



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 14, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
August 14

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 10 on Zoom
Friday's at 12 on Zoom
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

August 5, 7:30

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LIES OR TRUTH?

Jerry had an automobile accident. We see him on the phone with his former insurance agent, Jessica. Jessica has to inform him that he no longer has coverage with that particular insurance company, having recently dropped his coverage in favor of another company. When Jessica tells Jerry that she cannot help him, she hears the despair in his voice as he begins to sob. She sympathetically asks, "Jerry, are you crying?" Not wanting to admit his desperation, Jerry responds, "I just bit my tongue."

You may recognize the above scenario as a current automobile insurance television commercial. Commercials promote particular products as being superior to all others, attempting to entice viewers to purchase those products. But commercials and advertisements are influential in much more subtle ways. To the degree that they incorporate lifestyles and activities God has declared sinful, they normalize and legitimize those life styles and activities.

Consider the commercial referenced above. Rather than admit that he is crying, Jerry lies. His lie is presented in the commercial as an acceptable way to cover his weakness.

The Bible is clear about lying and truth. They cannot coexist. One eliminates the other. God loves truth; in fact, He is the originator of truth. Satan, however, loves lying and is the originator of it. John 8:44 describes Satan as "a murderer from the beginning." The passage goes on to say that Satan *has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.* In contrast to Satan, Proverbs

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Spivey family, Bobbie Atkisson, Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Brian Mason, 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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6:16-19 informs us that *There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.*

We should not be taken in by the subtle message that lying is acceptable. Rather, let us look forward to being in heaven where God lives and where lying cannot exist. We must speak the truth to others. Ephesians 4:15 says, *Rather, speaking the **truth** in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.* Verse 25 of Ephesians 4 says *Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the **truth** with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.* In addition, we must gratefully accept the truth when it is spoken to us. Paul asked, in Galatians 4:16, *Have I then become your enemy by telling you the **truth**?* One who tells us the truth is our friend, not our enemy. John Thompson

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

