

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 25, 2015



## Jesus Died for the *Suicidal*

One who is suicidal is one who is “deeply unhappy or depressed and likely to commit suicide” (Dictionary, Apple Inc., Electronic source). Said persons may have made unsuccessful attempts at ending their lives; however, one can be suicidal even if no attempts have been made to commit suicide. Prior to ending his life, Judas was suicidal. We know he was because of the end result. It does not mean he was suicidal all of his life. Rather, events occurred in such an arrangement that led to him thinking there was no escape from his burden but to kill himself. My heart breaks for the persons that adopt such a hopeless view. My heart breaks for their families. But my heart breaks even more that they do not see that there is an escape—one that is filled with hope and continued physical life. The escape? Jesus. ....

*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

Clifton Angel

Matthew's gospel account and Luke's Acts of the Apostles are the only Biblical writings which explicitly record Judas' suicide. Matthew records for us that after the chief priests and elders bound Jesus and led Him to Pilate, "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders" (Matthew 27:3). I believe another translation will help us here in bringing out more clearly what the original text says, "Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders" (Matthew 27:3, ESV). Two things could potentially cause confusion in the former rendering: (1) the pronoun "he" can become confusing as to whether it is speaking of Judas or Jesus, (2) the word "repented" could make us think that Judas



truly turned from his sin. Even if we could prove that Judas wanted to make right his sinful state, he turned to the wrong source for answers. Judas went to the chief priests and elders, "Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent

blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and ...

... hanged himself." (Matthew 27:4-5). Judas' traditional source for religious counsel told him, "You are on your own, buddy!" And so, he "hanged himself."

My heart is heavy as I wonder: What if Judas had waited a little longer? What if he had seen and talked with the resurrected Jesus? What if he had gone to Him for answers? Surely, Jesus would have told him, "You are not alone." Surely, Jesus would have offered him yet another opportunity for salvation! Jesus could have given him hope! Jesus could have prevented one who was suicidal from committing suicide! For, Jesus died for the suicidal.

*—written by Clifton Angel*

**God commendeth his love toward us,**  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
*Christ died for us*  
Romans 5:8

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

BE SURE TO LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FOR UPDATES AND CURRENT NEWS

**Wilkes & Angel families; Wiley & Betty Tuggle;  
Helen Bowman.**

**NetCasters  
Fishers of Men  
Far East Missions**

### Family & Friends

**James Willie family; Tasha Higginbotham,** ongoing health problems, in need of kidney transplant; **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; 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, ends tonight (1/25)

**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 25

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Will Brooks
	Davis Johnson
	Joe Owen
	Seth Daniel
	Ron Johnson
Assist	
Opening Prayer	
Sermon	
Closing Prayer	

#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Chris Martin
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Will Brooks
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

### Wednesday, January 28

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Dalton Owen
Prayer	Jerry Davis