

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WHAT IS RIGHT WITH THE CHURCH?

by Patrick Morrison

In a time when many congregations of the Lord's church are leaving the pattern of God's word, when false teachers are lauded and encouraged by our brethren, when many of God's children are embracing denominational dogmas in the name of love and tolerance, it is easy to find ourselves asking, "What is wrong with the church?" Many times it appears we are fighting a losing battle as Satan claims victory after victory. Have we lost sight of the rose because of a few thorns? Are we allowing the evil actions of some to blind our eyes from seeing the beauty of the Lord's church and the good being done by those who compose his precious bride?

God is still adding the saved to the church (Acts 2:47). In a time when man ridicules the idea that the church is not important, when man says that one can follow Jesus without being a part of his church, the Lord continues to add precious souls to the church. Every time an honest soul yields to the will of God, culminating in one's being baptized for the remission of sins, God adds another name to the roll. There, in heaven's Book of Life, are the names of all the faithful saints who have submitted their lives to the word of the Lord. Those who become Christians are not added to a denomination. They are not added to a social or civic club. The saved are being added daily to the church of Christ! This is what is right with the church!

God is still being glorified through the church (Eph.3:20). Man's feeble attempts to bring honor and glory unto God apart from the church are futile. God will not, and cannot be glorified in a denomination. God will not, and cannot be glorified in a Unity Forum. God will not, and cannot be glorified by an Inter-faith Council. Since the establishment of Christ's church, God always has and He always will receive glory only in the church! Just as in

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 on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE

Lyrics by: Frances Ridley Havergal

I gave My life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead;
I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou given for Me?
I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou given for Me?

My Father's house of light,
My glory circled throne,
I left, for earthly night,
For wanderings sad and lone;
I left, I left it all for thee,
Hast thou left aught for Me?
I left, I left it all for thee,
Hast thou left aught for Me?

I suffered much for thee,
More than the tongue can tell,
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue thee from hell;
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee,
What hast thou borne for Me?
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee,
What hast thou borne for Me?

And I have brought to thee,
Down from My home above,
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and My love;
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee,
What hast thou brought to Me?
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee,
What hast thou brought to Me?

...the days of Paul, God is being glorified by those who stand firm upon the truth of God's word. All over the globe, those precious saints who are fighting the good fight of faith are bringing glory to the Almighty. This is what is right with the church!

Countless numbers of priceless souls are being brought to Christ as a result of the church of our Lord. The church of Christ is still following the mission of her Master (Lk. 19:10). In a day and age when ecumenism has crippled evangelism in many religious organizations, the Lord's church continues to seek out the lost in every corner of the globe so that these souls may hear the good news about salvation in Christ, and the beauty of the one church. With every passing day, new souls are taught the gospel. People everywhere are being baptized into Christ, ever expanding the kingdom of God's dear Son. As a result of the efforts of faithful brethren, the church continues to grow the world over! This is what is right with the church!

Despite all the negative things that abound in the world today, despite all the evil influences that have crept into the precious bride of Christ, there are still many things that are right with the church. Sometimes it takes the bad things in life to make us see what is good. We cannot ignore the evil that many in the church have embraced. It must be answered. It must be dealt with. It must be defeated. However, let's not be guilty of forgetting all the things that are right with the church. And there are so many things that are right with the church!

Sermon Review

Not An Hoof Left Behind

(Exodus 5-14)

- I. Compromise in the **PLACE** (8:25).
- II. Compromise in the **POSITION** (8:28).
- III. Compromise in the **PEOPLE** (10:8-11).
- IV. Compromise in the **POSSESSIONS**(10:24).

LEVITICUS

(An Introduction & Overview)

Lawful Lessons
Establishing Elements
Valuable Vocabulary
Interesting Information

This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

Sunday:	Leviticus 14-15
Monday:	Leviticus 16-18
Tuesday:	Leviticus 19-21
Wednesday:	Leviticus 22-23
Thursday:	Leviticus 24-25
Friday:	Leviticus 26-27
Saturday:	Numbers 1-2

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2. We have a postal correspondence course
Contact us at www.coldwatercofc.com.
3. You can study the Bible via an online course.
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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

We express our sympathy to:

Mischel Jackson and family in the loss of her uncle,
Johnny Perkins from Sardis.

Andy Ratliff and family in the loss of his aunt.

Nora Boling and family in the loss of her brother,
Perry Wooten.

Addi Bayless is recovering from a fracture in her elbow.

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 recovering from 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**, and his chemo therapy; 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; and his family. **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.

February Birthdays

2/11 -- Sydney Thompson

2/11 -- Jackson Staten

2/12 -- Terry Bland

2/13 -- Ashby Johnson

2/14 -- Eric Jackson

2/21 -- Cathy Thompson

2/25 -- Betty Tuggle

Get Involved!

Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012

Let's continue to read and study together!!

Young Adult V-day Party -- at Ratliff's

Friday, Feb. 10 -- 7PM

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

Looxahoma building; Acts 14-16

Bring snacks & drinks or provide Jeffrey with money so that he can purchase them.

Young at Heart Dinner -- Feb. 11 -- 5PM

Sign up sheet on table in foyer.

Youth and others helping please arrive by 4:30.

Providence Place Devo -- Feb. 12 -- 2PM

E3 Fellowship & Early Service -- Feb. 19

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 5

Morning

Prayer Before Class

Wiley Tuggle

Announcements

Caleb Baker

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Jason Bayless

Ron Johnson

Assist

Jimmy Yarbrow

Andy Ratliff

Opening Prayer

Jerry Davis

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer

Johnny Bayless

Evening

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Opening Prayer

Jim Jackson

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Jason Bayless

Andy Ratliff

Closing Prayer

Billy Bland

Wednesday, February 8

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Prayer

Caleb Baker

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Wiley Tuggle