

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Bible Baptism: Romans 6:3-4

by Clifton Angel

His old goose had died, and the denominational preacher instructed his young son to bury it in the backyard. Later, the preacher saw the goose in the backyard with just a little dirt sprinkled on top. Enraged, he exclaimed, "Boy, I told you to *bury* that goose!" As he paddled his son's rear, the boy cried, "Daddy, I was only doing what you do on Sunday!"

As much as man tries to redefine it, "baptism" maintains the Biblical meaning of immersion, submersion, or burial. One passage where this is very clear is when the Apostle Paul penned, "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life*" (Romans 6:3-4). Baptism is clearly a burial, and we all know that a burial is not sprinkling or pouring.

Furthermore, the passage shows the essentiality of baptism. We cannot "*walk in newness of life*" (saved person) without first being "*buried with Him by baptism*". Also, this passage defines how to obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They "*that obey not the Gospel...shall be punished with everlasting destruction*" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9), and the Gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Therefore, to **obey** the Gospel is to be "*buried with him by baptism into death*" and to be raised up to "*walk in newness of life*".

Have you obeyed the Gospel? Are you walking in newness of life?

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

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
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4:15 p.m.

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“Pierce My Ear”

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Devotional songs are songs of praise that show our devotion, our dedication, to God. I was reminded of such a song as I was recently reading through the text of Exodus 21.

Moses wrote during his time the commandments of God concerning the ownership of an Hebrew servant. It was God’s requirement that the Hebrew servant be set free in the seventh year, after six years of service; however, if the servant was provided a wife by his master and he she bore him children, the wife and children were to remain with the master when the servant departed in the seventh year (Ex. 21:2-4). On the other hand, the servant did not have to leave in the seventh year: *“And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever”* (Ex. 21:5, 6). It is this text from whence comes our song of devotion, “Pierce My Ear”. The main two lines of the song are:

Pierce my ear, O Lord my God.

Take me to your door this day.

I will serve no other god.

Lord, I’m here to stay.

For you have paid the price for me

With your blood you ransomed me

I will serve you eternally

A free man I’ll never be

It is truly a song of devotion in which we sing of our devotion to our Master, our God! If we love our Master and our family, like the Hebrew servant, we will devote ourselves to be slaves -- slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:18).

This piercing of the ear of the Hebrew servant was something that was literally done! I am thankful that we do not have to do this, but would we? There is One that has been pierced for us; not in His ear, but in His hands, feet, side, and spiritually His heart! What He has done for us should motivate us to love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15).

Sermon Review

Moses Hands Were Heavy

(Exodus 17:8-16)

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| I. There was a STRUGGLE (v. 8). | V. There was SUPPORT (v. 12). |
| II. There was a SELECTION (v. 9, 10). | VI. There was SUCCESS (v. 13). |
| III. There was a STAFF (v. 9, 11). | VII. There was a STANDARD (vv. 14-16). |
| IV. There was a STONE (v. 12). | |

This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

Sunday:	Exodus 33-35
Monday:	Exodus 36-38
Tuesday:	Exodus 39-40
Wednesday:	Leviticus 1-4
Thursday:	Leviticus 5-7
Friday:	Leviticus 8-10
Saturday:	Leviticus 11-13

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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

We express our sympathy to **Nora Boling** and family in the loss of her brother, **Perry Wooten**.

Addi Bayless is recovering from a fracture in her elbow. **Johnny Bayless** passed his kidney stone and is doing much better. **Sue Cobern**, pancreatitis and other complications. **Wiley Tuggle & Betty Tuggle**.

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

Family & Friends

Lujan Collums, Billy's sister, is in the hospital with double pneumonia. **McElroy family**, in the loss of their 19-yr-old son. **Chuck Tharp**, prostate cancer. **Wendy Farmer**, house burned. **Gene Collums**, major heart bypass surgery. **Eli Williams**, is to begin chemo therapy soon; He is and his family need our prayers. **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. **Renee Loya**, (cousin of Elizabeth Baker), has MS. **Ray Maples** undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia. **Janie Brister** has multiple health problems. **Cathy Thompson** has lupus.

Harvey Tuggle; Charlie McAllister; Virginia Mayfield; Norman & Brenda Mahan; Peyton Harville; Charles Easley; James Angel; Steve Angel; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.

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!!

5th Sunday Singing & Devo -- 5PM TODAY

Sunday Night for the Savior -- TODAY

Following PM service; bring contacts & finger foods.

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.

Young Adult V-day Party -- @ Ratliff's -- Feb. 10

Bible Bowl -- February 11 -- 10:30 AM

Looxahoma building; Acts 14-16

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 29

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Johnny Bayless
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Jim Jackson
	Jerry Davis

Opening Prayer	Ron Johnson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Shane Staten

Evening

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jared Brown
Closing Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Wednesday, February 1

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeremy Moore