

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Will we ever dare to say that God's accomplishments through Jesus Christ were in vain? Will we ever say that God wasted His time in sending His dear Son? May it never be! For, if we do, we are claiming to be more knowledgeable and more wise than our all-knowing and all-wise God. Such is simply not the case. However, when we lose faith in mankind, when we dismiss someone from hearing the gospel because we think they're too much of a sinner, when we fail to give someone the benefit of the doubt, and when we negatively surmise about what we think someone has done, our actions proclaim that God's work through Jesus was useless.

Why? Love "believeth all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7). It means that we have faith in mankind. It means we have faith in the soul-saving gospel. It means we give others ...

*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 & Pew Packers  
each Sunday at 12:30

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Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

... the benefit of the doubt. If we are not careful, we can worry, surmise, doubt, and backbite until we believe someone has something they have not and of which we have no evidence. That's not love. Love believes all things.

On one occasion, a home improvement store employee spent a good amount of time arranging for them to install carpet in my home. For various reasons, like money and timing, I decided to hire a different company. When



I revisited the same employee to inform him of my change of mind, I approached him with this statement, "You're going to hate me for this." He immediately replied, "No, I'm not." While this is a very mild case of surmising, it is just that. I had made up my mind what he was going to think of me without evidence of such. If we are not careful, this same doubtful and negative mindset can enter into many other relationships we have with others, and we can lose faith in others and lose our own faith as a result.

Love "believes all things." It's not easy, but it's right. Let's grow in love!

*—written by Clifton Angel*

# WHY WORRY?

I dare say that there's not a single one of us that hasn't been overwhelmed with worry at one time or another. Yet with some people, worry is a daily occurrence. Let me ask you, friend: are you a worrywart?

Some time ago I read an interesting article that I believe puts worry into perspective. Evidently (according to the National Bureau of Standards), a dense fog covering seven city blocks to a depth of 100 feet is composed of something less than one glass of water. Now I don't know much about fog (other than the fact it's often a burden to drive in), but if that is true, that's an amazing statistic. I believe this illustration is a fair comparison to our worry or anxiety about worldly matters. If all our worry about earthly things were reduced to its true value, most of it wouldn't be worth our time.

According to Luke 10:41 Martha was much like that fog: "And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.'" Jesus tells us not to worry (Matt. 6:25-34). Put God first, and things will fall into place. Paul puts it this way, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6).

—written by Aaron Veyon  
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## Sermon Review

### How Am I Using My Words?

(Much of material by Glenn Colley)

- I. 7 Sinful Ways to Use My Words
- II. 7 Christian Ways to Use My Words

### DVD SERIES

*America's Most Press Concern*  
Lesson 5 - "Founding Fathers & Slavery"

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Jerry Davis**, recovering from hip surgery; **Jared Brown** and family; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Sue Cobern**; **Helen Bowman**.

**Far East Missions**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**NetCasters**

### Family & Friends

**Janet Colvett**, received a good report recently; **Jack Higginbotham**, surgery; **Vanwinkle family**, mother of Philip Vanwinkle died unexpectedly; **Laura Swayne**, Patrick Swayne's mother, uterine cancer; **Bob Jones**, back trouble, and recent illness leading to hospital visit; **Barry Hatcher**, improving and recovering; **Chris Shipley & family** in loss of his mother; **Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant, now on donor list; **Steve Geeslin**, brain tumor; **Jason Spencer**, health complications; **Lauren Harrell**, young mother with breast cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**, Ashby Johnson's mother, cancer; **Frederick Bland**; **Renee Loya**, Ruth's niece, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Charles Savage**, prostate cancer; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Eli Williams**, cancer returned, receiving chemo treatments; **Vicki Angel**; **Ray Maples**; **John & Anita Simpson & family**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, stage 4 cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, stage 4 lung cancer; **Joy Angel**, various health problems; **Linda Perkins**, leukemia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**, in efforts of adoption of baby Faith; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Carla Carlson**.

### Birthdays

3/9 Jan Daniel  
3/9 Ginger Bayless  
3/18 Betty Duke  
3/21 Ella Brown  
3/24 Johnny Bayless  
3/29 Payton Jackson  
3/31 Beverly Hayes

## Get Involved!

**DVD Series -- Lesson 6 -- TODAY -- 1 PM**  
*America's Most Pressing Concern*, Dave Miller

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

**Gospel Meeting at Courtland -- March 14 -- 16**

**Bible Bowl -- March 15 -- Coldwater, 10:30 AM**  
Genesis 28 -- 30

**Southaven Youth Visiting -- March 30 -- 1 PM**  
They will be leading the 1 PM worship service

**Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship**  
March 30 -- April 2, see flyer on bulletin board

**New Quarter Begins April 6 -- Teachers Needed**  
See Jeffrey to reserve your teaching position

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, March 9

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Assist	Billy Bland
	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Seth Daniel
Sermon	DVD
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

### Wednesday, March 12

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Ron Johnson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Andy Ratliff