



THE MESSENGER

MAY 28, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

June 11

Our Next Gospel Meeting

June

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

February 3, 7:30

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THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

I wrote this article in 2018. I believe its topic is at least as important now, perhaps more so. With a few revisions, I offer it once more for your consideration.

Isaiah 64:8 says, *But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.* The potter/clay illustration is a powerful one. No lump of clay has ever turned to the potter and questioned his designs for it. Neither has a lump of clay ever turned the tables on the potter and began molding *him*. Unfortunately, in thoughts concerning God, people seek to do this very thing often.

Let me give you an example. David Gushee is an “evangelical” leader and author. I was made aware of an article of his entitled: “On LGBT Equality: Middle Ground Is Disappearing.” While several of his statements interested me, I will share just two of them. In one place he asks, “whether religious institutions should be allowed to continue discriminating due to their doctrinal beliefs?” Later, speaking of those who cannot approve of the LGBT lifestyle because of their belief in Scripture, Mr. Gushee declares, “I believe I am defending the Religion of Jesus from intolerant ideologues like them. We will never, ever agree. Only God can judge.”

Mr. Gushee shows he believes there is only one correct side on this and it is not with those “discriminating” folks who just take God at His Word. I also find it interesting that he concluded by declaring that only God can judge the question. I would certainly agree with that if Mr. Gushee were talking about God instead of “god”.

Members Needing Our Prayers

John Thompson, Mary and Riley Mae Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Alyse Nash, Mary Bishop, Helen Thomas, Patty Hill, Eli Kempton, Sophie Brown, Fay Thomas, Glen Perkins, Edra Bernard, Valari Jones-Butler (Valari is Gina Seabolt's former co-worker. Her daughter is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Her 21 year old nephew was killed in a shooting), Charlie Hoy, Marc Nations, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Charles Bishop, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Patty Hill

To Our Guests

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God is the Creator of all things and dwells in unapproachable light (1 Timothy 6:16), while "god" is a product of personal feelings, desires, and biases. God's thoughts and ways transcend those of men (Isaiah 55:8-9), while "god's" thoughts and ways are identical to the person reflected in the mirror. God determines the truth on all matters without being intimidated or informed by the angry shout of wicked people (Psalm 2), while "god" is happy to follow with whatever way the wind is blowing. God is one (Deuteronomy 6:4), while "god" dwells in millions of minds around the world holding opposed and contradictory viewpoints. Slapping a capital "G" on "god" does not make him God!

There is no molding of God. The one who declared I AM does not take His cues from us. He has no sharp edges that need rounding; no points that need filing down. I AM is perfect. Perceived imperfections in His character, plan, and/or revealed will is a sign of *my* flaws, shortcomings, and ignorance. I've not the wisdom, strength, character, or perfection to mold Him; none of us do. He must shape me and I must be eager for it

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. A.L.

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