



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 8, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
Today

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 11 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

August 6, 7:30

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THINKING ABOUT THE OCEAN AND ITS CREATOR

As far as I'm concerned, the perfect spot in the ocean is that ever shifting area where you can float on the waves as they lift you higher than you could ever jump while avoiding their breaking a few feet behind you.

Hannah was a bit fearful to go out as far as the rest of us so she secured herself in a big round floaty. I kept hold of it so she could come out further while feeling safe. All went well until I misjudged the size of a wave as well as where it was going to break. I knew we were in trouble when I jumped as high as I could and still found myself looking into a solid wall of water beginning to break a good two feet above my head. Before I knew what was happening my back was on the ocean floor where I was simultaneously dragged along the bottom and held there by the force of the water above. I don't know when Hannah's floaty was ripped from my grasp but by the time I was able to stand up and come to my senses, she'd been carried all the way back to shore.

To say that the ocean is overpowering is an understatement. We were never more than 30 or 40 yards in and yet we were all tossed about like ragdolls even that close to shore. It's truly amazing.

Once I made it back to shore and consoled Hannah, I plopped myself down in a beach chair and watched for the next hour or so. The ocean seems endless and overwhelming. Even now the vast majority of it remains unexplored by man. It remains mysterious and foreboding. You can't help but wonder what might be out there and shiver a bit at the thought.

Members Needing Our Prayers

Bennie Poynter, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear, Veronica Bowman

To Our Guests

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While over 90 percent of it remains a mystery to man, the mighty oceans and all they contain are known intimately by God. I couldn't help but think of God's words in Job 38:8-11, 16 that day. *Or who shut in the sea with its doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed"?*...Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

The ocean, in all its power and might, is amazing. Yet it pales before the One who created it. It made me feel so weak every time I set foot within it. Yet as I was being tossed about and upended over and over, my God kept getting stronger and more majestic in my thinking. That's a good thing! Adam Litmer

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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	

