

# Weatherly Weekly

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## “Turn the Knob”

Michael W. McLemore

I read a story of a young man who arrived at home after school only to find an empty drive. Realizing that no one was home he sat on the steps to wait. Soon it began to rain and he was quickly soaked. Within moments his mother sped into the drive, knowing her son might be home. She said, “Son, why didn’t go in the house?”

He responded, “You weren’t home, how could I?”

His mother chided, “Honey, the house was unlocked. Did you try turning the knob?”

The story is comical but it unfortunately describes human nature all too well. Sometimes we delay growth because we fail to simply be proactive and observant. The young man was in fact left alone, but the unsettling emotions that might accompany being left outside would have easily been allayed had he simply “turned the knob.” When the rain began to fall, the boy believed that he had no place to which he could turn, yet his dry home was just beyond a simple turn

of the knob.

Great understanding awaits for those willing to avail themselves of what has been made available. The Word of God represents the doorway to eternal fellowship with the Father, but many are content to lament outside, unwilling to turn the knob, and find His revelation for a life with Him. The same Word gathers dust on the shelves in the homes of far too many New Testament Christians when faith could be strengthened and knowledge gained every passing day, week, month and year.

Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you,” *Matthew 7:7*. God calls men and women to be proactive and observant. “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth,” *2 Timothy 2:15*.

We need to turn the knob. It may be that we will find that our Father has provided all that we need to escape the elements of this world. □

## Killed With His Own POISON

James W. Adams



In Southwest Texas where I was reared, there is a species of cactus known by the Mexicans as “tasajilla.” (I cannot vouch for the spelling.) It is made up of long jointed stems having extremely long thorns with wicked points. In that section there are also many rattlesnakes, enemies of man and beast, some attaining a length of six or seven feet. This venomous reptile is, however plagued by enemies. One of these is a long-legged bird known popularly as a “Road-runner” and by the Mexicans as a “Paisano.” It is commonly seen running across and along the highways of Southwest Texas. It has long black legs and beak and is mottled gray and black in color. Many rattlesnakes are executed by this innocuous looking creature.

The execution takes place in the following fashion: The bird will find the snake asleep; he will carefully gather a supply of the little spine-like joints of the “tasajilla” bush and with them build a fence or corral around the sleeping snake; having finished the fence, the bird will then fly at the snake and scream at in a high-pitched tone characteristic of the “Road-runner”; the snake will awaken and try to crawl away, but the spines of the “tasajilla” fence will prick his belly and he will draw back; the “Road-runner” will continue to fly at the snake and draw back quickly all the while uttering its shrill cry; the snake will strike and miss and be rewarded for its effort by pricking its tender underside on the “tasajilla”; finally, the snake will become so enraged and frustrated that he will bite himself and be destroyed by his

own venom.

As in much of nature, there is a lesson for man in this circumstance. All of us, even Christians, are two-fold beings-body and spirit, animal man and spiritual man, carnal mind and spiritual mind. The animal nature of man, prompted by lust and passion when not controlled, is filled with deadly venom much as the rattlesnake. The Devil and his emissaries are well aware of this fact, hence constantly seek to arouse in the Christian this sleeping, deadly beast. Worldly men and false brethren are often tools of Satan in his efforts to destroy God’s children. Finding they cannot seduce God’s people otherwise, they will resort to persecution, innuendo, defamation of character, and misrepresentation of many species in an effort to stir up the Christian’s animal passion and cause him in fighting back to destroy himself with his own poison.

Christians must oppose evil and false doctrine within and without the church, but let us take care! The Devil and his emissaries are not limited as to weapons, but the Christian must not employ “carnal weapons,” in his warfare, *2 Corinthians 10:4*. Let us not in anger and frustration generated by this fact destroy ourselves. Let us humbly and meekly bear the onslaughts of the wicked employing only truth as our weapon in withstanding his attack. Bitterness, hate, evil-speaking, innuendo, misrepresentation are the “carnal weapons” of the evil one. Faith, truth, loyalty, purity, and works of faith are the armaments of Christians. With these God can and will give us the victory! □

James Adams, born in 1914, was raised along the Texas southern border. His earliest relations were the indigenous families of that region. Many of his illustrations should be understood to have been flavored by those experiences.





# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayers:

**Edith Turner** fell at home last Sunday morning. She managed to wait until Monday to go to the doctor where she learned that she had fractured her right hand. It is difficult to function without one's dominant hand, so she will be going to the assisted living facility, **Thrive at Jones Farm**, for a few weeks. We will pass along contact information for her there. She will be able to have visitors. Remember sister Turner to the Lord as you pray.

