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A Heritage from God

Michael W. McLemore

Solomon penned a poignant reminder for Israel that came to be recited as worshippers ascended the mountain of the Lord. Fathers, mothers, grandparents and children spoke to one another in solemn reminder – “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain,” and “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward,” *Psalm 127:1, 3*. These two admonitions ought to be given grave consideration by believers in every age. Without God’s guidance and blessing, human efforts to build our homes are in vain.

“Heritage” is the Hebrew *nahala*. The word was most often used to describe the land in the territory of Israel assigned to each tribe, a possession, the blessing promised to a once enslaved people. Children are not mere products of human effort but blessings bestowed by God. This perspective shifts the understanding of procreation from a purely biological process to a sacred participation in God’s creative work. Recognizing children as a divine heritage instills a

sense of gratitude and reverence in parents, acknowledging their role as stewards of God’s gifts. Solomon caused Israel in this psalm of ascent to remember.

The metaphor of children as arrows in the hands of a warrior suggests that children, when nurtured and guided properly, become instruments of strength and security for the family and society. Just as a warrior relies on arrows for defense and offense, parents can look to their children as their legacy, contributing to the stability and continuity of the family. The imagery of a “quiver full” implies abundance and preparedness, highlighting the value of ever an expanding family.

Graciously God blessed parents with children, and those children with children of their own: divine gifts, a reward, fruit from God. But He has not left man to leave those children, like arrows, to aimless flight. *Psalm 127* extols our children as a cherish gift, inviting us as believers to view parenthood as a divine vocation, emphasizing that in nurturing children, we participate in God’s ongoing creative and redemptive work. □

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The Home: Foundation of Civilization

Michael W. McLemore

The home is not merely “where the heart is.” It is the cornerstone of human civilization. Without the home no culture can thrive, no nation can either begin, flourish or thrive. It is no wonder then that establishing the home is the first divine act following His creative work, *Genesis 2:22-25*. The home is deeply rooted in biblical teaching and its pivotal role highlighted in cultivating a healthy and thriving culture.

MORALITY – The home is the primary environment where moral values are first modeled then instilled – “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh,” *Genesis 2:4*. God ordained one man and one woman to live together in marriage for life and thereby resigned intimacy to the marriage bed, *Hebrews 13:4*. He further ordered the parents’ role in shaping their children’s moral compass, laying the groundwork for a society rooted in integrity and righteousness – “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord,” *Ephesians 6:4*. Moral education is charged to the home. Where these components are absent morality will decline and ultimately dissipate inviting the judgment of God upon both those people and that nation.

AUTHORITY – The home introduces the concept of authority, reflecting the divine order. “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,” *Ephesians 5:22-25*. This order is taught in and disseminated by the home – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land,’” *Ephesians 6:1-3*. God delineated a structure where mutual respect and love govern familial relationships. This hierarchy mirrors the broader societal need for respect and submission to just authority, fostering a community where order and discipline prevail. Where authority is not taught, respected

and practiced anarchy will take root and predominate, destroying that nation from within.

SOCIAL FABRIC – The home is the nucleus of the social fabric, where interpersonal relationships are first formed and nurtured. The home teaches and encourages virtues that solidify this fabric: “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other... And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony,” *Colossians 3:12-14*. By cultivating these virtues within the family, the home becomes a microcosm of a harmonious society. Where these precepts are not fostered and finally fail, social harmony will collapse and the culture first suffers then crumbles.

LABOR – The concept of labor and responsibility is first demonstrated then taught in the home – “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it,” *Genesis 2:15*. God presented work as an integral part of human existence. Parents teach diligence and stewardship to their own children, preparing them to contribute effectively to the larger economy. Texts as *Proverbs 31:10-31* extol the virtues of a hardworking household, illustrating the symbiotic relationship between familial diligence and societal prosperity. Where these virtues and duties are not taught, learned, then practiced by a nation’s homes, that nation will be overcome by the dependency of its citizenry until it is crushed under its own weight.

The home is undeniably the bedrock of human civilization. By instilling morality, establishing authority, weaving a healthy social fabric, and introducing the concept of work, the home nurtures the essential components that uphold a healthy culture. Biblically, the home is portrayed not merely as a dwelling place but as a vital human institution that shapes individuals and, consequently, the society at large. “For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God,” *Hebrews 3:4*. Heed His instruction, trust in His pattern, only then will our homes and our culture thrive and become a place where hearts are happy to live. □

Watch LIVE!



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



2024 A Mind to Work — Together, Nurturing the Believers' Mindset
May: Pressing On, "Created to climb."

Family Updates

Prayers:

Lynn Franklin is doing well following his surgery. He is awaiting his follow-up to determine what happens next. Please continue to pray for him, **Gail** and the family.

