



# THE MESSENGER

## DECEMBER 6, 2020

### 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: 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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### COVID, COMPLAINING, AND CONSEQUENCES

COVID has made complainers out of many of us. I’m speaking of people generally when I say this, yet Christians have certainly not been exempted. We complain about the virus, masks, distancing guidelines, gathering restrictions, Governors, the school situation, the length of lines at testing locations, the emptier than normal shelves at the grocery store, Zoom meetings, spotty internet service, and just about anything else you can think of.

Social media is the great dumping ground for much of this. For many, including Christians, it seems to be the forum of choice for airing out any and all complaints, grumbles, and discontentedness of the moment. One Facebook user, having followed a long discussion thread primarily made up of Christians, made a heartbreaking observation. “You Christians sure do complain a lot, don’t you?”

Yes, we do. An *awful* lot. But, as James declared, *My brothers, these things ought not to be so! (3:11b) Think of Paul’s words in Philippians 2:14-15. Do everything without grumbling and arguing, so that you may be blameless and pure children of God, without defect in the midst of a twisted and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the sky.*

If only we can remember these words and believe they mean exactly what they say before our fingers start flying across our keyboards or phone screens with the hour’s latest complaint! What’s the big deal? Just this: In that moment we are *not* blameless, we are *not* pure children of God, we breath

## 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

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

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into ourselves the defect of the current twisted and perverted generation, and we fail to shine the light of Christ like stars in the sky. *That's* the big deal.

The consequences go further than this, however. A wise and godly woman offered needed words of admonition to exasperated parents of young children as they were filling Facebook with complaints and negativity. She correctly pointed out that *everyone* is having to deal with the difficulties and challenges of this current COVID world and then said something that ought to give us all pause. Our children will take their cues from us.

Raising our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord is the ideal. (Ephesians 6:4) However, there is no guarantee that we will do it. They tend to take on the trait's parents show them most often. Grumblers, complainers, and malcontents beget grumblers, complainers, and malcontents. Let us show them, and everyone who has any association with us, something purer than that. Truly, our very souls depend upon it.

Adam Litmer

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

