



THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 16, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

October

Our Next Gospel Meeting

Today-Friday

Weekly Bible Studies

Tuesday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 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

October 7, 7:30

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“ALL ARE YOURS”

The Corinthians were unfortunately aligning themselves with various preachers. (1 Corinthians 1:12-13) As Paul dealt with that and other issues in the first three chapters, he concludes his thoughts with the following statement, “*So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.* (3:21-23) Paul, Apollos, Cephas, and any other faithful proclaimer of the gospel *belonged* to the brethren.

Paul furthers this thought in Ephesians 4. In verse 8 he quotes Psalm 68:18, “*Therefore it says, ‘When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.’*” The word for “gifts” here is *domata* (general gifts because of love and concern) rather than *charisma* (miraculous spiritual gifts). What, or who, these gifts are along with their purpose is described in the verses that follow. The purpose is to help saints be what they ought to be through continued growth and maturity. The gifts themselves are defined in verse 11. “*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers.*” In the context, these people are the gifts of Christ to his church.

Meeting weeks, whether I’m preaching or listening, always make me think about the different styles and talents of some of those mentioned in verse 11. Some preachers are very calm and still in their delivery. Others pace and gesticulate from beginning to end. Some preachers have every word they intend to say written down before them. Others are more extemporaneous. Some preachers are conversational. Others are more dynamic. Some preachers like to use a rapid-fire approach, offering a plethora of passages and moving through them quickly. Others prefer to mine deeply into fewer texts. There are so many different styles and talents. As with

Members Needing Our Prayers

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

Others Needing Prayer

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

To Our Guests

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everything else, we all have our preferences in what style we most enjoy listening to. Paul would grant that, and yet remind us that there is no competition in this. They are *all* yours, given by the Lord to help build up the body.

Elders are also mentioned as “gifts” given by the Lord to his church in Ephesians 4:11. At least one of the preachers Paul mentioned, Cephas, became an elder. Though every good elder lives an exemplary life, they are all different as individuals. Some are very empathetic and highly skilled at walking in the other persons shoes. Some are remarkably deep, analytical thinkers and capable of getting directly to the heart of whatever issue arises. Some of the best Bible class teachers I know are elders. Others can teach Bible classes, yet thrive in smaller and one-on-one settings. Some shepherd the flock with enthusiastic emotion while others are steady and calm. As with preachers, Paul would grant that elders have different styles. He would then remind us that they, too, are gifts given by the Lord to the church.

“All our yours.” Praise the Lord for it!

Adam Litmer

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	

