



# THE MESSENGER

## NOVEMBER 8, 2020

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Congregational Meeting**

Today at 4 on Zoom

#### **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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### WHAT MAKES A GOOD PREACHER?

Last evening, Adam Daniels gave the announcements prior to evening worship. One announcement thanked God for the good evangelist we have at University Heights Church of Christ. The announcement caused me to wonder, “How does a congregation know that its evangelist is a good one?”

The “goodness” of an evangelist must be measured by God’s standards. Man often gets it wrong. For example, Balak, king of Moab, thought a good preacher was one who would do just what the king wanted when the king wanted it (In this instance he wanted Balaam to curse God’s people, the Israelites). (Numbers 22) King Ahab thought a good preacher was one who never tried to upset the status quo. Once, as Elijah approached Ahab, Ahab said to him, “Is that you, O troubler of Israel?” (1 Kings 18:16) Timothy was warned that a time would come when a “good” preacher was more entertainer than proclaimer of the gospel. *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,* (2 Timothy 4:3)

God considered Paul a good preacher. What made him so? First, Paul’s desire to preach the gospel was compelling. He wrote to the church in Corinth, *For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!* (1 Corinthians 9:16) Paul was God’s chosen evangelist to the Gentiles, but it was his acceptance without reservation that made it a compelling one. A good preacher’s desire to preach has the strength of necessity.

Second, Paul was careful to preach the truth. In Acts 17:11 the Bereans are commended for studying the scriptures in light of the preaching of Paul and probably those accompanying him. Those servants of Christ had no apprehensions that their message would be found false. Paul let the churches in Galatia know he was willing to accept severe consequences of false preaching. He wrote, *But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be*

## 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, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

## Others Needing Prayers

Grace Meyer, Andy Seabolt, Sarah and Jake Chandler, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Rachel Knollman, Michael Hogan, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Jen Victoria Poynter, Andy Kincaid, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, 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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*accursed.* (Galatians 1:8) Then he repeated the same thing again. A good preacher is one who preaches the truth and has no apprehensions that he will be found to be false.

Third, Paul was bold and fearless in his preaching. In his message to the elders of the church in Ephesus he reminded them that he did *not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.* (Acts 20:27) Preachers sometimes get told by church leaders not to preach on certain subjects. I am convinced that whatever Paul was told not to preach on would then become the subject of his next sermon. In Acts 4, Peter and John, after being released from prison, reported everything to their friends. Then the whole group prayed saying, *And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,* (v. 29) So, a good preacher is one who will, with all boldness, preach the whole counsel of God.

Fourth, a good preacher will combine his boldness with humility. In 2 Corinthians 12 Paul wrote of a man who had the unspeakable glories of heaven revealed him. In verse 8 he makes it clear he wrote about himself and the danger he faced of pride and arrogance. He said, *in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.* (v, 8) So, a good preacher is one whose humility is evident in and out of the pulpit. I concur with Brother Daniels that we are blessed at University Heights with a "good" preacher. Thank you, Lord.  
John Thompson

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

