



THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
Today

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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“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD”

I write this on Friday, the morning after learning of brother Dee Bowman’s passing. I did not know brother Bowman at all, really. The last time I saw him was in very quick passing at the Florida College lectures some twenty years ago. The last time I heard brother Bowman preach was at the Expressway congregation in Louisville when I was in either late middle or early high school. I have no recollection of his sermons. And yet, I did not need to read the innumerable memorials and tributes to Brother Bowman all over social media to have some understanding of the number of lives he touched over the years with his extraordinary love for the Lord and the souls of men.

It is rare for a man who spent so much of his life preaching in every corner of the country and whose copious writings were distributed even more broadly to have so little said about him negatively. Even those who disagreed with him on certain issues praised him for his Christ-like character. Many of the statements you’ve heard preachers make over the years came from Brother Bowman, the most well-known being variations of “If you miss heaven, you have missed it all.” The evidence is in. Dee Bowman was a remarkable man who loved his Lord with all his heart and tirelessly labored to introduce others to him while strengthening those who already were. His deeds have followed him.

Members Needing Our Prayers

Rick Small, Ralph Fox, Pat Seabolt, Benny Poynter, The Litmer family, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Randy Cates, Larry 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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Our deeds will follow us, as well. There's a beautiful statement found in Revelation 14:13. *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "That they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."* The Hebrew writer declares, *"For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest..."* (4:8-11a)

From what shall we rest? Will it be a life of distraction and worldliness spent focusing far more on the things of this world along with its pursuits? May the "rest" following that life stay far from us! Or shall we rest from a life of love and faith in which all our deeds were performed with a heart filled with Christ? Now *that's* a rest worth aiming for. May we each be called "blessed" on the day of our death! 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	

