

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THE TEN MOST WANTED MEN

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A good while back I was watching a special on one of the education channels that was a history of the "FBI's Ten Most Wanted." The story told some of the history of that list and also told what men had been on the list and what crimes they had committed. A short while later I was reading one of the books which had once been in my grandfather's library (he had been a preacher for years in Alabama). As I worked my way through the book I found an old sheet of typing paper with the heading "Ten Most Wanted Men." On that list was enumerated the ten headings found below. I'll try to do his points some justice by adding a little "filler."

1. The man who tries to be the right example to every child rather than talk about it. We hear so much about Promise Keepers and the like that we think there must be some merit at least to the idea of training men and women to strengthen their family relationships, but we also understand that perhaps there is more to it than just attending a convention and saying that you are a "promise keeper." I wonder how many of these men keep their promises once the fireworks and charismatic motivations have ceased. We, as Christians, should not just talk about being the proper example, but rather we should BE the proper example to children, and others (1Ti_4:12).

2. The man who has a passion to help rather than a passion to be helped. It is probably not strange that more people...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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...try to get a handout than come to give one (that does not mean that there aren't people out there who genuinely need help). The man who comes seeking help, who could be out doing something productive, is far less wanted than he who is being productive and is willing to help others (2Th_3:10).

3. The man who is willing to say, "I was wrong. I'm sorry." It takes a strong man to admit when he is wrong, and a stronger man to apologize for it. To summarize one of my favorite secular songs: When something goes wrong I'm the first to admit it, when something goes right I'm the last one to know. This attitude should be that of the Christian.

4. The man who will look temptation squarely and say "NO." Immediately I think of one of the greatest examples of this: Joseph fleeing from Potiphar's wife in Gen_39:7-15. He wasted no time in removing himself from the temptation, for the Scriptures say he "fled, and got him out." We should flee at the first signs of temptation.

5. The man who puts God's business above any other. A man who has his "ultimate" priorities squarely in place is among the most wanted of all men (Mat_6:33). We should be farsighted, looking beyond the concerns of this world to the reward of the next. If we are farsighted we will actually see the present world in a much clearer light.

6. The man who throws himself totally into a project, then he gives the credit for its success to his helpers. Two words can sum up the actions of this wanted man: Action and humility (Jam_1:22; 1Pe_5:5). The Christian should first talk of what God has done and then what his fellow Christians have done.

7. The man who has a ready smile and a pat on the back for others. Attitude and encouragement are generally traits that we seek when we are first seeking out friends. Who wants a friend who is always "down in the dumps" or who is not in the least bit encouraging when there is the need for it? No one! We want, seek, and embrace friends who are congenial and comforting, and we ourselves should seek to embody those same attributes.

8. The man who brings brings his children to church rather than send them. As with the other points on these pages there is nothing that should necessarily be added, but perhaps this is the one that most obviously would stand alone. If you will show me...

...a parent who "ships" his child off to services while he or she tends to important business around the home (or the couch or the bed) then I will show you a bad parent (spiritually speaking) and a child who will face great odds in trying to go to heaven.

9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.

This man is very similar to the third most wanted man. Remember the Pharisaical attitude denounced by Christ in Mat_7:1-5? Look at those verses and see the hypocrisy of the man who is NOT the ninth most wanted man. We must ever be trying to fix the things that are wrong in our lives so that we may be better examples to those with whom we associate and so that on the day of judgement we are not the ones found wanting.

10. The man who gives his money, time, and talents without thought of return.

Needed are men who have an attitude like the one that this man has. Needed are men who say "I will make the sacrifice regardless of what I will receive in return." Needed are men who will give themselves to the Lord (2Co_5:15). If we give our all now we will receive all later.

A mediocre teacher is one
that will tell you what to do.

A good teacher is one
that will explain what he has told you to do.

A great teacher is one
that will demonstrate what he has told you to do.

A superior teacher is one
that will inspire you to do it.

Sermon Review

Focus on Christ

(Heb. 12:1-2)

- I. When My Vision is Blurred
- II. When Focused on the Wrong Thing
- III. When I'm Missing the Big Picture

Finishing the Race

(2 Tim. 4:6-8)

- I. Begin the Race
- II. Run with Endurance
- III. Finish Right

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Joe Owen; Wiley & Betty Tuggle;
Nora Boling, back and stomach complications
Sue Cobern, her health and recent loss of her uncle
Herbert & Helen Bowman

OpenDoor Ministry
Fishers of Men
Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Carole Vernier, Beverly Hayes' sister, in ICU in Lake Charles, LA and doctors are not sure of diagnosis; **Terry Hawkins**, member at Looxahoma, surgery because of breast cancer; **Barbara Denton**, friend of Molly, stage 3 cervical cancer. **Brigmon Family; Janice Jenkins**, co-worker to Beverly Hayes, rare form of cancer. **Carla Carlson** and her battle with cancer. **Gema Winchester** and her battle with stomach cancer. **Matthew Canada; Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **David & Vicki Angel; Potts & Stampley Families; Doris Easley; Curtis A. Cates; Frederick Bland; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

January Birthdays

1/4 Milba Sutton
1/5 Cash Jackson
1/6 Mindy Moore
1/7 Tucker Johnson
1/9 Claire Easley
1/10 Elizabeth Baker
1/25 Jeffery Ferrell
1/30 Stephanie Bayless

Get Involved!

New Quarter Begins -- TODAY

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- TODAY

Bible Bowl -- Jan 12 -- 10:30 AM

Genesis 4 - 6, Study Hard!

Quizzes at www.thebible.com

Providence Place Devo -- Jan 13 -- 2 PM

Standing in the Gap Lectureship at Nesbit

January 25-27; Theme: "Biblical Love"

See Flyer on Bulletin Board for Schedule of
Lessons and Speakers

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 6

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Seth Daniel
	Jason Bayless
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Jerry Davis
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless
	Jerry Davis
Closing Prayer	Jared Brown

Wednesday, January 9

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeremy Moore