

Weatherly Weekly

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Our God Keeps

Michael W. McLemore

The 121st Psalm reveals our God as our keeper. It is a song of ascent, and was sung by Israel as they began to ascend the mountains of the Judean Hill Country approaching Jerusalem, or as they ascended the steps leading to the Temple mount. It is the second of 15 songs recorded from Psalms 120-134.

“He who keeps Israel (you) will neither slumber nor sleep,” 3. Our keeper needs no sleep, nor will He fatigue. He is vigilant and attentive to our fearful pleas. Those who sleep need not fear that they are left alone and vulnerable. As the adolescent is unafraid while her mother or father is by her bedside, so God’s people set their minds at rest while our God watches over.

“The Lord is your keeper... He will keep your life,” 5-7. No action escapes His watchfulness and assistance. “No creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account,” *Hebrews 4:13*. Physically and spiritually He cares for his children, day and night. He is

represented as a champion, whose shade always falls upon us from the right – “Our right hand man!”

“The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore,” 8. God keeps his children daily and will always. He guards, guides and directs in the way of right. “Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you,” *Deuteronomy 31:6*.

God’s people rejoiced in their Keeper as they ascended mount Zion to worship. It is proper that God’s people be reminded of His presence during fearful days of uncertainty. Worship reminds us of that abiding truth. Nothing surpasses the encouragement discovered from a host of God’s people singing of His love, protection and guidance. Like Israel of old, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we will never be deprived of the tender care of our loving heavenly Father. Rejoice and be glad, our God keeps! □

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RASCALS are always SOCIABLE

James W. Adams

Schopenhauer, famous German philosopher, was so right when he made the observation which is our title. Our law enforcement agencies constantly remind us that “con-artists” never look like crooks. This is as true of purveyors of pernicious error in the religious realm as it is of crooked monetary entrepreneurs in contemporary society, and as foolish as many are in being duped by “get rich quick” schemes, they are even more susceptible in the religious realm.

This reminds me of what occurred at a Florida College Lectureship several years ago. In an audience of several hundred brethren, a preacher stood and asked to speak. His request was granted, so he asked the man seated next to him to stand. The man, obviously embarrassed, stood. The man, though unknown by face to most of the audience, was known by reputation to all as a teacher-practitioner of pernicious religious error. The first brother then said, “Many of you do not know this man; he is Brother _____. Look at him! Do you see any horns?”

Many in the audience laughed. I did not. It was not amusing. The flamboyant introduction was obviously done to lay at rest any suspicions that faithful brethren might have concerning the man. Obviously, the flamboyant demonstration was to palliate the errors of the man being introduced, and to recommend him to the acceptance of the audience which was a cross section of conservatives throughout the nation. Whether done for this purpose or not, it had the effect of exonerating the man from the onus that rested upon him by reason of his unscriptural and divisive doctrine and practice.

I probably erred on that occasion by not arising to say: “No, we see no horns, but it was Paul, the apostle, who said concerning teachers of error in his day, ‘Such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ, and no marvel,- for even Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.’”

My reason for not doing so: I did not wish to be publicly unkind to the man thus introduced, for I was certain that he was not privy to what occurred. I mention the incident in this article only to address a matter that stems from the attitude demonstrated by it.

We live in a time when a “good personality” is idealized. Too many churches, when selecting preachers for meetings and local work, are more concerned about their being “personable” than they are about their knowledge of the Bible, ability to preach the Word and character to sustain it, their faith or their convictions. We do not minimize the importance of preachers developing personalities that help rather than hinder the acceptance of the truth which they preach. However, when a “good mixer” is given precedence over a “good preacher,” something is fundamentally wrong with our sense of values.

We often hear brethren bewail the lack of depth in members of the church today. The “pew” will never rise above the “pulpit” is almost without exception true. People who are brought into the church by the impact of human personality rather than the influence of truth and are nurtured by the same means cannot be expected to have spiritual depth or be safe from error. □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Wanda Castleman is about the same. Please pray for her improvement. Your cards, calls and expressions of support for her are greatly appreciated.

Betty Reavis will shortly be undergoing additional tests to verify that she is cleared to go on a maintenance regime for further treatment of her cancer. We are thankful that she has progressed to this point and are prayerful that more good news will follow.

