



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 5, 2020

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
TBD

Weekly Bible Studies
All temporarily being conducted via Zoom. Check our “friends” page on Facebook for more information.

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing
7:30 PM

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“BELOVED” (1)

There is a word in the Bible that, perhaps more than any other word, expresses the most intimate a relationship can ever be. It is not a casual word, not one to be used when speaking of a mere acquaintance or someone with whom you are just friendly. Rather it is a term of extreme closeness, a term that ought to be reserved for our dearest and most precious relationships. It is a term that God spoke regarding His only begotten Son. It is a word Jesus used regarding His followers, and it is the term used by most of the writers of the New Testament regarding their brethren. It is the word beloved.

Immediately following Jesus’ baptism God spoke from heaven and said, “*This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.*” (Matthew 3:17) At the transfiguration, Jesus and his companions were overshadowed by a bright cloud. A voice from the cloud said, “*This is my beloved Son¹ with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*” (Matthew 17:5) God was not pronouncing endearments upon His Son as an earthly father might praise his son before others. God was informing others that the Son and the Father shared a divine, intimate, eternal relationship; a relationship so close that when Jesus prayed prior to his crucifixion he would refer to it as a oneness. “*I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they*

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Harrison, Spivey, and Brundige families, Ron Tirey, Marie Byers, Bennie Poynter, Michaela Garnett, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Whitney Crouch

Others Needing Prayers

Karen Litmer, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Keia Burton, Robert Brundige, Valerie and Barry Boyd, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Cindi's niece, Dana, and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Mark (Carol's son), Victoria Poynter, Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:20-23)

In Matthew 12 Jesus healed a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. The Pharisees saw it as an opportunity to accuse him, and, rather than become believers after witnessing the healing, they conspired as to how they might destroy him. But Jesus, his mission not yet completed, withdrew and quietly went about his business. What is most interesting about this event is that it was in fulfillment of what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah. Among the many things which could be discussed regarding the prophecy, is the fact that Jesus being beloved of God did not just begin with the start of Jesus' earthly ministry. God, speaking through Isaiah, said, "*Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.*" (Matthew 12:18)

John Thompson

Elders	Deacons	Evangelist
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
John Thompson	Adam Litmer	
	Bill Morelan	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

