians cease to be committed to one another when agendas rule.

Christians cease to be committed given.

We must guard against such attitudes. God being our helper we will. May we strive "together" to give glory to God and not ourselves.  $\Box$ 





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#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



September 11, 2022

9-14 9-25 LaNelle Patrick

9-28

**Brooke Hatcher** Sophia Hunt 9-20

**Dorris DeCelles** 



These are asked to assist in our labor.

#### Sunday, September 11

Welcome: Song Leader: **Opening Prayer:** Lord's Table Lead:

Tommy Hill Mel Ambrose Collis Terry Tommv Hill Hebrews 9:12 Mike McLemore By His Own Blood

**Closing Praver:** 

Sermon:

#### **Evening Worship**

Will Starks

#### **Bible Skillz** Songs Leader:

**Opening Prayer:** 

**Closing Prayer:** 

Mel Ambrose Ed Dill

Dwight Ivey

Mike McLemore

Wednesday, September 14

Songs Leader: Invitation: **Closing Prayer:** 

Hill Roberts Mike McLemore Alex Thompson

#### 2022 Lectures Cancelled

#### Sunday, September 18

Will Starks Hill Roberts Phil Shaver Ed Dill Hebrews 10:39 Mike McLemore **Don't Shrink Back** Will Patrick

#### **Evening Worship**

Mike McLemore

David Jacks Kirk Hatcher **Bobby Wright** 

#### Wednesday, September 21

Collis Terrv Mike McLemore **Bill Thompson** 

#### Quarterly Adult Classes June – September 2022

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY** 

Lessons for Today from the Exodus Mike McLemore

#### **AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**

Exodus Mike McLemore

#### Serving in September

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

\*\* Phil Furlough (9-4), Tommy Hill (9-11), Ed Dill (9-18), Steve Hagewood (9-25)

**Communion Prep Building Lockup** 

**Collis Terry**