



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 22, 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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WE ARE HER WORLD

I was exhausted. I needed to study and prepare for the Revelation class as well as the new Tuesday class. Neither sermon was close to where I wanted it to be. My personal Bible reading was nonexistent. I couldn't focus on anything and frustration was taking hold. It's all because of Evelyn.

Two weeks ago, we learned she has a milk protein allergy that requires Jackie to completely dispense with dairy. Unfortunately, dairy was rampaging through Evelyn's little system at the time and she was miserable. She wouldn't sleep, wasn't keeping her food down, and there wasn't anything we could do for her but wait it out.

I was holding her while she fussed and counting down the hours until Jackie got home. Quite frankly, I was feeling sorrier for myself than I was for Evelyn. As she stared up at me with pleading eyes a thought struck me. Jackie and I are her entire world. I knew that already, but I was deeply impressed with the thought at that moment. If Evelyn is going to be fed, it will come from us. If she is going to be clothed, we'll do it. If she is to be swaddled and rocked to sleep, it will be Jackie or myself who does it. If she needs medicine, we'll administer it. She starts to fuss when we leave her line of vision. She cries out to us when something is wrong. She wants us and needs us. *Always*. We are her entire world.

Her desperate dependence and profound trust hit me like a freight train in that moment. My mind turned to Matthew 18. *At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, and said, "Truly, I say to you,*

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Daniels, Collins, and Fox families, Pat Seabolt, Bennie Poynter, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Randy Cates, Larry and Betty McTeer, 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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unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (1-4)

Can there be anything more humbling than placing your entire being into the hands of another, to sincerely acknowledge that without them you can do nothing? Evelyn’s cries and pleading looks are not for show. They are not lip-service or her just trying to make sure she says the right things. Every bit of her little heart is in every cry and look she casts our way. She *knows* how desperately she needs us to provide for her. She loves us just as desperately because we do.

“Jesus is my entire world.” How easy it is to say those words! How easy for them to be just that: *words*. The desperate dependance and love I see when Evelyn looks at Jackie and I is the same dependance and love Jesus should see when we look to him. God help us to be like children! AL

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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	

