

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST March 21, 2021



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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Clifton Angel

When was Saul saved? We have considered numerous scenarios Saul experienced and expressed during the process of his conversion to Christ; yet, none of them have been the point of salvation for Saul. His sincerity alone did not save him (Acts 9:1-2). His mysterious experience and seeing a bright light did not wash away his sins (Acts 9:3). Hearing the literal voice of Jesus was not

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

his point of salvation (Acts 9:4-5). Seeing the risen Lord did not save Saul's soul (Acts 9:6). His repentance was not the point that his soul was cleansed (Acts 9:7-9). Praying and fasting for three days did not remit his sins (Acts 9:10-11). Saul had a vision, but the vision did not save him (Acts 9:12). At least two miracles were performed upon him (blindness and sight; Acts 9: 8-9, 17-18); yet, these miracles did not purify his soul. When was Saul saved?

In His closing words before leaving earth, Jesus commanded His apostles: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Mark's account reveals these words of Jesus to His apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16). On the grand day that Jesus opened the gates of His kingdom (the church), Peter preached to sinners that sought salvation: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus ...

... Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Philip took the gospel to Samaria, and "when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12). Peter took the gospel to the first Gentiles since the church's inception, and on this occasion "he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48). We could continue with the numerous examples where people had their sins forgiven at the point Jesus said they would be forgiven—baptism (cf. Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5).

Compiling these evidences with Luke's record, Ananias' command, and Saul's own words enables us to see that it was at the point of baptism that Saul's sins were cleansed. Luke's record at Acts 9:18 informs us how that Saul "arose, and was baptized." Saul (Paul) would later reveal how that Ananias was sent to him to restore his sight, inform him of God's plans for him, and to urge him with these words: "Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Noah Davis, headed to basic training; **Janice Dixon**, blood pressure and medication complications; **Wiley Tuggle**, first leg surgery scheduled for 3/29; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Pauline Day, Grace's sister, kidney cancer, we rejoice that she was baptized on Tuesday; **Wofford family**, John's father passed; **Shirley Hubbard family**, Carl's aunt passed; **Eddie Honeycutt**, Carl's brother.

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)

Return to Past Communion & Giving Order
Beginning **March 28**; bread pieces will be placed in communion cups; self-contained communion packets still available

Coldwater Singing Night: Mar 31, 7 PM
Give song selections to Clifton ASAP

April Youth Devo @ William's: Apr 3
More details to come

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, March 21

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Tim Wilkes, II
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper: Preside	Billy Bland
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Billy Bland

Closing Prayer	John Wofford
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Wednesday, March 24

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

TECH:	Noah Davis
HALL:	