



THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 10, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
Today

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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THE GREATEST COUNTRY OF ALL

“My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.” You, no doubt, recognize those words to be the beginning of one of our best-known patriotic songs. We are apt to break out in song when we have positive regard for the country in which we live and the freedoms we enjoy. It truly is a sweet land o liberty, recognized as such by folks the world over. That’s not to presume, by any means, that we live in a perfect world. As a country with the highest ideals stated in our national documents, we have yet to fulfill the promise so simplistically yet eloquently stated in the Pledge of Allegiance: “indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” Even so, I know of no where I would rather live, do you?

Well, there *is* another place, another country. The beginning lyrics previously mentioned can just as well apply to this other country, only more so, because it is a better country. In fact, it is the best of all possible countries. It truly is a country perfect in every way possible, ruled by a King who never lies or is greedy; never gets angry unless provoked, and even then is always just and righteous. His patience, forbearance, and longsuffering cannot be equaled or even fully understood. Although He sits on a throne and sends forth His decrees, He does not do so for His own personal gain. He has established a perfect law.

So, which country do I have in mind when I sing, “My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing?” Certainly, the nation in which I live deserves my deep regard. It is where my mortal body currently resides. It is still a great country, but regardless of what it is or becomes in the future, even if it becomes better and better, this temporary country will never measure up to my country. My country is where God dwells; it

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

Bob and Lou Litmer, 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, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Ginny Wren, 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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is where Jesus returned when He was taken up in a cloud following His resurrection; it is the place about which Jesus comforted His disciples *with Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.* (John 14:1-3)

And, oh what a land of liberty it is. Freedom from temptation, from the fiery darts of the evil one, from his lies and deception, forever. Liberated from the limitations of one's mortal body, no longer under the control of life-robbing disease, physical pain, hurt feelings, mental anguish, grief and loss, forever. Free from the drive for happiness and pleasure, forever. Free from poverty and want, from rioting and looting, from violence and war, forever. Heaven, the true land of liberty, of thee I sing: *When with the Savior we enter the glory land, won't it be wonderful there? Ended the troubles and cares of the storyland, won't it be wonderful there?* John Thompson

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	

