In Memory

Melvin Reed
April 18, 1937 – October 7, 2026

David McCoy
November 4,1942 – October 8, 2026

A Half-hearted Effort

The word *"lukewarm"* comes from 14th Century English which combined two adjectives, *"warm"* which means not hot and "luke" meaning tepid or moderate. From the 1520's, the term in its figurative sense means a person or their actions that are *"lacking in zeal or not fully dedicated"* and is the meaning we are most familiar with. For those who know the Scriptures, the single appearance of the word is found in *Revelation 3:16*. Even though the word is only found once in the Scriptures, there are warnings and encouragements against half-heartedness throughout God's word. Notice the following:

* Be Diligent to Keep the Lord's Precepts (Psalm 119:4)
* When the Lord Calls say, "Here Am I, Send Me!" (Isaiah 6:8)
* Present Yourself as a Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1)
* Take Up Your Cross Daily and Follow Christ (Luke 9:23)
* Possess an Enthusiastic Attitude (Romans 12:11)
* Run for the Imperishable Crown (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
* Work Together for the Growth of the Church (Ephesians 4:16)
* Be Strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10)
* Be Fruitful in Every Good Work (Colossians 1:10)
* Be Diligent to Present Yourself to God (2 Timothy 2:15)
* Be Fervent in Prayer (James 5:16)
* Sincerely Love One Another with a Pure Heart (1 Peter 1:22)

Jesus condemned the church in Laodicea for being lukewarm. A spiritual condition that made the Lord sick (*Rev. 3:15-16*). When it comes to our commitment and dedication to the Lord, we cannot be like the silly song, "The Hokey Pokey" having one foot in and one foot out, for God wants His people to be "all in". Christianity is not a part-time activity only to be practiced when it's convenient or when we feel like it, but a spiritual lifestyle only made possible by God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- Jay Launius, Maud Church of Christ, Maud, TX -

We must not only believe in God; but believe God.

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News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the family of **Melvin Reed** at his recent passing. To his children, Jennifer Tropeck, Melissa Barr, Erin Neese, and Carrie Wright, their spouses, his grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and his many friends. Melvin was a member of this congregation for many years. He will be missed. God bless and comfort all who knew and loved him.

Also, sympathy to the family of **David McCoy**. David was a long-time member of this congregation. Visitation this Thursday at Arner's 5:00-7:00 p.m. Service at 7:00 p.m.

NEW ADDRESS: Shawn & Nikki Beagle, 103 Holly Lane, Chester, WV 26034. Phones remain as in the directory.

FALL FESTIVAL: This **Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** All are invited. Come to enjoy fun, food, and a good time. Appropriate seasonal costumes are welcome.

PANTRY: Apple sauce.

REMEMBER THE SICK & SHUT-INS: Noni Scadden, Donna Stevens, Scharlotte Jones. ***FOX:*** Patty McCullough, Marlene Evans, Mary Johnson. ***SERRA MANOR, Weirton:*** Jean Haught (Skip's Mother). **OTHERS OUT OF THE AREA:** Nancy Hadley, Sue Baumgardner, Brenda Harris, Christy Claypool, Jackie Brown, Brett Thompson, Herman McHan.

Kita Miller, 304 West 4th St., Brookston, IN 47923.

Rebecca Henderson, (Elaine McClung's daughter) 1800 McDermott St., Conway, SC 29526.

Rea Sellers, (Janet & Becky's sister) 524 Lakeside West, Florence, AL 35634.

David Wilson (Janet & Becky's brother) 203 Bay Grove Road., Freeport, FL 32439.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m.
On WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM