

THE MESSENGER JANUARY 3, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

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: 945 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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"HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD"

A well-known song is "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." The last line of verse three is worthy of further consideration. The last line reads, "Till all shall see, Christ only always living in me." The Christian is a follower of God's Son. The Christian is one who strives to live like Jesus in all possible ways: i.e. look like Jesus, act like Jesus, talk like Jesus, think like Jesus, and relate to others like Jesus. Can you think of a better way to describe the Christian than the words: "Christ only always living in me?"

Those words contain two essential thoughts. First, *Christ only*, Christ alone, lives in the Christian. Jesus expects to be the only one who takes up residence within the Christian. Worldly tenants must look elsewhere to live when Jesus comes to stay. Second, *Christ always* lives in the Christian. He never intended to live within the Christian on a day-to-day or month-to-month basis. His residence is a permanent one. He moves into the Christian intending never to leave again.

The Apostle Paul expressed the above thoughts in divinely inspired language. "For to me to live is Christ." (Philippians 1:21) There was no Paul by himself any longer. In every way possible he intended for his life to mirror the life of Christ. We conclude, from Galatians 2:20, that Paul totally subordinated himself to Christ. "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Members Needing Our Prayers

Janet Brundige, Jackie Litmer, John Thompson, Mary and Emmett Weatherholt, Alexa and Charlie Lake, Bennie Poynter, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Whitney Crouch, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Ginny Wren, Bob and Lou Litmer, Grace Meyer, Andy Seabolt, Sarah and Jake Chandler, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Rachel Knollman, Michael Hogan, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Jen Victoria Poynter, Andy Kincaid, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, 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

Interested in a Bible study? Either let one of us know or mark it on your visitor card.

Visit us on Facebook, YouTube, or our website to watch or listen to sermons. In the song, *Have Thine own way, Lord!* The words, Christ only always living in me are preceded by Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see. What are others to see when they observe Christians going about their daily business? They are to see Christ Himself. The Apostle Paul had no desire for others to give him any honor and glory; he wanted no accolades for himself. The boldness he employed in preaching the gospel under dire circumstances was coupled with total humility, a lack of self-interest and self-gain. Truly he exemplified the thoughts of Matthew 5:16, "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Let this be as true of us as it was of Paul.

"Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me."

John Thompson

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	