



# THE MESSENGER

## DECEMBER 20, 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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### A SAVIOR IS BORN

Amidst nativity scenes, “Jesus: the reason for the season” signs, “Happy Birthday, Jesus” cakes, “O Holy Night” along with a number of equally “Jesus” focused songs playing all over the radio stations, and numerous church buildings advertising special Christmas services, many brethren like to point out that Scripture nowhere gives the date of Jesus’ birth or instructs us to observe it in a yearly celebration. Both of these are true.

It is equally true that the angels of heaven found in the birth of Jesus reason for tremendous celebration. Indeed, in the midst of the announcement and celebration of Jesus’ birth to a group of shepherds out in the field, earth changing truths were declared.

*And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:9-14)* The old King James, unmatched in linguistic beauty, renders verse 14 in the more familiar and touching way. “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.*”

Into a world of sorrow, pain, loss, sickness, disease, weakness, subjugation, death, destruction, famine, drought, shortage, temptation, sin, hate, anger, and bitterness, a Savior, *finally*, was born. Man had wrecked and ruined God’s “very good” creation with every sin imaginable. He then cast the blame

## 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

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for the mess at God's feet, shaking his fist heavenward and cursing that the world had become so difficult and ugly.

Had I been in God's place, able to wield the power available only to Him, I would have destroyed the world and *every* person in it because they *all* fell short. I would have destroyed it and them more than a thousand times over! *Save* them? Are you kidding me? With the worst of them cursing my name and the best of them falling short for the thousandth time? I think not! And yet into that very world and among those very people a Savior was born. More than that, *the* Savior was born.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.* (Isaiah 9:6-7)

A specific date with an annual celebration commanded? No. A reason for great joy and thanksgiving? Absolutely! AL

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	

