

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SOME THINGS THAT *Siri* CANNOT DO FOR YOU

by Clifton Angel

I am fascinated by a feature of Apple's latest version of the iPhone: a computerized secretary named *Siri*. *Siri* can be fun, funny, and certainly facilitative. "She" can send emails, read emails, send text messages, read text messages, call someone for you, remind you of an appointment, remind you of something you must do at a certain location, search for certain places around you, such as restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and many others, all by the command of your voice. I have heard of one brother in Christ that asks *Siri* to add individuals to a "prayer list" as he learns of new people for whom he needs to pray. While *Siri* is a fantastic advancement in technology, "she" cannot do everything, and there are certainly some things that *Siri* CANNOT do FOR you.

***Siri* cannot pray in your stead.** While "she" can add individuals to a "prayer list", "she" cannot say the prayer FOR you. Prayer is a spiritual blessing for **souls** that are in Christ (Eph. 1:3). No computer, nor animal, nor any other part of creation, besides the human being, has a soul. In pattern with the New Testament, the Christian should direct his prayer to the Father, through Jesus, for Jesus is *the way, the truth, and the life, and no man can come to the Father but by Him* (John 14:6)! *There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus* (1 Tim. 2:5). In his first inspired letter to...

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

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...Timothy, charging him to *war the good warfare* (1 Tim. 1:18), the Apostle Paul wrote, *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men* (1 Tim. 2:1).

Siri cannot make application of the Scriptures for you. *Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God* (Rom. 10:17). Perhaps, Siri can read some Scriptures to you, or you can listen to a computerized reading; however, the “hearing” of Romans 10:17 that produces faith implies mental acknowledgement and application. It requires an honest heart, an open mind, and a will to act. If the Scriptures call for repentance, which they do (Acts 2:38; 17:30), then only **you** can change **your** mind. If the Scriptures call for growth, which they do (1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18), only **you** can be diligent that **you** may grow. *All scripture is given by inspiration of God [Gr., breathed out by God], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, throughly furnished unto all good works* (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

Siri cannot spiritually save you. Jesus, the eternal *Word* (John 1:1) taking on *flesh and blood* (Heb. 2:14), being born of **the** virgin (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25), came to *seek and to save that which was lost* (Luke 19:10).

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth (Isa. 53:4-7).

Our God made the ultimate sacrifice, paid the unaffordable price, provided the greatest opportunity for mankind -- the opportunity to be reconciled to our Creator. *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Rom. 6:23). Have you outstretched your hand to receive this wonderful gift of God’s grace? He only requires that we believe (John 8:24), repent (Acts 2:38), confess (1 Tim. 6:12), be immersed for remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21), and walk in the light (1 Jn. 1:7). There are **some things** that Siri CANNOT do FOR you. If you are not yet saved God’s way, be saved today!

Sermon Review

What is God's View of a Soul?

- I. God Views a Soul as His **Creation**.
- II. God Views a Soul as His **Possession**.
 - A. ...for which He **provides**.
 - B. ...which is **precious**.
 - C. ...which He **purchased**.
- III. God Views a Soul as His **Entrustment**.

EXODUS

(An Introduction & Overview)

Egyptian Bondage
EXistence & Essence of Jehovah
One Chosen
Deliverance
Unveiling of the Law
Seed Promise Continued

This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

Sunday:	Exodus 13-15
Monday:	Exodus 16-18
Tuesday:	Exodus 19-21
Wednesday:	Exodus 22-24
Thursday:	Exodus 25-27
Friday:	Exodus 28-29
Saturday:	Exodus 30-32

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2. We have a postal correspondence course
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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Johnny Bayless is battling kidney stones.
Sue Cobern is still experiencing complications following her surgery.
Wiley Tuggle & Betty Tuggle.

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

Family & Friends

McElroy family, in the loss of their 19-yr-old son. **Chuck Sharp**, prostate cancer. **Wendy Farmer**, house burned. **Gene Collums**, major heart bypass surgery. **Eli Williams**, in his treatments following the removal of brain tumors, and his family needs prayers as they make major decisions and endeavor to provide for him and their other children. **Michael Bray**, brother of Jason's co-worker. **Leon Going**, father of Mischel's sister-in-law. **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. **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.
Mark Wood; 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!!

Baby Shower for Abigail Wilkes -- TODAY

Wednesday Singing -- Jan. 25 -- 7 PM

Youth RiverKings Game -- Jan. 28
7:05PM -- Signup Sheet -- \$13/Person
Must sign up and pay by today

Nesbit Lectureship -- Jan. 27-29

See flyer on bulletin board in foyer.

People I Want to See in Heaven Cards

Please give to Clifton ASAP or request them if you did not receive any.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 22

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Johnny Bayless
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless
	Jeremy Moore
Assist	Shane Staten
	Payton Jackson
Opening Prayer	Wiley Tuggle
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Evening

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless
	Payton Jackson
	Ron Johnson
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, January 25

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Caleb Baker
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Billy Bland