



THE MESSENGER

JULY 30 , 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

August 13

Our Next Gospel Meeting

TBD

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday 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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JUST THINKING

Jackie set up a countdown on her phone for the vacation we just completed. On the day she set it up we were well over four hundred days away. Every month or so we would ask her to check the countdown. Little by little the days whittled away until, finally, we packed up the van on Friday night and rose early Saturday morning on our way to the Ocean. We had fun, took a ton of pictures, ate some great seafood, bought a few souvenirs, and then, just like that, it was all over.

Sometimes it's almost frightening how quickly time moves. Somehow, we're well over half way through 2023. It feels like we put our Christmas decorations back in the attic a month or so ago rather than the more than six and a half months it's really been. Alexander is talking about getting his driver's license and Evelyn is approaching two and a half years old. What!? I remember holding him the day he was born and it feels like we just brought Evelyn home from Central Baptist a short time ago. Time really does fly, doesn't it?

And yet, in my 44 years, it's amazing how few full days I can actually remember. Oh, I can remember a number of *moments* vividly. We can all do that. Yet full days? Very, very few. Even so, I know that each one of those days was filled with choices and opportunities. I faced moments of temptation, discouragement, frustration, and anger. I also experienced moments of excitement, happiness, encouragement, and celebration. Though we will not recall most of the moments that come and go, those moments tell the story of our entire lives. What did we do in the moment? What choices did we make? After all, we are only guaranteed

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Waller family, John Thompson, 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, 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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the current moment. Maybe we'll get many more and maybe we won't. We do have *now*. What will we do with it?

As I contemplate how quickly the first 44 years of my life have come and gone, I can't help but reflect upon the words of James. "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." (James 4:14) We can choose to avoid such reflections, pretending that life will go on as it always has and no end will ever come. Fear causes a great many, even Christians, to choose this route. We humans have a near limitless capacity to ignore what we don't want to think about. We act the fool if we choose this path, though. (Ecclesiastes 7:2-4)

I would urge us to find great motivation in the brevity of life. Death, for us, is not some great unknown to dread but a door through which to pass to something far greater. If our lives are made up of moments, let us offer each moment to God. If we only have now then let us fill it with Christ and lift it up in gratitude, trust, and praise. What an exciting and beautiful life such moments make! Adam Litmer

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