



# THE MESSENGER

## AUGUST 29, 2021

### NEWS AND NOTES

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**Congregational Meeting**  
September 12

**Weekly Bible Studies**  
Tuesdays 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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### A RISK WORTH TAKING

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You're in your workplace when person A approaches to start talking about person B. It's not complimentary and is the sort of stuff that only ever gets said behind someone's back.

Who *hasn't* found themselves in this sort of situation, if not in the workplace than among family and friends? There have probably been times when we've *been* person A. How do we avoid getting caught up in uncharitable and mean-spirited talk about someone else?

**Be reflective.** What's the positive in engaging in the current tenor of this discussion? Is following person A's lead bringing anyone closer to God? Would I be ashamed if person B overheard my end of the discussion? Honesty here will help in determining how to proceed. *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.* (Col. 4:6)

**Be careful.** The preceding verse says, *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.* (4:5) As Christian's, our example and image must stay on our minds as we interact with others, especially unbelievers. Our calling is to glorify God in all things. This is never done in joining in the sins of others, especially when it's easy, tempting, and "safe" to do so. (1 Timothy 2:22)

**Be courageous.** I'm convinced Ephesians 5:11 is one of the most challenging statements penned by Paul. *Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose*

## Members Needing Our Prayers

Rick Small, 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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*them*. Don't just refuse to engage in them, point them out for what they are. That's not likely to win you many friends, but there it is. The personal questions asked in the "Be reflective" section need not stay personal. It would do person A good to reflect upon them. Ask them to do so.

**Be a peacemaker.** An extraordinary blessing is reserved for them. *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.* (Matthew 5:9) Peacemakers are slow to anger and generous of heart. They won't engage in mean-spirited talk but will try to bring peace into the situation through their words and example.

Worst case? Person A doesn't gossip to you anymore (good!) and they *might* gossip about you (unpleasant and sometimes painful) Best case? Your Christ-like example touches their heart and moves them to consider matters of eternity. Either way, you've stayed true to your Lord. Now *that's* worth the risk, wouldn't you say? Adam Litmer

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