



# THE MESSENGER

## AUGUST 27 , 2023

### NEWS AND NOTES

**Congregational Meeting**  
September 17

**Our Next Gospel Meeting**  
September 10-15

**Weekly Bible Studies**  
Thursday at 2 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 PLAN

*Paul Fox wrote this article a number of years ago. It is as timely now as it was then.*

Do you prefer to plan or to improvise? Do you lay out steps in advance, or do you make things up on the fly? Most of us probably move back and forth between planning and improvisation, depending on the circumstances. But when someone else is in charge, we like to know this person has a plan. Likewise, we hope for a plan in the big picture. Does God have a plan for life, or is it just random? We hope there is a plan, especially when the events seem especially chaotic.

The Bible affirms that God has a plan. This plan has the cross of Jesus Christ at the center. As we experience life, we find it filled with discouragements, injustice, and suffering. In Christ God takes all of that on himself, enabling us to have meaning, purpose, and hope that reach beyond the worst of the world and welcomes us into God's eternal kingdom.

God's plan is to rule the world through the promised king and son of David, Jesus. With Jesus' miraculous birth, marvelous life, tortuous death, and triumphant resurrection God fulfilled his promise. He sent a king who, like his people, was lowly, who ascended the throne as king by freely surrendering his life to those who presumed to rule God's world.

What Christ suffered was the punishment that really belongs to us, his people. He lived and died not just in solidarity with lowly people but as a substitute for his guilty people. They had failed in the face of temptation, but he was

**Members Needing Our Prayers**

Carol Halbrook, John Thompson, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny and Arlena Poynter, Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

**Others Needing Prayer**

Blake and Brianna Ratliff, Georgia Patton, Glenda Miller, Michael Edwards, Alyse Nash, Charles and Mary Bishop, Helen Thomas, Patty Hill, Eli Kempton, Sophie Brown, Family of Valari Butler-Jones, Charlie Hoy, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, 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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victorious. Their rebellion brought them into bondage, but he brought liberation. Attempts at self-purification only brought them more blame, but he brought genuine purity. Only in Christ can a person find the way to fulfill the very purpose for which God created humanity.

When Christ arose from the dead, he revealed the mystery of God’s plan. Several despairing women went to his tomb believing that his death was but another random event in a world where nothing seemed to go according to plan. But Christ was triumphant. He had done what he promised; what God had promised. His death and resurrection fulfilled scripture, for in his death and resurrection every need and hope of humanity, expressed through the story line of the Bible, was met by the fulfilled promise of God.

God definitely has a plan. The plan is Jesus Christ, and everyone needs to know him. Paul Fox

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Evangelist</b>
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	James Weatherholt	

