



THE MESSENGER

MAY 5, 2024

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

May 5, 5:15 PM

Our Next Gospel Meeting

June 2-7

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1:15 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

May 3

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LOVING GOD AND PEOPLE

Not all debt can be paid with money. Some debt cannot be paid at all. In fact, we owe a number of such debts to God. However, it's not only to God we owe lasting debt. In Romans 13:8-9, Paul says, *Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Paul's quotes the Ten Commandments here. (Exodus 20) Note how each command focuses upon treatment of other people. He could have easily added the command to honor parents (12) and not bear false witness (16) to this list. In concluding his thoughts, Paul employed Leviticus 19:18, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself*. Jesus certainly had this passage in mind when he said, *So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.* (Matthew 7:12)

It is easy to urge others to observe "The Golden Rule." We can be like the boy fighting with his brother who, upon his mother's admonition that they ought to act like Jesus, turned to his brother and declared, "She's

Members Needing Our Prayers

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

Others Needing Prayer

Ron and Phyllis Harmon, Sylvia Waller, Charles Patton, Jenny Thomas, Maurice Baker, Jeff Padgett, John Thompson, Georgia Patton, Glenda Miller, Alyse Nash, Patty Hill, Janice Parsons, Mark Nickles, Paul and Marrian Lyda

To Our Guests

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right. You go first!” It’s much easier to behave correctly when the other person is behaving correctly. It is when they are not behaving correctly that we learn something about ourselves.

Every sin we intentionally commit against another person is a result of deficient love for that person. This is easy to see when we think about things like adultery, murder, and theft. After all, those are “big” sins. Yet the heart that thinks little of coveting, dishonoring parents, or spreading stories about people (gossip, false witness, etc.) is also in need of correction.

I appreciate the simplicity of God’s Word. Should I think, do, or say a certain thing about another person? Would I want them to think, do, or say it of me? If I would not, but I do it to them anyway, then I have identified a problem within my heart. I must love my God *and* my neighbor. After all, this is a debt that will never be canceled. 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	

