



THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
TBD

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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WHEN THE “GREAT PHYSICIAN” COMPLETES HIS WORK

John 5:1-9 and Matthew 8:16-17 show us Jesus as the “Great Physician.” In the first passage we find our Lord at a pool named Bethesda with five roofed colonnades. Verse 3 tells us, *In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.* One man had been an invalid for 38 years and is called “the sick man” in verse 7. Jesus healed him. The second passage reads, *That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”*

Sickness has been part of the human experience for a very long time. Leprosy (Exodus 4:6), boils (Exodus 9:8-12), and infertility (Genesis 16:2) are found early in the biblical narrative. Some of David’s psalms might indicate periods of sickness in his life. The Shunammite woman’s son apparently suffered a brain hemorrhage (2 Kings 4:18-20). Hezekiah’s “boil” (Isaiah 38:21) sounds like a tumor. Epaphroditus was so sick he nearly died (Philippians 2:25-27). Timothy suffered stomach and other ailments (1 Timothy 5:23). This list barely scratches the surface of all the ailments and illnesses found throughout Scripture.

University Heights has not been spared. Even now some are going through treatments for cancer and other serious illnesses. Some have recently undergone surgeries and procedures because their bodies were failing them in some way. Besides these more serious issues, rarely does a service pass without someone missing due to Covid, allergies, colds, sinus infections, and the like. Indeed, part of being human is being sick.

Doesn’t this make thoughts of Heaven sweeter? The voice from the throne declared, *“He will wipe away every tear from*

Members Needing Our Prayers

Rick Small, Ralph Fox, Benny Poynter, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton and family, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

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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their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:4)

“There’s a great day coming” when cancer and heart disease will be things of the past. No one will be confined to a wheel chair and no hand will ever need a cane. No part of the body will ever again need the skills of a surgeon. No one will ever give another thought to blood sugar or glucose levels. Mental health diseases will have vanished entirely. Arthritis will never again cause pain. Even those minor ailments that steal sleep for a night will be gone. No pain, tears, sorrow, or death. Those are “the former things” and they will have passed away. Just think of it!

We have so many things to be grateful for. Let’s not forget to thank our Lord for being the Great Physician. Soon, he will finish his work completely. Just think of that! Adam Litmer

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