



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 12, 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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THE MIGHTY BREATH OF GOD (1)

The only information we have about God, besides what nature says about its creator, is that which has been revealed to us in the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. In those 66 books there is a tremendous amount of information, enough for a lifetime of diligent learning. We are told in John 4:24 that God is spirit, but what does it mean to be spirit? And, what can we understand about God just by being told that God is spirit? No doubt, the fact that God is spirit raises more questions than answers. But God has not left us to wonder about his nature and his actions. Frequently his nature and his actions, both his goodness and his severity, are presented in very human language, language to which we can easily relate. This article will focus upon the breath of God.

There is no activity of man more natural and essential to life than breathing. On the average a human being breathes 17,000 to 23,000 times a day. Most of those breaths occur outside of our awareness. We also use our breath for special things, like blowing out candles on a birthday cake or blowing kisses to a little child. Other specialty uses of breathing provide valuable service to ourselves, like a mother in labor panting to control her pain, or one who is terrified taking deep breaths to manage his fear and anxiety. We also use the words breath and breathing as figures of speech. Something extraordinary happens and we say, “it took my breath away.” After an argument, one walks away muttering under his breath.

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

Interested in a Bible study? Either let one of us know or mark it on your visitor card.

Type in our name on Facebook, YouTube, or our website if you'd like to watch or just listen to our sermons.

But what does the Bible say about the breath of God, and what is taught about this eternal spirit being with whom we want to spend eternity. The Bible teaches us that the breath of God is a creative breath. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 33:5-8: *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.* We are told in Genesis 1 that the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. The Greek word translated as spirit throughout the Bible is pneuma, the root meaning of which is breath. As creation unfolded, in a very real sense the divine breath of God spoke the world into existence. 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	

