



THE MESSENGER

MAY 22, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
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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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GROWING THROUGH PAIN

Physical pain is a big deal. Heads, joints, muscles, internal organs, skin, backs, arms, legs, necks and all body parts in between can and do provide locations where pain finds a place to settle in and take up residence. Initially pain warns us that something is wrong with our bodies, but it can quickly become the problem in and of itself. Pain is the great reducer. It can reduce the strongest of men and women to mere vestiges of their former selves. It can cause those with great zest for living to turn to pain-killing drugs and even beg for death.

Many here have an intimate relationship with pain. Some have lived with it for many years. Others developed painful conditions early in life and are still learning to deal with it. Several have new pains associated with recent surgery or accidents. And some will experience additional discomfort from the very measures used to treat them. Yet, in the midst of all of that suffering we have not given place to Satan to allow him to weaken or rob us off our faith. I am so encouraged to be associated with all of you at University Heights. Some scriptures come to mind.

I cannot imagine anyone suffering more loss in a shorter amount of time than Job. As various messengers informed him of one loss after another, each one arriving and gasping out his awful tale before the preceding one had finished, Job's entire world collapsed around him. Job could have become angry, bitter, consumed by the need for revenge. He could have been overcome by grief, depressed, withdrawing himself from life. Either course of action would have made Satan ecstatic; just what he was hoping for. But here is what Job did: *Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.* (Job 1:20-22) And then the sores

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. Robin Curtis

To Our Guests

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came bringing pain and the odor of infected flesh along with a grotesque appearance and a wife who appears to have given up on him, telling him to curse God and die. But Job rebuked her, saying: *You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.* (Job 2:10)

God told Satan, *"Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?"* (Job 1:8) Job is a wonderful example of faith tested and proved steadfast. You know, that is exactly how James expressed it. *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.* (James 1:12-5)

I believe we have a lot of Jobs among us at University Heights, folks who are upright, who fear God and who turn away from evil. I am convinced that the faith of those in pain is proving steadfast and that we are increasing in faith and love for one another. We can handle what comes our way and be stronger for it. John Thompson

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	

