



THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
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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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ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS AND HILL TO CLIMB

Many are suffering physical calamities at this time. In this life we are constantly having to overcome obstacles. Some more than others. We watch commercials of children stricken with handicaps, diseases or birth defects that cause us to feel so sorry for them and their situations. The obstacles they encounter daily just to survive is heart breaking. We see commercials of people fighting cancer along with the effects of its treatment. Many people are battling the Covid-19 virus and its side effects. Yes, this life offers physical and emotional challenges.

The human body however is one a remarkable creation, able to regenerate or adapt as need be. People learn to use their toes because they were born without hands. People walk on their hands because they have no legs. Blind people navigate with a seeing eye dog or merely a cane to guide them. In spite of all this, God has built in us the will to survive and overcome life’s daily struggles. We are on our own private obstacle course. Each of us faces different adversities and will do so until we die. My mother used to say we don’t know what kind of shape we will be in before we pass from this life. That is true due to our own unique genetic structures.

In 2 Timothy 1:7, Paul said, *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.* Some of you are experiencing pain of some sort. You are not alone. We all suffer different levels of pain and discomfort during our life time. Some days it’s a battle not to fall into depression and anxiety constantly in pain or living with someone who is. In my life I have encountered many accidents, injuries, and surgeries. My wife and I have dealt with aging relatives who endured much before death. These times were distracting and prevented us from focusing on other important things in our lives. Sometimes it’s hard to fulfill responsibilities to God. Let’s face it, pain hurts and can take our minds off our normal everyday routines and even trying to enjoy things we once looked forward to. I wish I could say everything is going to get better or your pain will stop or your struggles with depression will end. I cannot. Only God knows your needs and levels of discomfort and anxiety. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 says, *“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on*

Members Needing Our Prayers

Janet Brundige, John Thompson, Mary and Emmett Weatherholt, Alexa and Charlie Lake, Bennie Poynter, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Whitney Crouch

Others Needing Prayers

Rachel Knollman, Michael Hogan, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Demetrius Booker, Jen Victoria Poynter, Andy Kincaid, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, 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), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Consider this article's title. We do not know how many more rivers or hills are left for each us. In Philippians 4:1, Paul writes, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." He's a great example of someone enduring hardship after hardship, yet fighting through each battle until his race was finished. We can, too. For most, there are no great cures for our suffering. Medical science is wonderful and affords us relief from many ailments. Yet there are days when we are alone and nothing seems to help. These are the days when we must give time for prayer and leaning on God, friends, and family.

Finally, I can't help but think of the pioneers and their many struggles and hardships when venturing across America in covered wagons. Those families had no idea what they were going to encounter on their journey. None of them knew how many rivers they would have to cross or how many hills they would have to climb until they found a place to make their home. This same analogy can be applied to each of us as we make our way through life, always looking forward, knowing a better place awaits us just over the horizon. May God bless and comfort those of us who are suffering at this time.

Ron Tirey

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

