



The Messenger

Messenger Project Newsletter

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Newest Band Member



Bart Broadnax joins Messenger on bass guitar .

Messenger Project welcomes our newest bandmember, **Bart Broadnax**, who plays bass guitar and sings. **Fletcher Perkins** is moving to vocals, guitar and harmonica. Bart has worked with **Raymond Genovese** (drums) in other original projects and they have a great musical rapport in our newest recordings. Our upcoming CD will be our best yet, with 24-tracks for recording and seasoned musicians contributing on vocals, horn, flute and guitars. Our release date is November 27, 2003 (Thanksgiving Day).

New Recordings

Messenger is recording new songs that we hope to finish by Thanksgiving. Among the passages we are putting to music are Song of Songs 8:6-7 (Love is as Strong as Death), John 1:35-40 (Look, the Lamb of God!), Proverbs 9:7-12 (Wisdom), Deuteronomy 31:9-12 (This Law), Philippians 4:4-6 (Rejoice) and Nehemiah 9:30-32 (Gracious and Merciful God). We have enough new material for 2-3 CDs. Every song will be available at mp3.com and in sheet-music from our website, messengerproject.com, as they are completed, but only selected songs will be on our next CD.

June Brides

The month of June was named after the Greek goddess, Juno, the patroness of marriage and the well being of women. June is the month associated with brides and weddings. That being the case, let's take a look at what the Bible says about marriage.

Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. (Malachi 2:15)

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." (Matthew 19:4)

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. (Luke 20:34)

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (Hebrews 13:4)

To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. (1 Corinthians 7:10)

It is good for a man not to marry. But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (1 Corinthians 7:1)

He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD. (Proverbs 18:22)

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. (Ephesians 5:22)

Love is the secret to a successful marriage. Love is best described in 1 Corinthians 13 as patient, kind, rejoicing in the truth, protective, trusting, hopeful and persevering. It is free from envy, boasting, pride, rudeness, self-seeking, anger, grudges and evil. A blessed marriage requires a love and commitment to God. The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:16). Therefore seek God in your marriage and you will also find love.