

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Feb 28, 2021



“Every eye closed, and every head bowed, and repeat after me: Dear God, I know that I am a sinner...” How many have followed these instructions and prayed a “sinner’s prayer,” all the while believing that prayer granted them access to salvation from their sins? If it was just one, it would be one too many. Unfortunately, numerous have been led astray by false doctrines like the doctrine

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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of “the sinner’s prayer.” Yet again, Saul’s conversion account serves as an explicit refutation of such.

“And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth” (Acts 9:10-11). In verses eight and nine, we were informed of Saul’s fasting for three days. In verses ten and eleven, Jesus’ words to Ananias inform us that Saul was also praying during that time. If the alien sinner can obtain salvation by praying, why did Jesus send Ananias to Saul? If the alien sinner can obtain salvation by praying, why then did Ananias urge Saul to arise from prayer in order that he might be baptized for the washing away of his sins (cf. Acts 22:16)?

The doctrine of salvation by “the sinner’s prayer” is a doctrine of the devil. In fact, according to Scripture, the alien sinner does not have ready access to the ear of God in prayer until said sinner puts on ...

... Christ (cf. Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4). Once a person is "in Christ," he has the privilege of prayer like never before: "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:12).

All the above considered, prayer is significant for ridding sin from the life of Christians. John wrote to Christians: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7-9). It is a fact that even the faithful Christian sins, and it is by prayer that the faithful Christian is able to confess his sins to God and continue being forgiven. Furthermore, it is possible for a faithful Christian to become unfaithful, such that he could lose his salvation. It is by repentance and prayer that such a one can be forgiven and regain his salvation (cf. Acts 8:5-25).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Jason Bayless & family, he tested positive for coronavirus; **Angel family**; **Wiley Tuggle**, first leg surgery pushed to 3/29; **Mary Alice Arnold**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

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Family & Friends

Jessica, Mark Lance's daughter, diagnosed with leukemia; **Carolyn Plumlee**, Lara's aunt, house burned, receiving chemo for breast cancer & has other health issues; **Christine Lockett & family**, Marc's friend, lost her 10 year-old son to drowning; **Sherry Williams family**; **Austin Eldridge**, Desoto County deputy severely injured on the job.

Birthdays

3/6 Emma Wofford
3/9 Ginger Bayless
3/9 Jan Daniel
3/13 Carl Zluticky
3/15 Leah Angel
3/29 Payton Jackson

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12 PM
All men invited (young & old)

Youth Devotionals 2021
Sign up to host a youth devotional

Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against thee.

—Psalm 119:11—

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 28

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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Wednesday, March 3

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	TBD
Prayer	Joe Owen

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	