Ron Harmon went to the emergency room on Wednesday evening. He was suffering from an inexplicable allergic reaction.

Auburn Henderson was able to be with us Sunday. He is not completely well, but is much improved. Prayers please.

Jeff Harbin had his first combination of Chemo and Radiation to treat his cancer. Please pray for the benefit. Jeff is the son of our own **Maragem Harbin**.

We are happy to report that **Travis Barnett** is home. Many prayers have been offered for him. **Kim & Terry** are grateful for the support they have received.

Guest Speakers Today

Louis Garrett and **Bill Thompson** will be standing in for Mike McLemore. The McLemores were to be out of town today, but a highly contagious virus being passed around by family in Texas prevented the trip.

Daily Prayer List:

Please remember these in your daily petitions to the Father:

Barbara Woodard	Melonie Power
Melvin Godette	Glenda Cavender
Ken Cavender	Jeff Harbin
Aladean Jacks	Marty Haselden
Teresa Grizzard	Cornelia Collette

Study Series Tonight

Week THREE of Sunday night Study series will begin at 5 pm. **Our King's Kingdom is for All** is the theme for our study. Bring a friend if you can, but be here yourself. Our studies have been well attended. Make sure you are here tonight!

The adult class will be studying **The Churches of Galatia: Living Together in Christ**. **Bill Thompson** will be leading the class. See you tonight! ☐

Gazelles Class

The Gazelles will meet today after morning services at the home of the Littles. This group includes all young ladies in grades 5th—8th. Today's theme: "Aiding Widows."

No Group Meeting Today Fifth Sunday

As is our custom on the fifth Sunday, no group meeting will be held. Any guest cards may be passed to Ben Little or Phil Furlough.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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	4-18	Peggy Monroe
4-20	John Stokes	4-21	Charley Carter
4-21	Diane Dill	4-21	Maria Hunt
4-23	David Jacks	4-25	Sue Terry

Open Your Heart

Michael W. McLemore

Many today view God as arbitrary. They see Him as dictator ruling man and the world according to His own whims and bestowing His blessings upon one and denying them to another automatically and unreasonably. Under such a concept, man becomes nothing more than a helpless and hapless droid inexorably driven by the vagaries of Almighty Power.

The truth is that God is merciful, loving and kind acting always with perfect justice tempered by Divine grace. Man is a free moral being. He is capable of determining his own destiny and the recipient of Divine blessings depending upon his own willingness to receive them.

Henry Ward Beecher once penned, "There is dew in one flower and not in another, because one opens its cup and takes it in, while the other closes itself, and the drops run off. God rains his goodness and mercy as widespread as the dew, and if we lack them, it is because we will not open our hearts to receive them."

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me," Revelation 3:20. It is left to man as to whether he will open his heart or not. Will you open? ☐

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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Weatherly's Deacons

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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 31

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Scripture Reading: **Philip Dill**
1 Peter 10-12
Sermon: **Louis Garrett**
"The Prophets & Angels"
Closing Prayer: **Searcy Hall**

Sunday, April 8

Will Starks
Charles Hill
Phil Furlough
Wes Caudle
Romans 6:1-14
Michael McLemore
"Sin, Which Leads to Death"
David Jacks

Evening Worship

Study Series **Week 3**
Songs Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Closing Prayer: **Jimmy Harbin**

Evening Worship

Week 4
Charles Hill
Tommy Hill
Ed Dill

Wednesday, April 3

Songs Leader: **Phil Furlough**
Invitation: **Louis Garrett**
Closing Prayer: **Forest Summers**

Wednesday, April 10

Bill Thompson
Mike McLemore
Ron Harmon

Group 1

2019 Weatherly Lectures

May 2-5

"Living in Christ"

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

Quarterly Adult Classes

January – March 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Living Responsibly
Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Lessons from Isaiah
Mike McLemore

Serving in April

Serving on the Lord's Table AM ** Overseer	Riley Monroe Jeremy Leshko Charley Skinner Ron Harmon **	Jim Risner Clark Boles Jim Ehl Ed Dill
Lord's Supper PM	Gene Preston **	Kirk Hatcher
Communion Prep Building Lockup		Sue Terry Collis Terry

