



THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 15, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

November 12

Our Next Gospel Meeting

March 3-8, 2024

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

November 3, 7:30

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“HAVE YOU SEEN WHAT MY GOD HAS DONE?”

Psalm 111:2 says, “Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.” What do you think of the works of the Lord? *Do* you think about them? Many don’t. There was a time when theology (the study of God) was every gentleman’s pastime. While that is preferable to what we have today, it falls short of the psalmist’s declaration. Studying and considering the works of God must be more than a pastime. It must become the happiest and most persistent pursuit of the Christian’s life.

Some take exception. They say that knowing God is the greatest pursuit and can never be achieved by just knowing *about* Him. Jesus himself says, *And this is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.* (John 17:3) I certainly don’t disagree with that! I *do* disagree with the sentiment that it can be accomplished without knowing about him. The facts about God are not unimportant, secondary, or trivial. God speaks too often about himself and his works for such facts to be unimportant or even *less* important.

When God speaks of his works, he often focuses on creation. He points to trees, mountains, bodies of water, sun, moon, stars, and more to remind us that evidence of his power is always at hand. He speaks of angels, spirits, and the unseen world. He occasionally speaks of the mechanisms that bring about such things as snow and wind. Only comparatively recently has man learned more about these mechanisms and how they work. Such discoveries magnify the wisdom and power that set them in place to begin with.

Members Needing Our Prayers

Jill Harrison, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny and Arlena Poynter, Janett Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Maurice Baker, Jeff Padgett, John Thompson, Veronica Bowman, Cheryl Samons, Georgia Patton, Glenda Miller, Michael Edwards, Alyse Nash, Mary Bishop, Helen Thomas, Patty Hill, Eli Kempton, Sophie Brown, Family of Valari Butler-Jones, Charlie Hoy, Janice Parsons, 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 natural world is constant evidence to the existence of God. (Romans 1:18-20) Such general revelation *does* have limitations. For instance, the natural world cannot explain God's will or how to enter relationship with him. These are found only in God's special revelation, the Bible. The design of general revelation is to show the glory, wisdom, and power of a Creator. There are not equally valid conclusions regarding the existence of the natural world. It points to a Creator and to nothing else. However, if a person refuses to honor and thank God, they will go to great lengths to suppress this truth. (Romans 1:18)

For saints, the work of God in creation is not a once travelled bridge to get from general to special revelation. It is a constant reminder of the power and wisdom of the God we love and trust. Every new discovery showing the incredible complexities of this world should keep filling us with wonder and the desire to ask, "Have you seen what my God has done?"
Adam Litmer

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

