

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 18, 2015



ACTS

Active Church Training Series

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL (continued)

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

1. The book of Acts has several who would be considered major characters in the events of the book. These people were faithful preachers of the word who taught the truth even when their lives were in jeopardy.
2. Peter
 - a. Usually known for denying Christ (Lk. 22).
 - b. He also affirmed that Jesus was the Christ the son of the living God (Matt. 16).
 - c. On Pentecost, he preaches the first gospel sermon (Acts 2).
 - d. With John, he boldly preaches the word throughout the region of Jerusalem (Acts 3,4).
 - e. Dealt with Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
 - f. Taught Cornelius, a Roman Centurion (Acts 10).
3. Paul is best known in the book of Acts for his missionary journeys. To truly understand Paul, one must also read the writings of Paul that are also recorded for us in the Bible (Romans through Philemon).
4. Stephen, one of the seven chosen in Acts 6, provides for us one of the greatest overviews of the history of the Jews while boldly proclaiming God's word to an unappreciative audience. His boldness in proclaiming the truth led the Jews to stone ...

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

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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PREACHER

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... him to death (Acts 7).

5. We are introduced to Barnabas at the end of Acts 4. He is the one who welcomes Paul into the church (Acts 9:27), and who went with Paul on the first missionary journey (Acts 13). Even when he and Paul disputed over Mark, Barnabas remained faithful to Christ and rather than be discouraged, he and Mark traveled to Cyprus (Acts 15:39).

MAJOR CITIES

1. Jerusalem - Capital city of Israel
 - a. It is here that the church is established (Acts 2).
 - b. Here, Stephen is killed (Acts 7).
 - c. A great persecution against the church here served to drive people away from the area into the uttermost parts of the world, where they continued to preach the word (Acts 8:4).
2. Antioch - Capital city of Syria
 - a. In Antioch, the disciples were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).
 - b. The first two missionary journeys began and ended here.
 - c. The third missionary journey began here.
3. Caesarea
 - a. Headquarters of Roman army; seat of Roman government
 - b. Cornelius is converted here (Acts 10).
4. Athens - Capital of Greece
 - a. This city was known for its many idols (cf. Acts 17:23).
 - b. It was here that Paul preached his sermon at Mars' Hill (Acts 17).
5. Corinth
 - a. Chief city of Achaia, the southern portion of Greece
 - b. Paul meets Aquila and Priscilla here (Acts 18).
6. Rome - Capital city of the Roman Empire
 - a. Paul appeals to Caesar, and must be taken to Rome (Acts 25:11; 26:32).
 - b. It is here that Paul is last seen in the book of Acts, as he is under guard in his own hired house (Acts 28:30).

THE TEACHING OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

1. That Jesus is both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36).
2. That Jesus is our foundation (Acts 4:12).
3. They taught the kingdom of God and Jesus Christ (Acts 8:12; 28:23,31).

4. They taught that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34).
5. That Jesus is our Savior (Acts 13:23).
6. That through Jesus comes the forgiveness of sins (Acts 13:38).
7. That we must turn from the world and serve the living God (Acts 14:15).
8. That Christians would be persecuted (Acts 14:22).
9. That we must be willing to give up whatever hinders us in order to serve Christ (Acts 19:19).
10. That we must teach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:20,27).
11. That we must be willing to die for Christ (Acts 21:13).

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"The Book of Acts"*

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Give diligence
to present thyself
approved unto God,
a workman
that needeth not to be
ashamed,
handling aright
the word of truth.

Sermon Review

THE BENEFIT OF BIBLE CLASS

- I. Completion
- II. Preparation
- III. Participation
- IV. Transformation
- V. Dedication

All That Jesus Began

(Acts 1:1–5)

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| I. He Performed | V. He Pained |
| II. He Professed | VI. He Proved |
| III. He Preferred | VII. He Promised |
| IV. He Provided | |

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

BE SURE TO LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR UPDATES AND CURRENT NEWS

Wilkes & Angel families; Johnny Bayless, multiple recent grievous events, including loss of brother and witnessing the aftermath of motorcycle wrecking into bus; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Helen Bowman**.

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Family & Friends

James Willie family, Betty Tuggle's brother-in-law who passed away Tuesday; **Tasha Higginbotham; Peter Chin family**, in loss of Peter's father; **Andrew Jones**, friend to Weslyn, battling cancer; **Jimmy Colvett; Jason Spencer; Joy Angel; John Smith**, Grace's brother-in-law, colon cancer; **Elizabeth Baker; John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Janie Brister; Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma; **Trent Childers; Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Andy's grandmother; Carla Carlson; Ava Roten, Brett Rutherford; Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **Jack Higginbotham; Tasha Higginbotham; James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims; Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen; Bob Spurlin; Ally Jo Kelly; Brad & Sheri Daniel**.

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
1/23	Lara Angel
1/25	Jeffrey Ferrell
1/30	Stephanie Bayless

Get Involved!

Nesbit Lectureship — Jan 23 — 25

See flyer for details

Convalescence Center Devo — Jan 28 — 10 AM

If you are available, join brother Seth as he leads the residents in a devotional

Singing Night — Jan 28 — 7 PM

Men, get your song choices to Jeffrey Ferrell

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Feb 1

Between services

Providence Place Devo — Feb 8 — 2 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 18

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Ron Johnson
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Geoffrey Dunn
	Sammy Williams
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Billy Bland
Closing Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Lord's Supper	Billy Bland
	Ron Johnson
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, January 21

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Chris Martin
Prayer	Jeremy Moore