

Weatherly Weekly

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God Provides

Michael W. McLemore

God possess all things. The bounty of His hand is unquestioned. Consider that every seed of His creation when planted germinates and brings forth fruit by His power in abundance. Immeasurably God provides for humankind. Never has His hand been weakened nor His arm shortened that He could not provide for the needs of His people. God provides for the needs of His creation, but how is it used?

When the Lord brought His people out of Egypt, He fed them in the desert. Miraculously bread fell from heaven for 40 long years. But, He expressly forbid the people from taking more than was needed for a single day, except on the day before the Sabbath, *Exodus 16:16-30*. Those who gathered more found that the excess spoiled and was unusable. Others were lazy and didn't gather enough. True to His word, on the sixth day the heavens provided twice as much, enough for that day and Sabbath day of rest. I think there are lessons for other areas of life.

TIME — Of all that God has given us, time has to be one of the most valuable gifts.

Each moment of the day is a blessing. When the day is spent, nothing is left. Every hour spent in pursuit of sin is one lost, irretrievably.

MONEY — Commonly it is thought that money is handled in one of two ways, it is either spent or it is saved. The world competes for its use. It may be wasted. It may be hoarded for a rainy day, then left to another. It may find beneficial use, or it may be used to support passing pleasures, or purchase fleeting treasures. Only what is laid up in heaven will truly benefit.

ENERGY — If strength is expended only on the day's activities and none in service to God, has it really been used wisely? How many of us have spent our daily allotment of physical strength and have none left for worship?

SOUL — The most important part of man is the soul. Are you day by day using that part of yourself that will return to Him on this world, or preparing it for the world beyond?

The Lord provides exactly what is needed for each day. Don't waste it. Use it on what is infinitely more valuable than this life. □

If Christ is Raised

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As he prepared to record Jesus' final moments upon earth, Luke, physician turned evangelist, said, "he presented himself alive, after his sufferings, by many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3).

A fundamental declaration of all that Christians hold as Truth, the resurrection is the most basic premise of Christianity, and one that shall stand the test of eternity. If this assertion is true, the Bible is true and from God as it claims, and all the consequences of it being true will follow, whether mankind understands them or not. With this testimony the Bible stands or falls, and with it stands or falls our faith and our hope of all beyond this life. This is the foundation of all revelation — the claims of Christ, his apostles, and the disciples after them. The discourses and exhortations of the first century writers and preachers are solidly based upon this statement. If this account is true, eternal glory is ours for the taking. If not, we are fools and imitators, perpetrators of the greatest fraud ever executed among men.

Was Christ an imposter? Did God raise an imposter? If Jesus rose, He is God. And if He is divine, ALL He ever said was and is true. Consider the details of this earth-shaking event. Ask, "Is He indeed the Christ?" "Was He resurrected from the dead?" Determination of these central facts thereby establishes the authenticity of the Bible.

Our basic premise is that Jesus showed Himself alive by a multitude of indisputable proofs. If Jesus showed himself alive, then He was truly resurrected, for His enemies and murderers were responsible for determining whether the execution had been carried out. None doubted that Jesus of Nazareth was dead. Hence, if He was seen alive, then He was raised, and He is who He claimed to be (John 14:6; 12:32). Consequently, if He is raised, His declarations are undeniable. They are Truth!

Consider the issue and the parties in-

involved. Jesus of Nazareth was a person. He did live. No one disputes that. The question, "Did he rise?" is the issue. Reams of admitted particulars testify to Jesus' life, death and burial. No one doubts His execution. That mankind has been affected by this event is evident to all honest observers. Our very calendar is testimony of the impact of this one solitary Soul.

Note as well, the enemies of Jesus were themselves unbelievers. Yet, what do they claim? They claimed the body was stolen, yet produced no evidence. What do they affirm? Nothing! They asserted no clear position, only denied. What do they advocate or propose? The Jews claimed the Messiah had not come. The Gnostics claimed the same, denying Jesus as the God in the flesh. The Romans scoffed. None offered a tenable submission. What do they defend? They defend only their unlawful actions, but no sustainable doctrine. What do they promise? Without Christ, they offer no hope. Is their position able to be sustained by evidence or testimony? Are these so different from the enemies of Jesus in our modern age? I think not. Theirs are baseless claims with no offering. It is a vain existence.

The friends of Christ were and are believers. Their claims and proposals lace the scriptures. It is a hope-filled offering. The corroborating evidence and testimony is undisputed.

Were the apostles ALL martyred, save John, for what they knew to be a fraudulent claim? If Jesus was not raised, they KNEW it, for they were His only friends. It was they who stole the body and lied about His spending time with them. Examine their behavior during His trial, after His burial and resurrection. Consider the way they died, never denying Christ or his supposed resurrection. There is but one conclusion. If Christ is raised, and He is, then His word is Truth and must be obeyed! □

Forgive the redundancy, but this piece addresses the resurrection a bit more deeply than did last week's front page article. At this time of year many are contemplating Jesus' resurrection. Our hope is that this might aid further understanding of the subject.

Mike McLemore

Watch
LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Sherrie Stovall has pneumonia! She spent Friday evening into Saturday morning in the Huntsville Hospital ER with what presented as chest pains. She does have somewhat of a heart-rhythm issue, but the main concern is the infection. Pray for Sherrie.

Wanda Castleman has a serious infection in her leg. She is being treated with antibiotics and is being monitored closely. Circulation issues are complicating healing. This is a potentially very serious condition. Your prayers are needed!

Betty Reavis' underwent Chemo on Friday. Your prayers for her are solicited. Pray the side-effects are minimal and that this will be the last treatment that will be necessary.

Ken Cavender continues pursue what course of treatment will be necessary to address his malignancy diagnosis. Pray please.

Peggy Shelton is recovering from surgery. Pray that her recovery is quick and that her pain is minimal.

Marty Haselden, daughter of **Don & Lane Roberts**, sister of **Hill**, is suffering with cancer. Please remember her family, husband, **Jeff**, and daughters, **Mandy & Sami** in prayer.

Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

Barbara Woodard	Melonie Power
Melvin Godette	Glenda Cavender
Travis Barnett	Jeff Harbin
Aladean Jacks	

Jared, Amanda & Liam Jimison are scheduled to arrive in Nashville overnight Monday. They are all doing very well. Your prayers for a safe trip are appreciated. ☐

Study Series Tonight

Tonight begins our Sunday Night Study Series for Spring 2019. **Our King's Kingdom is for All** is the theme for this year's study. We are thrilled to welcome any and all who would participate. Our families always play a big part in making this effort go well. Invite a friend but plan to come yourself.

The adult class will be using the book of Acts and the early epistles of Paul as a spring board to discuss both the mission and growth of the early church. **Mike McLemore** will be leading the class each night. It would a great study to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to participate in. ☐

2019 Weatherly Lectures

Mark your calendar for **May 2-5!** Our lectures will begin on Thursday evening and go through Sunday afternoon. Our theme is "Living in Christ." ☐

Group Three Meeting Tonight Leader: Murray Castleman

Will meet immediately following the evening worship service. See you there...

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS



3-18	Susan Ivey	3-22	Thomas Hill
3-27	Jonathan Matlock	4-2	Silvia Henderson
4-5	Carolyn Barr	4-6	Jerry Mitchell
4-8	William Hill	4-9	Kate Little
4-12	Auburn Henderson	4-13	Sherrie Stovall

How're Ya Sleep'n?

Michael W. McLemore

Maybe you have been guilty of a somewhat questionable accusation against the "foolish" highlighted in Jesus' first parable of judgement in Matthew 25:1-12. I'll admit that I have. Perhaps you also have cast doubt upon their wisdom because they "became drowsy and slept"?

Read verse 5, "As the bridegroom was delayed, they ALL became drowsy and slept." Jesus noted the wise were also sleep with the foolish. Striking isn't it? Their shame wasn't in sleeping, but in something else entirely.

One important thing to remember is that each of the ten pure maidens, wise and foolish alike, was expected to be responsible for her own part in the wedding. Each had her instructions. Each knew exactly what she should do. When the cry came, "Come out to meet him," only five were ready. If the foolish virgins had time to sleep, didn't they had time to prepare? The wise slept in comfort, having brought extra oil to be ready when the groom arrive. The foolish wasted precious time and "the door was shut."

Jesus' parable comes with a warning for ALL who await His coming, "Watch!" Are you prepared to meet Him? If not, "how're ya sleep'n?" I hope not too comfortably. Awake and prepare! He may come soon. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Ben Little
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, March 17

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Timmy Hill**
Scripture Reading: **Phil Shavers**
John 1:35-42
Sermon: **Michael McLemore**
"First Found His Brother"
Closing Prayer: **W.D. Patrick**

Sunday, March 24

Tommy Hill
David Jacks
Marty Hunt
Wes Caudle
Matthew 5:21-26; 18:15-20
Michael McLemore
"Leave Your Gift at the Altar"
Ron Harmon

Evening Worship

Study Series **Week 1**
Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Ben Little**
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Evening Worship

Week 2
David Jacks
Hill Roberts
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday, March 20

Songs Leader: **Mike Coward**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Louis Garrett**

Wednesday, March 27

Collis Terry
Phil Furlough
Riley Monroe

Group 3

2019 Weatherly Lectures May 2-5

"Living in Christ"

**Michael McLemore, Jason
Moore, Gary Patton
& Eric Reynolds**

Group 4

Quarterly Adult Classes January – March 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!
Mike McLemore

Serving in March

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood	Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Nick Holland	W.D. Patrick
	Bobby Wright	John Beshorse
	Forest Summers **	John Patrick

Lord's Supper PM	Collis Terry **	Terry Childress
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Communion Prep Building Lockup	Julie Guice & Sarah Starks
	Will Starks

