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Admirable Confidence

Michael W. McLemore

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died,” *John 11:21*. What incredible confidence motivated Martha’s desperate pronouncement. Her faith amazes every reader. John’s narrative sheds light upon Martha’s unwavering faith in the unseen and her recognition of Jesus as the beacon of hope for her brother Lazarus’ resurrection.

Martha believed in the resurrection to come. “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day,” *24*. Like Job, her admirable confidence rested in God. She firmly believed in the promised resurrection of the dead, *cf. Job 14:14*. Even when Jesus assured her of Lazarus’ resurrection, she persisted with conviction, affirming her faith in the resurrection. Martha’s faith in the unseen transcends the immediate circumstances of Lazarus’ death, anchoring itself in the ultimate hope of eternal life beyond this temporal world.

Martha believed in Jesus’ authority and power. “I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give it to you,” *22*. Despite her grief over Lazarus’ death, Martha acknowledges

Jesus as the Messiah – “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world,” *27*. Her confession not only acknowledged Jesus’ divine identity but also reflects her confidence in his ability to overcome death, fulfilling God’s redemptive plan. Martha’s trust was in Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, the singular source of resurrection and salvation.

Martha believed in Jesus’ relationship with the Father. She believed He had the ear of the One true God, *22*. Despite her initial perplexity, Martha expressed trust in His intercessory power and divine connection. Then she counted on her own relationship with Jesus. Martha’s desire was for deeper insight and intimacy with the One she knew as the sole source of life and hope.

Martha has taught us about the foundation of faith in the unseen. Her unwavering belief emerges as a paradigm of faith in the Gospel narrative. Her words affirm her own trust in Jesus and challenge every believer to embrace steadfastness, anchoring our hope in the promises of God and the redemptive work of Christ. □

The Church Divine IN HER TERMS OF ADMISSION

James W. Adams

The church is the aggregate body of the redeemed of earth — the saved relationship. Her terms of admission, therefore, will be identical with the conditions of salvation set forth in the New Testament. “The Lord added to the church day by day those that were being saved,” *Acts 2:47, ASV*. As people are saved, and by the same process, they are made members of the Lord’s called out people, the church.

The church is the body of Christ. “He is the head of the body, the church,” *Colossians 1:18*. Entrance into that body is by baptism. “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,” *1 Corinthians 12:13*. This is not the baptism of the Holy Spirit of Acts 2. In that baptism, the Holy Spirit was the element in which the subjects were immersed. As a result of which, they were endowed with miraculous powers among which was the speaking in tongues, *Acts 2:1-4*. The Corinthians had all been baptized “by one Spirit into one body,” but they could not all speak with tongues, *1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 30*, therefore their baptism “by one Spirit” was not Holy Spirit baptism such as that of Acts 2. The meaning of the expression “by one Spirit” may be learned from verse 3 of the same book and chapter. Paul says, “No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.” “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God,” *Romans 10:17*. John said, “Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...” *John 20:30,31*. “Howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into

all truth,” *John 16:13*. From these passages, it is evident that the inspired teaching of the apostles produced faith in Jesus as Lord, hence that the expression “by one Spirit” means: under the teaching, guidance, leadership of one Spirit were you all led to say that “Jesus is Lord.” By the same token “baptized by one Spirit” simply means that under the teaching, guidance, leadership of one Spirit were they all baptized in water into one body.

Water baptism, the baptism of the great commission, has as its essential antecedents: faith, repentance, and a confession of faith with the mouth. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,” *Mark 16:16*. “Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,” *Acts 2:38*. “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved,” *Romans 10:9*. It follows, therefore, that faith in Christ as the Son of God, repentance, and baptism upon a confession of faith with the mouth are the terms of admission into the church of the New Testament.

In the absence of these qualifications, men have no right to recognize a person either as a saved individual or a member of the church, nor do Christians have the right to fellowship as Christians such persons. To do so would be to lay unholy hands upon that which is divine; it would constitute an alteration of the divine terms of admission into the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church is divine and is entered by man only as he complies with her divine terms of admission. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



2024 A Mind to Work — Together, Nurturing the Believers' Mindset
March: Resurrection, "Faith to believe for the unseen."

Family Updates

Prayers:

Phyllis Harmon remains in Regency Rehab. Thankfully she is out of COVID quarantine and able to receive care outside of her room. She is getting stronger and looking forward to being home soon. Pray for **Phyllis & Ron**.

Services were held for **Edith Turner's** sister, **Catherine, "Kay" Wall** (106), at Maple Hill Cemetery on Thursday. A wonderful tribute to her life and legacy of faith left all who attended inspired in our individual service to Christ. Please remember our dear sister Turner in prayer. This is a great loss for her and for her entire family.

June Furlough's surgery on Friday went well and she is resting at home. We are praying that this will relieve the symptoms that she has been experiencing for several weeks. Your prayers and words of comfort for her have been greatly appreciated.

Peggy Childress was admitted to Vanderbilt Hospital Thursday. She will be undergoing tests. It appears that her intense headaches are connected to a Shingles diagnosis. She remains very weak. Pray for **Peggy & Terry**.

We are still awaiting word on **Searcy Hall's** visit with his endocrinologist related to the anomaly on one of his adrenal glands. Keep **Evelyn & Searcy** in your prayers.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, remains on our prayer list. She is evaluating what her next move will be. It is

important that we all pray for Ciera and her young family during this challenging hour.

Collis & Sue Terry were back with us on Wednesday after having COVID. We missed them and are glad they are better. Prayers of thankfulness are in order.

Silvia Henderson's sister, **Kiki**, continues her treatments. She is anticipating a series of scans to determine if she can undergo much needed surgery. Pray please.

Jack Taft is undergoing Chemo. He will be undergoing Chemo for five consecutive days in four week intervals. Pray for **Jack & Shirley**.

Please be mindful of those in our family who struggle with chronic illness or the effects of aging — **Peggy Childress, Peggy Monroe, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godelte, Maragem Harbin,Carolynn Barr, Betty Dubose, Ron Harmon, Jim Risner, Harold Smith & Wanda Castleman**.

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:00. **Mike McLemore** continues his study, "Joshua to the United Kingdom," Lesson 12. **BIBLE SKILZ** will meet after class at 9:35. **DEVOTION** will be led this morning by **John Patrick**. **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10:10. **Mike McLemore's** lesson today is entitled, "Do You Believe This?" from **John 11:1-44**.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** continues his class "Joshua to the United Kingdom." See you all for class. ☐

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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3-28	Adrienne West	4-2	Silvia Henderson
4-5	Carolynn Barr	4-6	Jerry Mitchell
4-13	Sherrie Stovall	4-18	Peggy Monroe
4-20	John Stokes	4-21	Dianne Dill
4-21	Mechi Hunt	4-23	David Jacks

Am I Consecrated?

Michael W. McLemore

HENRY WARD BEECHER wrote, "Consecration is not wrapping one's self in a holy web in the sanctuary, and then coming forth after prayer and twilight meditation and saying, 'There, I am consecrated.' Consecration is going into the world where God Almighty is, and using every power for his glory. It is taking all advantages as trust funds — as confidential debts owed to God. It is simply dedicating one's life, in its whole flow, to God's service."

Many are heard crying for more men and women who will consecrate themselves completely to the Lord's work. It is surely the crying need of the hour in our time of divided hearts. Beecher exposed the need of his generation to move away from the view that one is somehow "consecrated" because he or she has made a customary appearance among the assembled. It was not so then; it is not so now.

Jesus' foundational "Sermon on the Mount" made it clear — We "cannot serve God and mammon," **Matthew 6:24**, KJV. God cannot use, indeed, will not accept a divided heart. Such is tantamount to the hateful heart, pretending devotion. People who have "first given themselves to the Lord" find no difficulty in serving Him even "beyond their power," *cf.* **2 Corinthians 8:5**. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 am
Sunday Devotion	9:35 am
Sunday Assembly	10:10 am
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, March 24th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**

Devotion

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Shaver**
Devotion Leader: **John Patrick**

Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **Marty Hunt**
Lord's Table Lead: **Collis Terry**
John 11:1-44
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
"Lazarus, Come Out"
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Wednesday, March 20th

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Sunday, March 31st

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**

Devotion

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**
Devotion Leader: **Mel Ambrose**

Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Lord's Table Lead: **Ed Dill**
John 20
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
"My Lord and my God"
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

Wednesday, April 3rd

Songs Leader: **TBA**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **TBA**

2024 Weatherly Heights Lectures

May 2-5, 2024
Buc Chumley, Jonathan Reeder
Mitch Davis & Wilson Adams

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2024

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Joshua to the United Kingdom
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Joshua to the United Kingdom
Mike McLemore

Serving in March

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
** Overseer
**** Tommy Hill (3-3), John Patrick (3-10), Steve Hagewood (3-17), Collis Terry (3-24)**

Building Lockup

Collis Terry

