



THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

November 20

Our Next Gospel Meeting

Next year

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

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

November 4, 7:30

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LOOKING FOR YOU

There are two looking for you. One knows what **you** need and wants you to have it while the other knows what **he** wants and will do anything to you within his power to get it. The latter doesn't want you to know he is after you with evil intent and hides his lies and deceptions. The former so wants to be found by you that he has liberally showered your world with evidence of his love for you. Which one will find you?

Jesus said, *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.* (John 4:23) God is looking for true worshippers. He will not find them among those who teach for doctrine the commandments of men, or from those who simply go through the motions, or from those who add to or take away from God's word. God will know that He has found you when you choose to diligently search out and do what is pleasing to Him, not what pleases you.

Jesus, through Peter, said of Satan, *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* (1 Peter 5:8) God has already defeated our adversary and Satan knows it. But that does not keep him from doing as much damage on an individual level as he possibly can. While he cannot defeat the Almighty God, he can destroy (devour) you. He takes deceit, hatred, anger, competition, and destruction and makes them seem appropriate, desirable, praise worthy, commendable and normal. He connects them with a sense of pride and self-satisfaction, and when you have absorbed them, you have become like him. Resistance to God will become the norm for you.

But God in no way wants to devour you. Rather, *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.* (2 Peter 3:9) Here is what he said to the nations that interacted with his people: *I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my*

Members Needing Our Prayers

Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Julie Spivey, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

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

To Our Guests

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name. (Isaiah 65:1) Picture yourself calling out to those you love, “Why can’t you hear me. I’m right here. You are in grave danger.” But they do not hear you; they pass you by and all you can do is watch disaster come upon them.

Verse 2 of Isaiah 65 begins a lengthy and stinging rebuke of the Israelites for no longer wanting to be true worshippers of God. He says, *I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually....* (Isaiah 65:2) What a marvelous picture of the Creator: He stands ready to be sought even by those who are not looking for Him. He stands with arms outspread, ready to gather in even those who are rebellious.

One cannot hang out in the middle between God and Satan, allowing the war to wage between them leaving you unscathed. Either you will seek after God, accepting Him on His terms, or Satan has you. Jesus expressed it this way, “*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*” (Matthew 6:24) God and Satan are both looking for you. By whom will you be found? John Thompson

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

