



THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 23, 2022

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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KIDS, KIDS, AND MORE KIDS!

A couple of Sunday's ago, during the talk at the Lord's table in the morning service, it seemed like all of the young children began, as if on cue, talking at once. I couldn't help but smile. Evelyn popped her little head up trying to find everyone and began chattering even louder. Parent or not, it's hard not to chuckle at that.

The psalmist declared, *Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!* (Psalm 127:3-5a) What a blessing they are!

For the size of this congregation, we are richly blessed with children here at University Heights. Several of us have been members of larger congregations with far fewer children. In preparing for this article, I asked Jackie to help me count the number of children five years old or younger at Uheights. We came up with 9 before counting babies Patton and Martin who, Lord willing, will be here soon. That will be 11 children under the age of five. That number grows to 17 if we move up to ten years old and younger. If 80 people attend a worship assembly and 17 of them are ten or younger, that represents between 21 and 22% of the attendees. That is very heartening and reason for optimism as one considers the future of this congregation.

As wonderful as children are, they can be a handful for mom and dad. This is especially true inside a church building and during an assembly. Most times when I'm preaching, I can

Members Needing Our Prayers

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

Others Needing Prayers

Allison Walker, Vicky Litmer,
Dwight Antle, 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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see at least one parent restraining, calming, comforting, hushing, or scolding their child. Sometimes it requires a little more attention and a parent hops up from their seat to carry, and sometimes drag, their child into the back to handle what needs handling. *Every* parent has been there. Those of us with young children will continue to be there for some time!

Occasionally a child is, for whatever reason, more of a handful than usual during an assembly. I can see the frustration and, sometimes, embarrassment on the face of the parents as they struggle. They're afraid their child is too much of a distraction, that others cannot focus because their child has gone into full meltdown mode, and that it might be better to stay at home with them. I get it. We're going through it for the *fourth* time now.

But parent, you keep on doing what you're doing. You are such an encouragement and so is that little handful you love so much. We love you for the example you're setting. They're not distractions, they're children being children! You are a blessing and so are they. Thank you! Adam Litmer

Elders	Deacons	Evangelist
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

