



THE MESSENGER

JUNE 4, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

June 11

Our Next Gospel Meeting

June

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

February 3, 7:30

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BEAUTIFUL ABOMINATIONS

It is just as strange writing the title to this article as it must be to read it. The thought comes from Proverbs 29:27. I'll be taking it from the NKJ. *An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous. And he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.*

It's hard to see yourself as an abomination, isn't it? We don't think of ourselves that way. And why would we? We have been cleansed from our sins by the precious blood of our Lord. We are not perfect, but we are repentant. We strive to shine the light of Jesus Christ into our little portion of the world and try to convince others to take advantage of the same cleansing. We walk according to his direction and urge others to do the same. And this is *precisely* why saints are often viewed as abominations.

We don't think as the world thinks. We have a King who owns all of our loyalty. He stays the same all the time. His message and goals never shift. Human values, philosophies, and dictates shift seemingly on a daily basis. The winds of political correctness, one-up-manship, and ever-changing ideologies mean nothing is ever settled for long. Truth becomes purely subjective.

But we hold fast to One who changes not. His timeless message is unfazed as people are constantly *tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine.* (Ephesians 4:14) He is unmoved by demands for cultural conformity, requiring of people now what he required of them then. *Abide in my love. If*

Members Needing Our Prayers

John Thompson, Mary and Riley Mae Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Alyse Nash, Mary Bishop, Helen Thomas, Patty Hill, Eli Kempton, Sophie Brown, Fay Thomas, Glen Perkins, Edra Bernard, Valari Jones-Butler (Valari is Gina Seabolt’s former co-worker. Her daughter is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Her 21 year old nephew was killed in a shooting), Charlie Hoy, Marc Nations, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Charles Bishop, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Patty Hill

To Our Guests

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you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. (John 15:9b-10) He is unashamed when “great minds” mock his message, reminding all people that the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1 Corinthians 1:25)

When the King’s people are equally unfazed, unmoved, and unashamed opposition is to be expected. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14) To the crooked, God makes himself seem torturous. (Psalm 2:1-3; 18:26b) It can be no surprise when the Lord’s “little flock” is regarded as abominable to such people.

Don’t be discouraged, beloved. Man’s abomination is God’s treasure. (1 Peter 2:1-10) Chosen, royal, holy, His. What could possibly be more beautiful? A.L.

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Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
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	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

