

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WORSHIP AND ITS REALITY TO ME

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Should we not, as followers of Christ, be enthusiastic as the first day of the week dawns on our lives? It is a joyous day. Nothing else can be as exciting and filled with happiness to a Christian - it is the day set aside (1 Cor. 16:1-2; Heb. 10:25) to join our brothers in Christ (Acts 11:26) to worship God (Heb. 13:15), our Creator.

As I enter the building, I am filled with excitement to extend my hand of fellowship, friendship, love and respect to the brethren. I listen carefully - is there a need or prayer I can offer to ease one's pain? Then we begin to sing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15). Can you imagine each voice blending together in one melody? What a fragrant and sweet aroma to God! Shortly afterwards we are led in prayer (Acts 2:42). We offer our praise, petitions and our thanksgivings to our Father Who loves and cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). Then it is time to give of our means (1 Cor. 16:1-2) - yes, time to help the Lord's church reach out with the Gospel's plan of salvation (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:26-27) to those in sin's darkness as well as to help those in need (Gal. 2:10, 6:10; 1 Tim. 6:17-18).

Now, it's time for the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29; Acts 20:7). In my mind I can see the "Last Supper" in real time. I see my Savior give to His Apostles the bread and the fruit of the vine (Mark 14:22-25). Though centuries have passed, I can see my Lord give...

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

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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...the same elements to me, saying, “This do in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19). I can see the torture in His eyes. I can see the betrayal, the kiss and arrest in the garden (Luke 22:47-54). I see the trials, scourging, the scarlet robe and twisted crown of thorns upon my dear Lord’s head. I see the taunting, the slap and the saliva that was delivered to the face of my Lord (Matt. 27:26-31). I see Jesus struggling to carry the cross (John 19:17). I can painfully, in my heart, hear the nails tear through His flesh. What an awesome love Jesus has for His creation (Luke 23:34a)! I cry when I think that my Lord gave himself to die (Luke 23:46) – but at the same time, I feel a joy unspeakable and so unimaginable – my Savior has risen from the dead (Matt. 28:5-8; Mark 16:6-8; Luke 24:6-12; John 20:1-10) for me and for all mankind!

Now it’s time for another breaking of bread; it’s time for the sermon (1 Cor. 1:18-21; 1 Thess. 2:3-12; 2 Tim. 3:16; Eph. 3:8-10, 4:12). I hear the speaker challenge me to study God’s Word and examine myself (2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Tim. 2:15). This is not the time to read a book, write notes, play with the children, think of the day’s events, doze off, etc.

My soul is at risk. I need to grow as a Christian. I am not told what to believe by a delegation, a creed, a manual, a convention or conclave. I believe because I have studied for myself (2 Tim. 2:15) and have learned to do the Will of God. Unfortunately, the time with my brethren is over, for now! I leave excited, ready to face the “Father of lies.” I leave knowing God’s word better and that God loves me. I look forward to the very next time we meet!

Via Power
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Editor’s note: B. J. Clarke, the editor of Power in 2006, wrote that the author of this article has been unable to attend worship for some time because of continual health problems. Think about his words. He evidently expresses what he has missed and what he looks forward to again one day. Let us never take for granted the opportunity to assemble to worship our God, who is worthy of all praise and adoration.

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Sermon Review

He Will Teach Us of His Ways

(Isaiah 2:2, 3)

- I. God Plans.
- II. God is Patient.
- III. God is Persistent.
- IV. God keeps Promises.
- V. God is Pure.

The Book of Genesis

(Genesis 3:15; 12:3; 49:10)

- I. An Introduction.
- II. Its Importance.
- III. It's Interesting...

This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

Sunday:	Genesis 25-26
Monday:	Genesis 27-29
Tuesday:	Genesis 30-31
Wednesday:	Genesis 32-34
Thursday:	Genesis 35-37
Friday:	Genesis 38-40
Saturday:	Genesis 41-42

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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Sue Cobern is recovering from surgery.
Wiley Tuggle is recovering from surgery.
Betty Tuggle.

Far East Missions
Open Door Ministry, Tim II, and family.
Fishers of Men

Family & Friends

Eli Williams, Le Bonheur Rm. 717, still having doubled vision, vomiting, and extreme pain after removal of brain tumors. Family is appreciative of the things received and requests more prayers. Pathology results to come some time this week. **Michael Bray**, brother of Jason's co-worker, brain bleeding, Baptist East Rm. 231. **Leon Going**, father of Mischel's sister-in-law, is in the hospital. **Larry Morgan**, husband of Caleb's co-worker, has had a kidney transplant but this one is failing also. **Missy Kelsay**, battling cancer. **Kyle Ellis**, co-worker of Andy; his wife and daughter have been experiencing serious medical problems. **Mark Wood**, friend of Clifton; recovering from a major auto. accident. **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, has cancer. **Harvey Tuggle**, brother of Wiley. **Charlie McAllister**, co-worker of Caleb, has a long road of recovery from brain tumors. **Renee Loya**, (cousin of Elizabeth Baker), has MS. **Norman & Brenda Mahan**, tragic motorcycle accident. **Virginia Mayfield** friend of Bren, has leukemia. **Ray Maples** undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. **Janie Brister** has multiple health problems. **Cathy Thompson** has lupus. **Peyton Harville; Linda Lentz; Josh & Maggie Farrow; Charles Easley; Jeff Nichols; James Angel; Steve Angel; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Luke Finchman; Renee Wright.**

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 -- Jeffrey Ferrell
1/30 -- Stephanie Bayless

Get Involved!

Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012
Let's continue to read and study together!!

Providence Place Devo. -- TODAY -- 2PM

Elders & Deacons Meeting -- TODAY -- 3PM

People I Want to See in Heaven Cards
Please give to Clifton ASAP or
request them if you did not receive any.

Bible Bowl -- Jan. 14 -- 10:30 AM
@ Looxahoma building -- Acts 11-13

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 8

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Johnny Bayless
	Jason Bayless
Assist	Ron Johnson
	Payton Jackson
Opening Prayer	Caleb Baker
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Evening

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Wednesday, January 11

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Andy Ratliff