



# THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 9, 2020

## NEWS AND NOTES

### **Congregational Meeting**

Today at 5 pm

### **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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## EARTHLY RETIREMENT—THE ELUSIVE DREAM (1)

Several of us have been able to retire. Retirement is a goal for most of the working-class people in America. It is the dream of taking it easy and living the good life, so to speak. For most of us, it has its own special little compartment that structures our future plans. As soon as we enter the work force we are advised that the sooner we start saving for retirement the better. Most working people today start planning their portfolio's early on with their 401k, or whatever their financial advisor suggests will be best for them. Planning for our retirement is good, sound advice. Many of us older folk only wish we had known more about how to plan and save when we were younger! Today there are many good books to advise us and professional financial planners hoping to attract us to their business clientele. All of this sounds pretty good, right? One thing that hasn't been covered up and presents a problem. No two lives are the same. No one knows what is going to happen tomorrow, much less in fifty years.

Many of us have been blessed by God to be able to retire. However, if we are asked how it is going, or is it what we dreamed of, I would guess for some it is different than we had anticipated. With the Covid-19 virus raging, there is a lot of fear and uncertainty regarding the economy and personal finances. Retirement really is an elusive dream because we can never predict what our lives will be like even if God blesses us with a long life. Our health alone, especially with the pandemic, is a huge factor that we did not foresee during our golden years. All those trips we looked forward to taking can be cut short or prevented due to poor health or unforeseen circumstances. All those times planned to be with children and grandchildren can suddenly have ramifications we never foresaw as we looked

## Members Needing Our Prayers

John Thompson, Mary Weatherholt, Alexa Lake, Bennie Poynter, Jill Harrison, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Whitney Crouch

## Others Needing Prayers

Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Demetrius Booker, Jen Victoria Poynter, Andy Kincaid, Chassey Seabolt, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, 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), Ron Harmon

## To Our Guests

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forward to retirement. All those plans, plans, plans! There are literally hundreds of unforeseen factors that can suddenly change everything we had worked so hard for. What we had pictured in our minds can be totally different by the time retirement rolls around. Truly, earthly retirement dreams can quickly and easily be shattered into a thousand little pieces. Pieces that can never be put back together again.

Wow, so why bother looking forward to retirement, right? If it sounds like gloom and doom, bad health, and feeling sorry for ourselves; not so fast! We have failed to mention the God factor, the main focus for ourselves while here on earth. Without God in the picture, it truly can be just a bunch of wasted years and missed opportunities. No matter how much we may have accumulated and wonderful times spent and enjoyed, it will be coming to an end. An end we cannot predict! Ron Tirey

*Brother Ron will offer us some important and timely reminders as we conclude his article in next week's bulletin.*

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Evangelist</b>
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
John Thompson	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

