



THE MESSENGER

MARCH 29, 2020

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
TBD

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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“AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION”

I don't believe I had ever heard the phrase, “An abundance of caution” until this covid-19 pandemic. Now it's heard whenever our national and local officials make an address. We read or hear the phrase almost every time local businesses update us on the steps they're taking to maintain social distancing while continuing to provide service. The phrase means that extra care is being taken during this present distress.

I suspect (hope!) many of us have been reading our Bibles more these past few days as the quarantine has broadened and several are either off work entirely or doing whatever work they can from home. I have been reminded in my own reading about how often the biblical writers speak of the need to take great care in our walk with Christ and in our approach to the truth. No one *enjoys* reading those passages that remind us of the possibility of forfeiting God's gracious gifts, yet they are there and must not be ignored. It is as though the Spirit is urging us to practice “an abundance of caution” in making “our calling and election sure.” (2 Peter 1:10) Perhaps it would be beneficial to remind ourselves of a few passages that suggest “an abundance of caution.”

Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?” And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.” (Matthew 7:21-23)

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek. (Romans 2:6-9)

Members Needing Our Prayers

Jill Harrison, Ron Tirey, Marie Byers, Bennie Poynter, Michaela Garnett, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Whitney Crouch

Others Needing Prayers

Karen Litmer, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Keia Burton, Robert Brundige, Valerie and Barry Boyd, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Cindi's niece, Dana, and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Mark (Carol's son), Victoria Poynter, Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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Note then the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. (Romans 11:22)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. (2 Corinthians 6:1)

What good it is, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-17)

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. (Jude 20-21)

Passages such as these could be multiplied and each, in different ways, urge upon saints an "abundance of caution" in striving to walk worthy of our calling. Our walk with God is far more serious a matter than anything else *can* be, including a pandemic. Please think about these things, brethren. Adam Litmer

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Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
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	Bill Morelan	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

