



THE MESSENGER

MAY 3, 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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BEWARE THE FIRST STEPS

Brother Robert Turner wrote this short article in his “Stuff About Things” page of “Plain Talk” back in September of 1965. I’ve given it a title more conducive to our bulletin. Brother Turner, in his unique way, gives us a great deal to think about with few words.

An alcoholic, for the moment brutally honest, once asked me, “How can I ‘give myself to the Lord’ when I do not have myself to give away?!”

Laying aside the problem of when, or if, an alcoholic really does completely lose control of himself and become purely a “sick” man, this question focuses attention upon the moral responsibility of each individual person to take and maintain control of themselves—while this is still possible.

How, indeed, can you “give yourself to the Lord” if you do not fully possess yourself?

Paul wrote, “*All things (within the realm of “right”-rft) are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*” (1 Corinthians 6:2) I will not be brought under the power of any! What a declaration of self-control, of an indomitable will. Even though it is right within itself, I will not allow temporal things (meats for the belly, vs. 13) to destroy my hope for eternity. I will not allow personal, sensual appetites to cause me to desecrate my body, mind, or my soul—for I belong to the Lord. (vs. 20)

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Harrison, Spivey, and Brundige families, 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

Rachel White, 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

Interested in a Bible study? Either let one of us know or mark it on your visitor card.

Type in our name on Facebook, YouTube, or our website if you'd like to watch or just listen to our sermons.

The alcoholic has allowed himself to become a slave to drink. There is no point in arguing with him that this is a bad thing, and can only bring more unhappiness. He knows all that better than you. But finding the way out—yes, there's the question!

And there are many others bound by less devastating practices (?) which are none-the-less slaves—and equally unable to “give themselves to God.” Some have told me that they want to quit—and I believe them. They say they realize their influence as parents, teachers, members of the church, etc., is hurt. They would like to “give themselves”—but they do not have themselves to give. They belong, in part, to a filthy harmful habit.

“I will not be brought under the power of any!”

Would you be free—truly in possession of yourself? (And what mockery is freedom without self-possession?) Then shun the first steps that close the slave's chain about you!

Robert Turner

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