**Becky & Tommy Hill** are much improved. Becky still has the upper respiratory "stuff" but she is better. Thank you for all of your prayers for the Hills.

The **Hatcher family** has been impacted by the current illness that has overtaken us at Weatherly. **Isabella** apparently contracted it at summer camp and brought it home as a gift to the family. They one by one are getting it and getting better. Prayers for them.

**Shirley Laney** was diagnosed with COVID several days ago. She's been pretty sick but is slowly improving. Remember Shirley in prayer.

**Bobby & Hilda Wright** both had COVID but are already better. We are thankful that their case was not difficult.

**Phil Furlough's** sister, **Glenda Ross**, who lives in Kansas City is getting over COVID. She has tested negative and that's paved the way for **Phil & June** to visit. We are thankful.

**David Jacks** continues to improve. Remember him to the Lord as he goes through the extensive rehab that goes along with a knee replacement — "It ain't for the faint of heart!"

**Evelyn Hall** remains on our prayer list. We are thankful that they isolated her problem and that she is regaining strength.

**Betty Dubose** was able to be with us for services on Sunday. We are praying that her heart rhythm will remain in check.

**Glenda Bradner, Edith Turner's** daughter, has been moved to a small group home here in Huntsville. She seems to be doing well.

**Zoila Herring** continues to have an interest in our daily petitions.

**Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, continues in our prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette & Charlotte Hagewood.**

## TODAY AT WEATHERLY

**Sunday morning Bible class** begins at 9:30. Mike is leading us in a study of "Lessons for Today from Exodus."

**Sunday morning worship** begins at 10. Mike will conclude his July series entitled "Belonging." Today we will consider "Relief for the Brothers," taken from **Acts 11:27-30**.

**TONIGHT at 6** we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum Bible study.

**Wednesday evening Bible study** begins at 7 with our study of **the Book of Exodus**.

**THANK YOU** to our brother **Mel Ambrose** for his masterful handling of the class last Wednesday night in Mike's absence. We are blessed indeed to have the **Ambrose family** in our fellowship. ☐

## My Best Friend

Michael W. McLemore

**H**enry Ford is quoted as having observed, "My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me." One greater in wisdom predated Ford gave foundation to his notion, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity," *Prov 17:17*.

Solomon and Ford saw a critical need shared by all humankind, a person who cares enough to both commend and critique. Too many covet agreement with every choice — "My friend is the one who gives the stamp of approval for every decision." This is commonly observed in our prevailing "cancel culture" where any decent is promptly labeled unacceptable. No society profits from such notions or methods.

Critique has lost its meaning in our generation. Properly defined "critique" refers to "the systematic study of a written or oral discourse." Sadly, it has commonly come to be held as fault finding or negative judgment. Criticism has merit when "the critique" is rooted in truth and "the critic" seeks the best of his object. This is Ford's point — "My best friend is the one who brings out the best (right) in me."

Christians are made better, not by "yes men," but by our true friend's honest and faithful critique — "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another," *Prov. 27:17*. ☐

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Classes** 9:30 am  
**Sunday AM Assembly** 10:00 am  
**Sunday PM Assembly** 6:00 pm  
**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, July 31

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**  
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**  
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Tommy Hill**  
*Acts 11:27-30*  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
*"Relief to the Brothers"*  
Closing Prayer: **John Patrick**

### Sunday, August 7

Welcome: **Will Starks**  
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**  
Opening Prayer: **W.D. Patrick**  
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**  
*Romans 1:1-7*  
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**  
*The Obedience of Faith*  
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

### Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**  
Opening Prayer: **Ed Dill**  
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

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Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**  
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

### Wednesday, August 3

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

### Wednesday, August 10

Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**  
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**  
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

## 2022 Lectures TBA

## Quarterly Adult Classes June — September 2022

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Lessons for Today from the Exodus  
**Mike McLemore**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
Exodus  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in August

Serving on the Lord's  
Table AM & PM  
\*\* Overseer  
**\*\* Marty Hunt (8-7), Collis Terry (8-14),  
Bill Thompson (8-21), Phil Shaver (8-28)**

Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

Needed. Please see the list in the foyer.

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



7-31	Phillip Dill	8-2	Wanda Castleman
8-10	Clark Boles	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-19	Peggy Childress

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## WEEKLY WALK

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