



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 6, 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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THE STRUGGLE

A couple of weeks ago, I was standing in the shallows of the Atlantic Ocean. It was an absolutely gorgeous day. The sun was shining, the ocean was calm, and the sound of the water was soothing. The waves were so gentle that floating atop them could almost put you to sleep. It was perfect!

About thirty yards further out an entirely different scene was at play. A sea gull had been circling above before suddenly diving beak-first into the water. He came up empty. Wings flapping furiously, he climbed several feet into the air before diving again. This time he caught his prize. He took to the skies with a fish firmly between each beak.

I thought that was the end of the contest, but the fish had no intention of becoming a meal and began to thrash furiously. The sea gull must have climbed at least fifty feet before the fish shook itself loose. It plummeted back into the water. Even *that* did not complete the battle. The sea gull was in an all-out dive before the fish ever reached the water. They hit the surface almost simultaneously. Both went deep enough that it took a few seconds before the sea gull came back up and flew away. I couldn't tell if it had caught the fish or not.

You really can't help but draw some spiritual comparisons. That sea gull was an adversary to the fish. It

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, Family of Valari Butler-Jones, 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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wanted to devour him. Who does that sound like? (1 Peter 5:8)

That fish fought with everything it had to escape its enemy and it *may* have been successful. It also may have been swallowed whole under the water because its adversary was equally determined. Our adversary is no pushover. We can only resist him because of our Savior and our resistance is only successful because a power far beyond that of the adversary works within us. Our adversary is no quitter, either. We may take advantage of our Helper one hour and forget him all together the next. Don't do that!

Our adversary is circling even now. He's cruel, merciless, and starving. I don't know about you, but I don't intend to be his next meal. Praise God for the power to resist!
Adam Litmer

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