



# THE MESSENGER

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

### NEWS AND NOTES

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**Congregational Meeting**  
TBA

**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 REASON FOR THE DISCONTENT

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People are so unhappy these days. Discontentment reigns. People swiftly move from one complaint to the next, angry about this and discouraged about that. Folks struggle to speak to those of differing opinions without raising voices or casting dispersions upon them, all too eager to attribute the ugliest motives to their thoughts. People complain about how exhausting and tired such behavior has become only a moment before descending once more into the abyss themselves. Folks yearn for the next “gotcha” moment, where this opponent is “owned” and that one “destroyed.” It’s a vicious brew, wearying on the one hand and yet so addictive on the other.

How did we reach this point? Theories are posited every day. If you’ll bear with me, I’d like to express some of my own thinking on the topic. Let’s go back to the beginning.

*Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”* (Genesis 1:26)

We were created to reflect God’s sovereignty and majesty into the world while simultaneously returning honor and praise back to him. That is the identity of human beings and it is glorious. (Psalm 8)

The problem is that most human beings don’t think like this or believe it. The consequence is catastrophic, as Paul shows in Romans 1:18-32. Identity matters a great deal to human beings. We all know this. If one chooses to reject their God given identity, they leave behind a massive God shaped hole that cannot be acceptably filled with anything *besides* God.

## Members Needing Our Prayers

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

## Others Needing Prayers

Michael Hogan, 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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Yet man keeps trying. He tries to fill this hole with politics, race, sexuality, causes, et al. But our identity is not our politics, race, sexuality, or causes. Our identity is image bearer. There is no higher calling, no greater aim, than this one. If we embrace an identity that is less than this, we necessarily make *ourselves* less. We impoverish our entire worldview along with our relationship to it and people. With so many people doing this, how could anything *but* discontentment reign?

Christians can only shine real light and cast true salt into the world when we refuse to be convinced by it to abandon our God defined identities and conform to something lesser, which by definition is *anything* else.

Discontentment doesn't *have* to reign. Unhappiness doesn't *have* to have the last word. There is a true identity which, when embraced with all the heart, changes everything. May God help us be living reminders in the world. Adam Litmer

<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	

