

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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I HAVE A DREAM

by Ronald D. Reeves

Perhaps the above caption and quote will be echoed for many years through the halls of institutions dedicated to preserving God-given freedoms that each of us no doubt have come to cherish as citizens in a free society. In years past, I have listened with rapt attention to the speech that immortalized the above words. As many others, I have strong feelings about such issues, and my passions are certainly stirred in the face of historical abuse of any of our people in our nation and society. As the leader of the civil rights movement during the decade of the 60's formulated and shared his dream about pertinent issues of the day

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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related to the restoration of a free and balanced society, each of us today, as members of the New Testament church, should formulate and share our dream about the future prosperity of the Lord's church in our generation.

The time has come, not only here in our local congregation, but in congregations across the land, to face the reality of one's needs and challenges, and to address them with vigor, while we yet have the time, opportunity, energy and ability to do so. May it be that elderships across the land throughout our beloved brotherhood will not only listen with renewed interest to the voice of the people they serve, but will also covet the wisdom to discern between the array of proposals that may be set before them. May our esteemed leaders in each of our congregations actively lead the people of God in pursuit of worthy spiritual goals that must be addressed if we, the people of God, have valid hope of successfully accomplishing the work of God in our community.

Yes, I have a dream for the people of God. I dream of the day when all of God's people can worship together because every barrier has been scripturally removed, regardless of the barrier. I dream of the day when servant leaders as elders embrace the congregations they serve rather than crushing their spirit, either by design or accidentally. I dream of the day when memberships respond to quality spiritual leadership by voicing the spirit of Isaiah and therefore say, "Here am I, send me."

I dream of the day when deacons in every congregation of the people of God are given weighty responsibility to direct and implement specific efforts designed to impact the local community as we together seek to truly fulfill the mission of the church. I dream of the day when elderships across the land so trust the brethren whom they serve that the memberships, including the body of deacons, take much of the burden that elderships typically bear, so that elderships can truly concern themselves about the spiritual welfare and eternal destiny of the souls under their charge. I dream of the day when

programs of work are no longer being proposed as the means of motivating the children of God to do the work of children of God, all because we as brethren of the Christ are self-motivated and are already actively using the talent with which we have been blessed.

Yes, I have a dream. I dream of the day when the vibrant spirit of a congregation devoted to genuine and manifold growth is maintained, regardless of the historical success achieved. I dream of the day when conflict resolution is the norm in our congregations rather than the exception. I dream of the day when the spirit of self-denial for the benefit of others will so pervade our spirit that all of our congregations will be known by their caring spirit. I dream of the day when our congregations are all impacting in benevolent work as we work with vigor evangelistically.

I dream of the day when our people will again be known for their Bible knowledge, the ability and the desire to teach anyone at any time. I dream of the day when fellowship among children of God is developed in accordance with the New Testament concept of fellowship. I dream of the day when visitors are so impressed with our quality and scriptural basis for our worship that they can hardly stay away. I dream of the day when the needs of each of the sub-groups in our congregations are addressed without favor of one above another.

I dream of the day when... Yes, I have a dream—and I want you to develop one too! Yet, this is not enough. To have a dream that may never have the hope of fulfillment fosters despair. I truly want more than the despair of an unfulfilled dream. May we daringly, through God-ordained leadership, dare to say, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Let us arise and with courage meet the challenges of our generation. Let us with boldness begin to do what we should have been doing long ago. May we truly be men and women of faith. We can afford to be nothing less.

Adapted from www.gospelgazette.com

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Inez Neyman, fractured pelvis, receiving rehab; **Several** traveling; **Seth Daniel**; **India** mission; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.

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Family & Friends

John Wayne Blough family, Jim's friend died of heart attack; **Wayne Cooper family**, Jan's brother died; **Sarah Jones**, David Jones' mother, not doing well; **Ernest Russell family**, Dana's cousin recently died; **Marilyn Walker**, Inez's daughter; **Amber King family**, Tyler's aunt that passed; **Faye Lipford family**; **S.J. Edwards' family**; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's sister; **Darrell Martin**, Chris' father, leukemia; **Marci Cox**, Dana's cousin; **Jeff & Janie Brister**; **Fernando Casacuberta**, Jared's friend, MS; **Macadden Easley**; **Robbie Patterson**, Terry Bland's sister; **Lyla Childers**; **Lee Davis**; **Matt Brooks**, stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel**; **Judy Dowelling**; **Ray Maples**; **Becky Latimer**; **Kristie Deffenbaugh**; **Raleigh Wood**; **Carole Livsey**; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**; **Sharon Brewer**; **Mac Owen**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Frankie Burfield**; **Renee Loya**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

1/5 Terry Sykes	1/22 Katherine King
1/5 Cash Jackson	1/22 Lexi Miller
1/6 Mindy Moore	1/23 Lara Angel
1/7 Tucker Johnson	1/21 John Wofford
1/8 Dean Strickland	1/25 Jeffrey Ferrell
1/14 Suzanne Wofford	1/30 Stephanie Bayless
1/15 Clarence Edwards	

Get Involved!

Bible Bowl @ Coldwater — Jan 20 — 4 PM
1 Timothy 1-3

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Jan 24 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Jan 31 — 7 PM

Nesbit Lectureship — Jan 26 — 28

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Feb 4
Between Services

Providence Place Devo — Feb 11 — 2 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 14

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Seth Daniel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Billy Bland

Wednesday, January 17

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Dalton Owen
Prayer	Marc Strickland

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Marc & Ashley Strickland