

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Feb. 12, 2012



## A World Without God

by Jack H. Williams

**We would live in a world filled with immorality.** In the book of Romans we read of those people who “did not like to retain God in their knowledge” (1:28). Notice what is said of their “lifestyle” in the verses that follow. They were “filled” with such things as fornication, wickedness, covetousness, murder, spiteful, disobedient to parents, unmerciful ... How tragic! But of course they could say, “I did it my way.” Perhaps the saddest epithet given these people is found in verse 32 where we are told that they “not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” They desired that others join them in their way of life - a life without God.

**We would live in a world without answers.** Have you ever wondered where everything came from? Without God there is no answer to that question. Every “answer” that man derives at by himself contradicts his own knowledge. But God gives the answer (Genesis 1:1-31; Exodus 20:11). Have you ever faced a choice and didn't know which was right - men were giving different answers to the same question. But God can give the answer (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). You see man's answers change depending on what he wants. God's answers stay the same because He looks to what man needs. (Continued...)

*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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**We would live in a world without hope.**

Have you noticed the rising suicide rate - those who say life is not worth living? Have you noticed the rise in the number of homeless - those who simply decide life is not worth the effort? Have you seen the increase in the number of those overcome with depression - who see no way to cope with the pressures of life? A world without

God is a world filled with hopelessness and despair. Man cannot find in himself the answer to “Why should I keep on?” Life without God has no purpose that gives hope. God has the answer (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Philippians 3:14).

*A Special Thanks  
to our Bible Bowlers!  
Keep up the good work!  
You can do it!*

**We would live in a world of loneliness.** How many of those who want a life without God have someone they can truly trust. Someone they can say loves them above all else? Paul painted the sad picture of those who lived for self and left God out when he said “all seek their own” (Philippians 2:21). Without God there is no reason for anyone to seek anything other than their own reward or self gratification. God has a better answer (John 13:35; Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrew 3:12-13).

A world without God? A world of loneliness, immorality, puzzles with no answer, hopelessness.... How terrible that so many think that is the way things should be. It is obvious that in the world in which we live there are many who have fallen prey to this horrible way.

Something though, that is stranger is that so many go headlong into a world without God because they look at the world about them and think, “If there is really a God, how can the world be like this?” Because they see a world filled with all that is ungodly they reject God. But what they fail to see is that the world is “like this” because so many still refuse to “retain God in their knowledge.” The distressing things we see in the world are not the result of an unloving God,...

...but the result of a people who do not love God. Life with God is never lonely, it is moral, it has the answers we need and long for and is filled with hope. I pray all mankind will see the need to live there and go to God that they may.

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### Sermon Review

#### Jesus' Church (Matthew 16:18)

- I. A church built **UPON** Jesus (*upon this Rock*).
- II. A church built **BY** Jesus (*I will build*).
- III. A church built **FOR** Jesus (*my church*).

#### "Sing & Be Happy" (Col. 3:16 & Hymn)

- I. SING
- II. TRUST
- III. PRESS ON
- IV. BE FAITHFUL

### This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

- Sunday: Numbers 3-4
- Monday: Numbers 5-6
- Tuesday: Numbers 7
- Wednesday: Numbers 8-10
- Thursday: Numbers 11-13
- Friday: Numbers 14-15
- Saturday: Numbers 16-17

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3. You can study the Bible via an online course.  
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# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Abigail Lynn Wilkes** arrived at 9:54 PM Tuesday night, weighing 7 lbs 1oz, and measuring 19 inches long. Mama, baby, daddy, and brother are doing well!

**Betty Tuggle** was in great pain Wednesday night. She and Wiley continue to request our prayers.

**Sue Cobern**, pancreatitis, other complications, and in grieving of the loss of her mother.

**Wiley Tuggle & Betty Tuggle.**

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

## Family & Friends

**Samantha Harris**, co-worker of Molly, has an infant that is in ICU in LeBonheur. Let us gather things for a benevolence basket to take to this family. **Lujuan Collums**, Billy's sister, is recovering from double pneumonia. **McElroy family**, in the loss of their 19-yr-old son. **Chuck Tharp**, prostate cancer. **Gene Collums**, major heart bypass surgery recovery. **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!!

**Providence Place Devo -- TODAY -- 2PM**

**E3 Fellowship & Early Service -- Feb. 19**

## **A Special Thanks**

*to our Parents and Youth that  
provided for and served our  
Young at Heart!*

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, February 12

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Caleb Baker
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeremy Moore
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Payton Jackson
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

#### Evening

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

### Wednesday, February 15

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell