

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 1, 2012



## Apostolic Preaching

by Guy N. Woods

The Scriptures completely furnish us unto every good work. In them is contained all things pertaining unto life and godliness. They constitute a handbook of rules governing all of the varied affairs of life. It is not always that we possess sufficient wisdom to recognize the problems that confront us; or, if we do recognize them, we do not always have sufficient insight to apply the remedy, but it is nevertheless true, that no situation can arise that cannot be solved by the proper application of the rules that govern our lives today.

Human nature remains about the same. Little progress has been made in the realm of depravity since the apostolic age. Sin, in all its enormity, still curses the race. Man's perversity and rebellion toward God have decreased but little, and humanity, in general, still walks down the path of ruin. The gospel is as effective today as it was in the apostolic age; it is as potent to save now as then. The final hope of the race lies in the unceasing proclamation of the gospel of Christ.

Not theories about Christ, but Christ, the hope of the world, is the crying need of the land today. Men who prate about a social gospel, a twentieth century gospel, a gospel adapted to modern times and conditions, simply hasten the ruin of the race. These...

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

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**VISITORS,  
WELCOME!**

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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  
on 1st & 3rd Sundays at  
4:15 p.m.

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### ELDERS

Billy Bland

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Jim Jackson

### DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

...are the real enemies of Christianity. They are the ones who give the people stones when they ask for bread.

Greed, avarice, hate and fear, reign in the land today. Nation is pitted against nation, and suffering and sorrow have engulfed a great portion of the earth. Two hundred billion dollars or more will be spent eventually in an effort to annihilate a vast portion of the human family. This is an almost inconceivable sum. Could we have had at our disposal two-hundredth part of this to evangelize the race, this carnage and bloodshed might have been averted. We might have gone into the remotest corners of the earth with a mere fraction of this and carried peace and joy and salvation to those who even now work for our own destruction. Billions for bloodshed, but not even pennies for the proclamation of peace and good will among men! May God have mercy upon us! May He look in tender pity upon a people gone mad. And may we, in humbling process sure to come, be mindful of our dependence upon Him, and remember that "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth," and fret not ourselves when the chastening hand is laid on. It is sure to come. The people of the country will eventually be brought to their knees. Meanwhile, let the faithful contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. Let the gospel be preached boldly, plainly, uncompromisingly. Let us be careful that we follow the pattern of the apostolic preachers.

There will be defections in our ranks. Some indeed, already, follow the tide of popular opinion, and do not hesitate to stigmatize their brethren. Offenses will come, but woe unto him by whom they cometh. It were better for him that a millstone be tied about his neck and he be plunged into the sea. God will not be unmindful of His people, and though adversity come, He will bend above us and provide for our needs. The hour of trial approaches. May we be faithful, unto that day.

### **Gospel Broadcast --April 23, 1942**

Borrowed rightfully from *The Essence of Guy N. Woods*, Editor: Johnie Scaggs, Jr.

**Editor's Note:** I find it interesting for such words to be written almost 70 years ago, and yet the same problems remain, but with exponential growth; and though our world has changed vastly in the way things are accomplished because of technology, the SAME need remains: Apostolic Preaching. Sound words from our Master need to be ringing in the ears of every person in the world! To the work! ~CA

### **This Week's Daily Bible Reading:**

Sunday: 1 Samuel 18-20  
Monday: 1 Samuel 21-24  
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 25-27  
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 28-31  
Thursday: 2 Samuel 1-3  
Friday: 2 Samuel 4-7  
Saturday: 2 Samuel 8-12

### *Mark Your Calendars!*

Men & Children Campout	April 27 - 28
Coldwater VBS	June 10 - 14
Sardis Lake Christian Camp	June 17 - 23

### *Sermon Review*

#### **I'm a Christian...Now What?**

- I. Our Worship
- II. Our Walk
- III. Our Work

#### **"Our God, He is Alive"**

- I. Background of the Song
- II. Biblical Teachings of the Song

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Tim, II**, Rachel, Titus, & Abigail, as Tim is traveling, doing the Lord's work!

**Nora Boling**

**Herbert & Helen Bowman**

**Sue Cobern**

**Shirley Yarbro**

**Wiley Tuggle & Betty Tuggle.**

**Far East Missions  
OpenDoor Ministry  
Fishers of Men**

## Family & Friends

**MSOP students**, in their Gospel campaigns this week. **Gary Daugherty**, husband of Amanda Ferrell's assistant, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has been given 6 months to 1 year to live. **Lavon Holden**, Jared's great-uncle, has pneumonia. **Sheena Hunt**, wife of a contact I have received, she has been having serious health complications. **Mike Ratliff**, Andy's father, is doing well after receiving a stint. **James Angel**, has cancer and not doing well. **Linda Peneiston**, co-worker of Johnny Bayless. **Sherry Brown**. **Terry DeBerry**, wife of MSOP student, is currently doing well and awaiting receipt of new kidneys. Prayer is powerful! **Nicole Blagburn**, co-worker of Molly, has been diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 30. **Chuck Tharp**, prostate cancer. **Eli Williams**, and his cancer treatment; **Missy Kelsay**, battling cancer. **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.

**Aubree Harris; Lajuan Collums; Harvey Tuggle;  
Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; Charles Easley;  
Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

## April Birthdays

4/4 -- Nora Boling  
4/6 -- Ainsley Moore  
4/20 -- Aubrey Ratliff

## April Anniversary

4/4 -- Ashby & Tammy Johnson

## Get Involved!

### **Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012**

Let's continue to read and study together!!

**New Quarter -- TODAY**

**Sunday Night for the Savior -- TODAY**

Contacts & Finger Foods!

**Providence Place Devo -- April 8 -- 2PM**

**Cookout at the Jackson's -- April 14 -- 5PM**

**Men & Children Campout -- April 27 - 28**

**Bible Bowl -- April 28 -- 5PM**

Looxahoma building -- **ALL** invited! Potluck meal!

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, April 1

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Ron Johnson
Opening Prayer	Wiley Tuggle
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

#### Evening

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

### Wednesday, April 4

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis