

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Feb 21, 2016



GOD WORKS THROUGH FRIENDS



The Bible abundantly teaches that God blesses everyone (Matthew 5:45; Titus 2:11-14), and particularly those who are in His family, the church (Ephesians 1:3-14; 3:20-21). One of the means God uses to bless our lives is Christian friendship (1 Peter 1:22). In short, God uses His people to bless His people.

Notice that although David himself slew Goliath the Philistine (1 Samuel 17), years later, David's *friends* killed three or four other giants.

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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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PREACHER

Clifton Angel

- **Ishbi-benob**, another giant of the Philistines, thought he could kill King David because David had grown weary (2 Samuel 21:15-17). But Abishai came to David's aid and killed the Ishbi-benob.
- Sibbecai killed **Saph**, who was one of the descendants of the giants (2 Samuel 21:18).
- Elhanan struck down **Lahmi**, the brother of Goliath (2 Chronicles 20:5).
- In the war at Gath, Jonathan, David's nephew, struck down a giant who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot (2 Samuel 21:20-21).

In summarizing these events, 2 Samuel 21:22 reads, "These four were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David *and by the hand of his servants*" (emp. added). Clearly David's friends were an invaluable help.

The best people in the world are God's people, and so if you have spent much time amongst them, you know that they are a great encouragement. Christians must not fail to spend time with one another, and so fail to experience the joys of Christian fellowship. The Bible clearly teaches that we must get to know one another and develop brotherly affection. For example,

"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. *Love one another with brotherly affection.* Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of

the saints and seek to show hospitality" (Romans 12:9-13, emp. added).

The Bible says that when worthies such as Abraham and Moses died, each was "gathered to his people" (Genesis 25:8; Deuteronomy 32:50). This refers to their spiritual home after death. Could it be said of us that the people of God are "our people," i.e., our closest associates? When we pass from this fleeting earthly scene, will the saints be able to smile and say, "He has been gathered to his people"?

Written by Caleb Colley
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Sermon Review

Behold Your King

(John 19:14)

- I. **His Sentence was Counterfeit.**
- II. **His Suffering was Colossal.**
- III. **His Sacrifice was Complete.**

Lessons From Our Bible Bowl Passages: John 13–15

- I. **John 13**
- II. **John 14**
- III. **John 15**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell, routine cancer screenings; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**.

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Family & Friends

Sue Brown, Jared's grandmother, had a mini-stroke but is recovering; **Doris Easley**, Molly's grandmother, has been moved to hospice care; **Jack Higginbotham**, at Stephanie's with hospice care; **Bill Fleming**, moved to rehabilitation center; **Jenny Kraft**, Mischel's co-worker, recently had a heart attack; **Deborah Williams**, Betty Duke's daughter, major eye complications; **Fannie Mize family**; **Doris Swinney family**; **Jack Ray family**; **Carl Zluticky**; **Linda McDonald**, friend of Sherry; **John Simpson** and family; **Charli Kate Rhodes**, home; **Dana's friend Jimmi**, recent divorce and loss of father; **Vern Schrimsher**; **Weber Ferguson family**; **Cherie Zimmerschied & family**; **Mac Owen**; **Johnny & Joy Angel**, health problems; **Whitworth family**; **Lottie McMahan**; **Sheila Culbreath Tubbs**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Steve Angel**; **Tammy Powell**; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Bob Spurlin**.

Birthdays

2/2	Joyce Campbell	2/13	Tim Wilkes II
2/7	Abigail Wilkes	2/25	Betty Tuggle
2/8	Leigh Anne Owen	2/27	Sherry Gaines
2/12	Terry Bland		

Get Involved!

Fishers of Men at GBN — Fridays — 1 PM

Convalescence Center Devo — Feb 24 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Feb 24 — 7 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Mar 6

Providence Place Devo — Mar 13 — 2 PM

Angel Baby Shower — Mar 19, 11 AM — 1 PM

Bible Bowl — Mar 19, 4 PM @ Olive Branch
John 16 — 18

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 21

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson

Assist

Ron Johnson
Davis Johnson
Jerry Davis
Terry Davis
Clifton Angel
John Wofford

Opening Prayer
Sermon
Closing Prayer

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, February 24

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jason Bayless