



# THE MESSENGER

## APRIL 25, 2021

### NEWS AND NOTES

**Congregational Meeting**  
Today

**Weekly Bible Studies**  
Tuesdays at 11 on Zoom

**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**  
On hold

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### AIMING FOR ALWAYS

In Deuteronomy 5, Moses recalls God's covenant with the people. He speaks of the Ten Commandments and how they felt when God showed His glory. They were in awe and committed to doing His will. Pleased, God declared, *Oh that they had such a mind as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!* (5:29) Sadly, they did not always have such a mind but often went from not *quite* what they needed to be (Psalm 50:7-15) all the way to open rebellion. (Psalm 50:16-22)

The New Testament writers found fertile soil in these examples. (1 Corinthians 10:1-12; Hebrews 4:1-8, etc.) Who among us hasn't heard it asked, "How could they grumble/complain/disobey/rebel with God's mighty works right before their eyes?" That's not a bad question if it leads to a more pressing one: How can *we*?

We Christians do our fair share of grumbling and complaining. Social media has given us a microphone our predecessors did not possess. We're using it, too! God, of course, is not unclear about grumblers and complainers. Please pause a moment to read Philippians 2:12-16. In this passage we find the need to obey, work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, God working in us for His good pleasure, the need to be blameless and innocent so we can shine like lights in the world, and the need to hold fast to the word of life. In the midst of all that we find this: *Do all things without grumbling...* Its context shows it to be part of doing all the other things described in those verses.

Are any of us grumblers or complainers? If so, we're *at least* not quite what we ought to be. Perhaps a grumbler is thinking, "Well, I know I *wouldn't* be if the works of God were around me like they were them!" It should be recognized that the creation we live in is a constant and present mighty work of God. We need not see the parting of a sea or pillars of cloud and fire to be surrounded

## Members Needing Our Prayers

Pat, Seabolt, Janet Brundige, Julie Patton, Jackie and Evelyn Litmer, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

## Others Needing Prayers

Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Andy Seabolt, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear

## To Our Guests

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by the mighty works of God. (Psalm 19:1-6) It *is* possible that such things cease producing the reverence and honor for God they are, in part, designed to produce. (Romans 1:18-21) If so it's a tragedy, though a familiar one.

Staying with the sin of grumbling/complaining, perhaps someone knows what God says about it but just doesn't care, believe that He sees, or has the power to act. That, too, is familiar. (Zephaniah 1:12; Isaiah 40:27; Psalm 14; 74:18, etc.) Why would any of us continue to live in open sin when we become aware of it? Is there *any* good answer? Am I a grumbler/complainer? God would have me stop. Now. Though I've used grumbling/complaining for the sake of this article, obviously any sin applies.

The reason Paul declared, *These things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction...* (1 Corinthians 10:11) is because we are like them. We, too, have the mighty works of God surrounding us. We, too, have a standard by which to live. We, too, worship and serve God. We, too, have times when we do it really well. (Deuteronomy 5:29) We, too, must strive to possess the true servant heart *always*. Adam Litmer

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