Becky Hill continues her recovery from the Shingles. She has had a great deal of pain as a result. This is a very hard process of recuperation. Ask for her comfort. Your prayers for her are meaningful and greatly appreciated.

Jim Ehl underwent an MRI on Thursday. He reports, "Everything is normal except my left ear is full of fluid. Unfortunately this affects my balance." Please remember Jim in prayer. He plans to be in the assembly this morning.

Guy McDaniel, former long-time located evangelist here at Weatherly Heights, was admitted to Madison Hospital over night on Friday. He is being treated for a rather serious infection. Brother McDaniel is in room #404.

Searcy Hall is to meet with his Endocrinologist tomorrow. We are praying this anomaly is of no concern. He will see his Urologist on June 3rd. Pray for **Searcy & Evelyn**.

Ron & Phyllis Harmon are both undergoing extended rehabilitation at Signature Healthcare. Phyllis says, they are doing "Ok, I guess." She is scheduled to be released on Friday. Say their names to the Lord as you pray.

Peggy Childress is in chronic rejection. They are staying at her sister's home in Fayetteville.

Her sister is a nurse as I recall. Pray for Peggy.

Silvia Henderson's sister, **Kiki Castaneira**, remains on our daily prayer list. She is continuing her Chemotherapy. Silvia is with her.

Ciera Elledge remains in our prayers. Please pray for Ciera and her young family,

Gwyn McLemore's brother, **Charlie Beber**, was not released from the hospital as we were originally told. He is struggling with a great deal of discomfort. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing interest in his well being.

Susan Watson's mother, **Janie Cheatham**, remains on our prayer list.

Jack Taft also remains in our daily prayers.

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 Godette, Maragem Harbin,Carolynn Barr, Betty Dubose, Ron & Phyllis Harmon, Jim Risner, Harold Smith & Wanda Castleman.** ☐

THIS WEEK AT WEATHERLY

Mel Ambrose will lead the auditorium Bible class, **Am I My Brother's Keeper**, at 9 am.

Mike McLemore is teaching Skillz and **Ed Dill** will be leading the morning DEVO.

Mike McLemore's sermon this morning at 10:10 is titled **Home: The Foundation of Civilization** taken from **Genesis 5**.

Hill Roberts is leading the Wednesday evening Bible Study at 7 titled **The Big Picture.** ☐

For Our Children

Michael W. McLemore

As parents, are we making a habit of praying for our children and grandchildren each day? Do we say their name to God before they even crawl out of bed? Are we asking God for their care and well-being before they've begun their day? Do we ask for their blessing and spiritual prosperity? Amy Carmichael (1867-1951) did not have biological children of her own, but was Amma (mommy) to hundreds who were delivered to an Anglican orphanage and mission in India. Her prayer reflects the heart of a parent.

For Our Children

Amy Carmichael

Father, hear us, we are praying.

Hear the words our hearts are saying.

We are praying for our children.

Keep them from the powers of evil,

From the secret, hidden peril.

Father, hear us for our children.

From the worldling's hollow gladness,

From the sting of faithless sadness,

Father, Father, keep our children.

Through life's troubled waters steer them.

Through life's bitter battles cheer them.

Father, Father, be thou near them.

And wherever they may bide,

Lead them home at eventide.

Can we make this our own prayer for the children and grandchildren that God has graciously bestowed to our loving and tender care? May we begin our day by asking God to be with them through their day. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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, May 19th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**

Devotion

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**

Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**
Devotion Leader: **Ed Dill**

Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **Marty Hunt**
Lord's Table Lead: **Collis Terry**
Genesis 5
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Home: Foundation of Civilization
Closing Prayer: **Davis Stoll**

Wednesday, May 22nd

Songs Leader: **Philip Dill**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Ed Dill**

2024 Weatherly Heights Singing

August 9th, 2024

Tim Stevens, John Kilgore & Jeff Warnke

Serving in May

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

** **Ed Dill (5-5), Tommy Hill (5-12), Collis Terry (5-19), Steve Hagewood (5-26)**

Building Lockup

Sunday, May 26th

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

Devotion

Mike McLemore

Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**
Devotion Leader: **John Patrick**

Assembly Worship

Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**
Lord's Table Lead: **Steve Hagewood**
Ephesians 6:1-3
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Secret to Real Living
Closing Prayer: **Will Starks**

Wednesday, May 29th

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **WD Patrick**

Quarterly Adult Classes

April – June 2024

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Mike McLemore & Mel Ambrose

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Big Picture Bible

Hill Roberts

MAY BIRTHDAYS



MAY 19, 2024

5-23 Terry Childress
5-23 Melvin Godette
5-24 Lynn Franklin

