



# THE MESSENGER

## OCTOBER 4, 2020

### NEWS AND NOTES

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**Congregational Meeting**  
TBA

**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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### JEFF HOWERTON

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Jeff’s memorial service was Tuesday. Many were unable to attend due to scheduling issues and virus-related precautions taken by the funeral home. I’d like to share some thoughts with you about brother Jeff.

Jeff was an exceptional man. He touched many lives, and that certainly did not stop when his body failed him. Every person who shared memories of Jeff commented that they never heard him complain. *Not one time.* Most Christians know Paul’s injunction in Philippians 2:14-15 to do all things without grumbling or complaining so as to shine as lights in the world. How often we forget it in practice! If we were to say a person had a right to complain and grumble, it would have to be Jeff. His life was a tremendous physical struggle all the years I’d known him. Activities we take for granted, such as moving from one room to another, presented real challenges to him. I can *try* to imagine it, but I have no way of understanding the trials of his life. And yet, I never heard him utter a *single* complaint about his lot. I struggle to see how that is even possible unless one believes, *really* believes, *that the sufferings of this present life are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.* (Romans 8:18) Jeff believed it.

I spoke to him a couple of weeks before his passing. He was calling to see if I could pick up some of his prescriptions at the pharmacy. Jacob had a stomach bug and neither Jeff nor I wanted to risk my carrying germs to his apartment. I felt bad and tried to apologize to him. He wouldn’t hear it. His only concern was with Jacob and the rest of the family not catching it. How typical of Jeff! He always thought of other people. He used to call to ask how brethren were doing and what he might be able to do to

## Members Needing Our Prayers

Janet Brundige, Jackie Litmer, John Thompson, Mary and Emmett Weatherholt, Alexa and Charlie Lake, Bennie Poynter, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, 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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brighten someone's day. How *easy* it would be for a Christian with Jeff's struggles to focus entirely upon their own needs! We might even see, "And rightly so!" Yet Jeff's heart was filled with Christ and us. *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor*, (Romans 12:10) was simply who Jeff was. Exceptional, indeed.

Shortly after hearing of his passing from this life, I thought of the words of Paul from 1 Corinthians 15:42-43 as he spoke on the future bodily resurrection. In speaking of the current body, Paul declared, *What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.* Jeff is not in a wheelchair now. When next we see him, we will see a body imperishable, glorious, and powerful. I'm so happy for hm!

Jeff left instructions that Psalm 23, John 11:25-28, 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, and Romans 8:28-39 be read at his memorial service. These passages meant much to him. Take a moment to read them now and think of Jeff. He's finished his race. Rest now, dear brother. Well done! Adam Litmer

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

