



THE MESSENGER

MAY 29, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
TBA

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays on Zoom, 10
Friday, 12:30, Fayette Mall
food court
Saturday, 10, Panera
(Georgetown)

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
March 4, 7:30

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"A TIME TO WEEP, TO MOURN, TO KEEP SILENCE"

It is May 25, 2022 and the country is once again reeling from a mass shooting. At the time of this writing 19 children and two teachers have died as a result of an 18-year-old gunman's rampage through Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas.

We've been reminded, again, that terrible evil exists and can be so destructive. There is something especially heart-wrenching when children die and it is magnified a thousandfold when their lives are stolen from them through violence. As a father of four I think often of the psalmist's statement in Psalm 127. *"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!"* (3-5a)

The families of nineteen children had those blessings violently snatched from them this past Tuesday. How many soccer practices were scheduled for that evening? How many plans for dinner were discussed with those children that morning? How many phone calls to extended family determining who was going to be able to make that child's "promotion" ceremony as they moved up to the next grade? I complained to Jackie the other day that too many such ceremonies exist these days, even beginning with, "Why, back when I was a kid...". How silly and unimportant such squabbles are! How many summer vacations were being discussed? How many summer weeks at grandma and grandpa's house were excitedly being scheduled? May God comfort those families in their immense grief!

Members Needing Our Prayers

John Thompson, Amy Antle,
Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton,
Julie Patton, Pat Seabolt, Rick
Small, John Thompson, Benny
Poynter, Janet Brundige,
Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd,
Cindy Bradbury, Paul
Atkisson

Others Needing Prayers

Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins,
Allison Walker, Dwight Antle,
Randy Cates, Larry McTeer,
Charlene Michael, Ann Little,
Mary Jean Snyder, Mark
Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane
Harrod, Grace Meyer,
Meredith Nicholson, Alice and
Lonnie Anderson, Glen
Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry
Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt,
Robert Brundige, John
Blessing, William Roberts,
Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana
and her children, Shane (a
relative of Cindi), Ron
Harmon

To Our Guests

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The wise man tells us, *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1) In pursuing the thought further he declares that there is a time to speak. (7b) Over the coming days important conversations will be had and efforts made to prevent such tragedies from happening again. Debates and arguments over the best course of action will occur. May wise and beneficial decisions be made! Christians will continue to try to lead people to Christ. May God bless us in it!

For this moment, however, we would do well to let the wise man's reminder that there is a time to weep (4a), a time to mourn (4b), and a time to keep silence (7b) inform our hearts. For the terrible grief of those parents, let us weep. For the terrible evil that fills our world, let us mourn. For the sake of our own souls, let us fall silently before the throne of God and just be broken. If only for a little while. AL

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

