

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST January 19, 2020



Why I Quit Going

Written by Barry Gilreath III

In *A Heart Like His*, authors Mike and Amy Nappa provided twelve reasons why they stopped going to sporting events.

Here are the twelve reasons:

1. Whenever I go to a game, they ask for more money.
2. The other fans don't care about me.
3. The seats are too hard.
4. The coach never visits.
5. The ump/referee makes calls I disagree with.
6. Some of the games go into overtime which causes me to be late for dinner.
7. The band plays songs that I do not know.
8. I have other things to do at game time.
9. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
10. I know more than the coaches do anyway.

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 & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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11. I can be just as good a fan at the lake.
12. I won't take my kids to a game either. They must choose for themselves what teams to follow (Nappa).

I do not know the Nappas personally, but I believe they are trying to make a point about something else here. Wouldn't you agree?

We recognize that there is a reason why football stadiums are packed to the rafters each week. There is a reason why fans will part with their entire paycheck in exchange for seats on the 50-yard line. There is a reason why these same folks will sit atop uncomfortable metal bleachers for hours in the freezing cold. All the while, they hope - they pray - for overtime!

No. No one really reasons like this about sporting events, but many have adopted this line of reasoning in a futile effort to justify why they will not be found among the church - the household of God (cf. 1 Tim. 3:15). People have offered up excuses such as:

"All the church cares about is money!"

"No one there cares about me."

"The pews are uncomfortable."

"The [preacher, elders, etc.] never visits."

"The Bible class teacher says things that I disagree with."

"The preacher often preaches into overtime, and I've got lunch!"

"The songleader leads songs that I have never even heard."

"I'm busy. I have other things to do on Sundays."

"My parents took me to too many church services when I was growing up."

"I know more than they do anyway."

"I can be just as good a Christian at home, the mall, or the lake."

"I need to let my kids choose for themselves what they will believe."

Behind every one of these meagre excuses is an issue of the heart - the inner man. All that we do flows out of our heart (cf. Prov. 4:23). The bottom line is that we all do what it is we love. May we be a people who love Christ and his church! "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37).

TIME & Eternity

Wednesday: January 22, 2020

7:00 pm A Study of God: *"from everlasting to everlasting"* (Jason Rollo)

Thursday: January 23, 2020

7:00 pm Annihilation or Damnation? (Billy Bland)

Friday: January 24, 2020

1:00 pm The Biblical Timeline -1 (John Hall)

2:00 pm Answering the Evolutionary Critic -1 (Paden Reed)

3:00 pm The New Heavens & the New Earth (Keith Mosher, Sr.)

7:00 pm What Ever Happen to Heaven & Hell (Ronnie Hayes)

8:00 pm The Laws of Sowing & Reaping (B.J. Clarke)

Saturday: January 25, 2020

1:00 pm The Biblical Timeline -2 (John Hall)

2:00 pm Answering the Evolutionary Critic -2 (Paden Reed)

3:00 pm Doctrines of Eternal Consequences (Tom Wacaster)

Sunday: January 26, 2020

9:00 am We Persuade Men (Robert Jefferies)

10:00 am A Study of God: *"the goodness & severity"* (Jason Rollo)

11:00 am Fellowship Meal

1:00 pm Singing

1:30 pm Glimpses of Glory (Robert R. Taylor, Jr.)



21st Annual Standing in the Gap Lectures

January 22-26, 2020 - Nesbit, Mississippi

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Meredith family, recent bout with the flu; **Teresa & Brad Gregory**, recent bout with the flu; **India Mission**; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Sammy Williams**; **Betty Culbreath**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Inez Neyman**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.

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Family & Friends

Allen family, friends to several members, major loss in recent tornado, living in hotel; **Steve & Glenda Bryant**, Teresa's mother and step-father, both had had serious health complications recently; **Mark & Carol Taylor**, friends of Dana, Mark had severe heart attack, has been on life support, but showing progress; **Family & friends** affected by storm damage; **Bob Jones**; **Waid & Beverly Wilkes**; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

Birthdays

1/5	Cash Jackson
1/5	Terry Sykes
1/6	Bob Jones
1/7	Tucker Johnson
1/8	Dean Strickland
1/14	Suzanne Wofford
1/21	John Wofford
1/23	Lara Angel
1/25	Jeffrey Ferrell

Get Involved!

New Directory Pictures : Continuing Jan 19
Best apparel requested

Sen. Health& Rehab Devo: Jan 22, 10 AM

Nesbit Lectures: Jan 22 – 26
See inside, or flyer on bulletin board

Coldwater Singing Night: Jan 29, 7 PM
5th Wed, any can request songs, see Clifton

Sign up to Host a Youth Devo in 2020!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 19

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
Assist	Andy Ratliff
	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Marc Strickland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Wednesday, January 22

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Kevin Dixon

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell