



THE MESSENGER

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NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

September 13 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 (2)

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” ’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:16-21 NIV)

It is more vital to plan for our eternal retirement than our earthly one. Without an eternal retirement plan we would be in total despair. A plan without God is short lived at best and holds nothing for us beyond this life. The wonderful thing about an eternal retirement plan is that it is totally safe and secure in God’s hands. If we fulfill our side of God’s plan for us, obeying His instructions, we can have a peace that surpasses all understanding. We never have to worry about God not fulfilling His side of the agreement. Our heavenly home is reserved for us and our names written in the book of life. There is no greater hope than that. Christians have the *ultimate* retirement plan. *“There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience”* (Hebrews 4:9-11).

Knowing how unpredictable and disappointing this life can be, we must not lose our eternal reward. We have to be on guard

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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and diligent to make our calling and election sure. *Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble.* (2 Peter 1:10 NIV) Losing money in the stock market is not like losing our reward with God. There is no comparison between earthly and eternal consequences.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV) *Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.* (James 4:14)

I hope we all consider how elusive our plans for our earthly retirement truly can be - especially without an eternal retirement plan that is so much more important. There is a song titled, My Elusive Dreams. The chorus of that song says, "I know you're tired of following my elusive dreams and schemes, for they're only fleeting things, my elusive dreams." Ron Tirey

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

