



THE MESSENGER

MAY 17, 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 CHURCH NEVER STOPPED

Signs indicate that the quarantine is nearing an end, or at least easing off a bit. As the country begins to open up, many are wondering if we will be sheltering in place all over again in a month’s time or is the corner well and truly being turned? People much better equipped to answer than I will no doubt debate these things in depth and try to devise plans for all eventualities.

I’m fascinated by the discussion’s brethren are having concerning “the assembly” and issues surrounding it. The discussions have been wide ranging and, for the most part, conducted in a spirit of love and humility as we all wrestle with these strange, frightening, and unprecedented (for us) circumstances. I’m grateful for these conversations and have been moved to think a little more carefully and, I hope, biblically about things.

So many have been lamenting our time away from one another in any physical sense. We *miss* that. An interesting preface to several statements has been, “I can’t wait for the church to start up again because...” followed by whatever the person is thinking. I get it and feel the same way. The personal assembling for worship has been disrupted for many of us. In that sense, I can’t wait “for the church to start up again” either. We begin, at least in part, today!

The church is made up of individual saints. If we measure the time we’re involved in various activities, the personal assembling of ourselves together is a very small (though very important) part of what the church does. From *that*

Members Needing Our Prayers

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

Others Needing Prayers

Terry Daniels, Mary Laclair, Rachel White, 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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perspective (and the majority of our lives are lived outside the assembly), the church does not need to “start back up again” because it never stopped. If we have been loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind; if we have been striving to walk worthy of our calling; if we have been seeking opportunities to serve one another and others; if we have sought to continue sharing Christ's message; if we have continued reading, studying, and meditating upon God's Word; and if we have continued the countless other aspects that comprise a saints daily walk, than the church has been up and running the whole time. This is because *we* have been up and running the whole time.

What have we been doing in these days of quarantine? Are we more knowledgeable, compassionate, prayerful, trusting, loving Christians coming out than going in? We've certainly had more time on our hands. What use have we made of it? The church never stopped. Did you? AL

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	

