



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 15, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
September 12

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

September 3, 7:30

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“NOBODY TO BLAME BUT ME”

A Chris Stapleton song contains the title for this article in its chorus. I had to apply it to myself on vacation. The sun was very bright over the water and was beginning to bother my eyes. I made a quick run to a nearby store and bought a pair of sunglasses. I put them on and went right back out into the waves. Less than an hour later those sunglasses had been sacrificed to the Atlantic. Lesson learned, right?

The next day the sun was once again bothering my eyes so I again drove to a nearby store, bought *another* pair of sunglasses, and went right back into the waves. No one has ever excused me of being particularly bright! This time it only took the Atlantic about half an hour to upend me and claim its prize. Fortunately, someone from our group found this pair washed up on the beach and brought them back to me.

After cleaning them off and putting them on it was impossible not to sit there contemplating my own foolishness. I don't know what made me think putting myself in the exact same position would end the second time any differently than the first. *Of course* those sunglasses were ripped off my face. How could there have possibly been a different outcome?

Temptation is a lot like this. We all know our own struggles with sin and we know precisely the type of situations that tend to trip us up. Knowingly putting ourselves in such situations over and over isn't very smart, is it? In the context of the need for forgiveness, Paul made an interesting and informative statement about Satan. He said, *so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.* (2 Corinthians 2:11) His designs are always to convince us to sin.

Members Needing Our Prayers

Bennie Poynter, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, 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, Veronica Bowman

To Our Guests

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How easy we make it by knowingly and intentionally walking into situations we know we'll struggle with! The Prover writer, speaking within the context of sexual sin, asked some rhetorical questions. *Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? Or can he walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched?* (6:27-28) Now imagine this same man doing these things over and over and over again all the while hoping the result will somehow change. As someone said, this is the definition of insanity.

We strive for perfection, or should, yet none of us have reached it. Sin continues to seek a place in our lives and, on occasion, breaks through and scores a victory. But may we never make it easy on our adversary! Let us keep our eyes wide open and locked on Jesus Christ. And those situations and scenarios that so easily ensnare us? Let's not keep walking directly into them! If I do, I've got nobody to blame but me. AL

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	

