

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST February 2, 2020



As our society continues to become more secular, the biblical model of the family continues to be marginalized. One of the ways in which this has become evident is in our culture's view of marriage. The Bible clearly teaches the following about marriage: Marriage is between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24). Marriage is to last until one of the spouses dies (Matthew 19:1-9; Romans 7:2). Intimacy is reserved for marriage (Matthew 5:28; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Hebrews 13:4).

Two false ideas about marriage are now especially ...

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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popular and increasingly commonplace in our society: (1) Marriage may include two partners of the same gender. And, (2) Those couples wishing to live together may side-step marriage by merely cohabiting. According to the Pew Research Center's recent findings, as discussed in The New York Times, "[M]ore than half of all women aged 19 to 44 who marry for the first time have lived with their husbands before walking down the aisle." The Pew research also shows that millennials are more likely than any previous generation to cohabit prior to marriage.

Cohabitation is increasingly popular among older Americans. The number of people over 50 who cohabit with an unmarried partner jumped 75 percent from 2007 to 2016: "The number of cohabiters over age 50 rose to 4 million from 2.3 million over the decade ... and the number over age 65 doubled to about 900,000." Many of these couples are divorced and plan not to marry again.

Couples who cohabit rather than marry are hurting themselves tragically, and we want to lovingly help them see the blessings God has in store for them. Notice three things:

- ***Couples who side-step marriage are missing God's approval of their relationship.*** God's approval is simply the most important aspect of any human activity or relationship, because human success and flourishing occurs in the context of God's approval (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 5:3-12).

- **Couples who side-step marriage are missing the blessings associated with filling God-ordained roles in marriage.** There is no substitute for a the “no-matter-what” commitment of marriage. There is no substitute for a husband and father who loves his wife as Christ loves the church, or for a wife and mother who submits to her own husband, as to the Lord (Ephesians 5:22-25; cf. 1 Peter 3:1-7).
- ***Couples who side-step marriage are missing the security of guaranteed support and care.*** For example, a 2011 study published in the Journal of Gerontology showed that cohabiting partners were less likely than married partners to receive care when their health failed.

A society abandons the God-ordained institution at its own peril. May we always support for the biblical doctrine of marriage.

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*Let marriage be had in honor among all,
and let the bed be undefiled:
for fornicators and adulterers*

HEBREWS
13:4

God will judge

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Several members with flu and cold symptoms; **Betty Culbreath; Seth & Jan Daniel; Sammy Williams; Wiley Tuggle; Inez Neyman; Clarence & Faye Edwards.**

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Liam Gomez, Abigail's classmate; **Mark Taylor family**, friends/family of Dana; **Jimmy & Deborah Collums**, Terry B's brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy shoulder surgery, Deborah heart complications; **Bob Jones family; Dwain Coleman family; Pam Easley family**, Molly's aunt; **Steve & Glenda Bryant**, Teresa's mother and step-father; **Waid & Beverly Wilkes; Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

Birthdays

2/2	Joyce Campbell
2/4	Mika Meredith
2/7	Abigail Wilkes
2/8	Leigh Anne Owen
2/12	Terry Bland
2/13	Tim Wilkes II
2/13	Mary Zluticky
2/16	Avery Lyons
2/27	Sherry Gaines
1/25	Jeffrey Ferrell

Anniversaries

2/13 Wayne & Amanda Lyons

Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: Feb 2
Between Services

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Feb 5, 10 AM
Usually 4th Wed., changed for February

Providence Place Devo: Feb 9, 2 PM

Bible Bowl @ Coldwater: Feb 15, 4 PM
Ephesians 1, 2, 3

Coldwater Singing Night: Feb 26, 7 PM

Sign up to Host a Youth Devo in 2020!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 2

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Carl Honeycutt
	Marc Strickland
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Noah Davis

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Wednesday, February 5

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jim Jackson

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Tim & Rachel Wilkes II