



# THE MESSENGER

JUNE 7, 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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## A TIME TO LAMENT

On May 27 I watched a phone video shot two days earlier of George Floyd suffocating in the street as a police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes. Since then I have watched numerous videos of policemen, store owners, peaceful protesters, rioters, and other people shot, beaten to death, and run over by cars. I have listened to numerous interviews of people barely able to speak through their tears mourning the loss of loved ones and livelihoods as violent riots rage through their neighborhoods. I have listened to a number of testimonials from folks as they describe the injustices perpetrated against them based upon their skin color. I have watched a homeless man mocked as rioters burned his only possessions to ash. I have watched and listened to numerous politicians attempt to score political points during the events of the last several days. Frankly, it’s all horrifying.

Social media has exploded like I’ve never seen. *Everyone* seems to have something to say. Many Christians are speaking up with wise counsel and I am very grateful for their contribution. (As an example, I encourage you to read brother David’s Facebook post from a few days ago)

For my own part, I am angry at the injustice and the violence I see and read about on a nightly basis. I am moved by the impassioned pleas and sorrowful tears of those battling racism and other injustices. More than anything, though, I am sad.

I am sad that those made in the image of God, specifically designed to rule over his creation in a noble, pure, and holy manner, have made such a terrible mess of it.

## Members Needing Our Prayers

Mary Weatherholt, Bennie Poynter, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Whitney Crouch

## Others Needing Prayers

Chassey Seabolt, 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

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.

(Genesis 1:26-28) I am sad that Jesus is so quick to America's lips yet so far from its heart. I am sad that the only solution to the problem is the very last one *truly* considered and embraced. (John 14:6) I am sad that suspicion, distrust, and hatred hold such powerful sway over people. I am sad that arrogance and pride have hardened so many hearts that penetrating them seems impossible. I am sad that many souls are grieving and wounded and so many simply do not care. I am just sad.

I cannot help but think about God's sadness. How it must dwarf mine! I think of his words to Jonah from the end of that book. *Should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left?* Wicked, ungodly Nineveh had earned God's wrath and yet he longed to extend mercy. How little changes with time! Leave room for lament, beloved. God surely does.

Adam Litmer

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	