



THE MESSENGER

DECEMBER 4, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

December 11

Our Next Gospel Meeting

Next year

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 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

January 6, 7:30

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“ALL SCRIPTURE IS PROFITABLE”

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Different translations bring out two thought provoking and complimentary aspects of the Word of God. The NKJV states that all scripture is given by the inspiration of God. God reveals Himself to be a gift giver. Giving is His nature. Mankind is the recipient of a one-of-a-kind gift: a look into the inner workings of the all-loving, all-powerful, creative God. Other versions begin the above passage: *All scripture is breathed out by God.* Giving comes naturally to God, as naturally as breathing comes to us. To disregard the gift, to consider it of little or no value, to dishonor and disrespect the gift is to do that and more to the One who gave it. All scripture is a most precious gift from the Divine Giver. *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.... (James 1:17)*

The realization that the giver of scripture is God should cause one to pause when tempted to disregard any part of it. A gift from God is beyond compare; thus, no other piece of literature can begin to capture the mind of man and produce so drastic and lasting a change as can the Bible. A gift from God contains no flaws and thus can be trusted without reservation. Were it not so, on what would we build our faith? *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 also reveals certain basic needs of man that only this precious gift from God can satisfy. The four needs identified in the text are teaching, reproof,

Members Needing Our Prayers

Mary Weatherholt, 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, The Byers family, 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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correction, and training in righteousness. Nature and our environment tell us that there must be a Creator, that such a magnificent design must have a designer. It is scripture that teaches the identity of the Creator and the power that merely spoke into existence a world so complex that man still has not unraveled all of its secrets. But man believes he can unravel and fully understand it eventually. H even believes he can improve upon it. Many who purport to be spiritually minded criticize the bible and change it at will. Scripture, however, reprovves and corrects such thinking. The fourth need of man is to be instructed in righteousness. Scripture is perfectly designed to provide that instruction

Finally, the passage under consideration challenges us to be *complete, equipped for every good work*. That which God has given, i.e. His revelation, is declared to be profitable. The Bible is good for us, never bad. The Bible increases us, never lessens. The Bible improves us, never diminishes. The Bible makes us Godlier, never devilish. Read it, study it, and live by it. 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	

