



THE MESSENGER

MAY 15, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
TBA

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays on Zoom, 10
Friday, 12:30, Fayette Mall
food court

Saturday, 10, Panera
(Georgetown)

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

March 4, 7:30

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“MAKE SOME RETURN TO THEIR PARENTS”

The extremely popular television show, “This Is Us”, is coming to an end. Jackie, my parents, and my sister have been watching this show from the beginning. I’ve watched much of the last few episodes. It revolves around a family of five and frequently moves between past, present, and future. As the show winds down, the three children are caring for their mother who is in the deep stages of Alzheimer’s.

As anyone who has seen what Alzheimer’s can do to their loved ones can imagine, the show has become quite the tear-jerker and is difficult to watch at times. Having said that, the show is masterfully striking a certain balance. In one respect, it is absolutely heart-breaking to see a once vibrant mother become an empty shell. In another respect, it is absolutely beautiful to see the deep love her children have for her and the willingness to sacrifice tremendously to care for her as the disease progresses.

As Alzheimer’s progresses, it requires the stricken one to be cared for as a little child. They must be fed, bathed, dressed, and led about. Perhaps the most powerful aspect of the show are the flashback scenes showing the mother doing for her small children what they are having to do for her now. The actors are doing a masterful job of mixing deep sorrow and love. This is some of the most powerful acting I have ever seen.

This is where the beauty I mentioned earlier comes in. Paul said, “*But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.*” (1 Timothy 5:4) The characters in the show are not Christians, yet the deep love and respect they have for their mother is so refreshing to see in a time when the “traditional” family dynamic is often scorned and attacked, especially in television and movies.

As a father of four, I frequently find myself considering the sacrifices my own parents made for my sister and I when we were young. My own

Members Needing Our Prayers

Sharon Tirey, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Pat Seabolt, Rick Small, John Thompson, Benny Poynter, Janet Brundige, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayers

Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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children will never know the sacrifices Jackie and I have made for them just as Rachel and I will never know all the sacrifices our parents made for us. This is how it should be. (2 Corinthians 12:14)

Parents do so much for their children throughout the years. It often takes the child getting some age on them before they are able to appreciate it. Perhaps the day will come when Rachel and I, Jackie and her brothers, and many of you reading this along with your siblings, will need to sit down and discuss care for a parent no longer able to care for themselves. Many of you have already had this discussion, some more than once. I pray that love, appreciation, and a desire to make a return to one who has given so much to and for us throughout the years will rule the day.

The writing is on the wall for the ending of "This Is Us." Death is approaching, huge sacrifices are being made by the children of a mother who no longer knows who they are all the time. But there is beauty in their love and sacrifice. It's the love and sacrifice I pray my sister and I will be willing to give should the need arise. It's the love and sacrifice some of you have already shown and are showing to your aging parents. It's beautiful and exactly what God desires. Adam Litmer

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David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

