



# THE MESSENGER

## NOVEMBER 17, 2024

### NEWS AND NOTES

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#### **Congregational Meeting**

December 8

#### **Our Next Gospel Meeting**

March 16-21

#### **Weekly Zoom Bible Study**

Wednesday at 2 pm

#### **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**

December 6

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### WHAT ABOUT JOHN?

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After his resurrection, Jesus showed himself to his apostles many times over the course of 40 days. On one such occasion, after finishing breakfast, Jesus asked Peter 3 times if he loved Him and commissioned him to “feed my lambs.” Jesus also told Peter what sort of death he would face. At this point, Peter tried to deflect attention from himself by asking about another disciple - John. *“When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord what about this man?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!’”* (John 21:21-22.) Of all the disciples, maybe we can identify the best with Peter. He’s more like us than people think.

“What about John?” In asking this, Peter is doing nothing more than what mankind has always done. He is attempting to deflect attention from himself to someone else because things were getting too “hot” for him. From the time that Adam said, *“the woman YOU gave me...”* (Gen. 3:12,) mankind has sought to deflect attention by pointing fingers at others.

And we hear it often today when the gospel plan of salvation is explained as involving faith (John 8:24,) repentance (Luke 13:3,) confession (Matt. 10:32,) and baptism (Mark 16:16.) It may be OK until the baptism part comes up for that’s when the attempts to deflect attention usually begin. The questions abound- “What about those in deepest, darkest Africa who have never heard the gospel?” “What about the thief on the cross?” “What about my

## Members Needing Our Prayers

Sara Scott, Bobbie Atkisson, Carol Holbrook, Julie Patton, Pat Seabolt, Ralph Fox, Jill Harrison, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny and Arlena Poynter, Gary Brown, Janett Brundige, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

## Others Needing Prayer

Mike Seimo, Charlene Michaels, Stuart Goodpasture, Jodi Harrison, Bob Brundige, Rose Curtis, Josh McKibben, Phyllis Harmon, Maurice Baker, Jeff Padgett, John Thompson, Georgia Patton, Glenda Miller, Patty Hill, Janice Parsons, Mark Nickles, Paul and Marrian Lyda

## To Our Guests

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parents who died without doing that?” Surely, we can see these questions for what they are. Those asking are doing just what Peter did - “What about John?”

But then there is the Lord’s answer to Peter. Jesus said, “*What is that to you? You follow me!*” Jesus is saying, “Peter, that’s none of your business - You need to follow me.” The answer Jesus gave is still appropriate today to those who seek to deflect attention from themselves. We are not usually in Africa when we ask the question. Nor are we the thief on the cross or our parents. Salvation is an individual thing and each person is responsible to follow Jesus as he prescribed regardless of all other persons, circumstances, or consequences. We can point fingers at whoever we wish but the Lord is always going to come back to us, asking if we followed him. Upon learning the truth, it is up to each individual to act upon it. We will not be saved because of what happened to anybody else. This same Peter went on to say that “*every one of you*” must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38.) And Paul said that God “desires all people be saved” (1 Tim. 2:4.) It is every person’s responsibility to respond to truth. God is looking at you in this matter.

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