



THE MESSENGER

JUNE 11, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

Elder/Deacon today

Our Next Gospel Meeting

Today through Friday

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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“<INSERT NAME> HAS LEFT THE CONVERSATION”

The title of this article used to be (and might still be) the message folks included in a group chat received when a person removed themselves from the group. You’ve probably seen it before.

There is an unfortunate conversation occurring between several of our brethren on a particular social media platform right now. It has disintegrated into an ugly mess of name-calling, judging motives, and bitterness. At this point it’s just a big fight being waged for everyone who happens upon it, believer and unbeliever alike, to see. The sooner it ends the better. It would be the wisdom of everyone involved to leave the conversation immediately. Sadly, the mind to dig in even further seems to be prevailing with several involved.

I have been reminded of a few things as I’ve observed the conversation from a distance. I’d like to share them with you as we strive to remember that we are to be a light unto the world. (Matthew 5:14-16)

First, nothing good comes from binding where God has not bound. Simply put, if God does not require a thing of people than no person or group has the right to require it. Neither group tradition or personal opinion rises to the level of a “commandment of God.” (Mark 7:1-13) This is an extremely unattractive trait that seeks to erect barriers where God did not. Sadly, the aforementioned conversation is based almost entirely upon this. Don’t do it!

Second, there may come a time when a conversation needs to be shelved or ended altogether. Wisdom and self-reflection are required to know if such a point has been reached. Are we still listening to one another or just talking over one another? Am I still thinking correctly about the

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

Glenda Miller, Michael Edwards, 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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other person or am I becoming bitter and rude? If others happened upon this conversation, would they hear gracious speech (Colossians 4:5-6) or words becoming less and less Christ-like? We've all seen that the angrier we get the less gracious our words tend to become and the more difficult it is to restrain them. Stop before it gets to that point. (Proverbs 29:9, 11)

Finally, our business is to shine the light of Christ into the world. People are watching us. Unbelievers, on social media or in person, note our behavior. Saints squabbling with one another over silly issues places a stumbling block before them. (1 Timothy 6:3-5, 20-21; 2 Timothy 2:14-16, 23-24) Don't get involved in such scrapes and get out if a conversation devolves into one.

Yes, there may very well come a time when some thoughtful self-reflection indicates it's time to leave the conversation. If that time comes let's have the humility, willingness, and maturity to do so. Adam Litmer

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