

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 10, 2011



VBS MEETING: TONIGHT AFTER PM SERVICES.
Jerry needs the final word on what materials need to be ordered so that he can order them ASAP. Thanks!

Twenty Years Later

By Kevin Pendergrass

Are there many Christians where you work or go to school? Chances are there are probably very few. But do not be discouraged...

There is the true story of a girl who was the ONLY Christian in her school. Even though she always felt alone, she never changed from being the same faithful Christian she had always been. Often times she would invite her peers to attend Sunday worship or a Christian youth event. But hardly any of her friends would agree to go with her. She was trying to reach out to others but felt like nothing was getting accomplished. Nobody seemed interested in spiritual things.

Twenty years later, one of the boys she had invited to church was sitting in his house on a Saturday night with his family. He was seriously considering attending a worship assembly, but where? Suddenly he remembered that a girl in his homeroom class used to invite him to a church of Christ. So, he decided he would take his family to worship at a church of Christ in his neighborhood. The experience prompted him to study the Bible in search for the truth. As a result of his due diligence, he and his entire family were baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins. He grew as a faithful Christian and became a loyal gospel preacher, baptizing many into Christ.

No matter what you THINK you left behind, you never know how your impression could change lives twenty years down the road. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." How many lives will you change in twenty years?

**EXCITING NEWS INSIDE FROM THE
GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK**

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

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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GBN on Roku, iPhone and Android!

by Don Blackwell, GBN Executive Director

Soon you will be able to get GBN live on your home television, 24/7, with the aid of [a] device called a “Roku box.” You may ask, “What is a Roku box?” In answer to this question, the Roku website states: “Roku is a little box that allows you to instantly stream tons of entertainment on your TV. Watch movies and TV shows from Netflix, Hulu Plus or Amazon Instant Video, listen to music on Pandora, catch the latest ballgame, and more--it’s all available whenever you want it.”

We have recently learned that this box also allows others to create custom channels that can be added to the Roku library and streamed to your TV. It seemed like an obvious choice for GBN. So, in February, we started development of our own custom channel, which will stream GBN live, 24/7, to anyone who owns a Roku. The process will be easy and free.

First, you will need high speed internet and a Roku box, which you may purchase online at www.roku.com. The cost ranges from \$59 to \$99, depending on the options chosen. When it arrives, the setup is easy--similar to setting up a VCR. I set mine up in about ten minutes. You may connect the Roku box to the internet via cable or wirelessly. Once the box is installed, the GBN channel is available for download at the online Roku channel store--free of charge. That’s it! GBN is ready to watch whenever you desire!

We believe the GBN Roku channel is going to be a wonderful way for Christians to get GBN, but we also believe it is going to be a great evangelistic tool. There are already over one million homes that currently have Roku boxes, and the number is climbing all the time. Of course, most of the people who are buying Rokus are getting them for entertainment purposes; but, when they do buy them, GBN will be sitting there waiting for them!

Also in development at the present time are apps for the iPhone and Android smartphones. When they are finished, a person who owns one of these smartphones will be able to click on the app store (market) and download a native app for GBN. After installing the free app, it will be as simple as a few clicks to have GBN streaming in the palm of one’s hand.

When 2010 came to a close, 73.5 million iPhones had been sold, and Android phones were shipping at a rate of 300,000 per day. In light of these staggering figures, we would be remiss not to try to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity for teaching the gospel.

Our plan is to have both the Roku channel and smartphone apps up and running by April of this year. We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts and that we won’t see setbacks to our intended schedule.

We are tremendously excited about these new opportunities to preach the gospel using the technology that God has given us, but we can’t do it without your help! While the opportunities are great, they can’t be accomplished without money. We need faithful brethren and congregations to help us financially in our work. We have tried to make it as easy as possible to contribute. You can mail a check, donate through Paypal on our website, or we can even set up an automatic bank draft if you prefer.

Help us take the gospel to the masses!

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Sermon Review

YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

(Matthew 5:13)

- I. AN OVERVIEW OF THE VERSE.
- II. THE VALUE OF SALT
- III. THE VOCATION OF SALT.

TRUST

- I. THE RECEIVER OF TRUST
- II. THE REASONS FOR TRUST
- III. THE REWARDS OF TRUST

You Have to Keep On Until the End

by Neal Pollard (1/5/06)

Many women and some men are breathing a collective sigh of relief today because "Bowl Season" is over (just in time for NFL playoffs). Last night was the "capper," the BCS National Championship Game, "The Game Of The Ages," "clash of the Titans," and the second swan song for Keith Jackson ("whoa Nellie"?). USC was in the driver's seat to etch a foot deep legacy in the stone of college football greatness. They were up by twelve with a few minutes to play. It was past my bedtime, so I lamented the fate of Texas with an "atta boy" for trying and resigned myself to accepting USC's gaudy, 35-game winning streak.

I could not believe the newspaper headlines this morning. Anybody who watched any part of the game (or have followed it at all) knows "how" they did it (a la Vince Young), but that they did it is truly amazing. Texas pulled off the coup d'etat with nineteen seconds left to bring about the unlikely end to the Trojans' dynastic run. As they say, that's why they play sixty minutes!

Paul uses athletic imagery often in his inspired writing. How much a sports enthusiast he was is not known (though he doubtless would never chose them over his commitment to Christ), but he repeatedly drew from that arena (1 Cor. 9:24-27; Gal. 2:2; Phil. 2:16; 2 Tim. 2:5; 2 Tim. 4:7). Usually, his point was about the discipline and endurance needed to successfully compete. As we look at Christian living, it is a matter of discipline and endurance. We can be in control for much of the time, then let up and lose the prize near the end. We can allow something to trip us up when victory seems sure. We can allow failure to open the door for the opponent to use in helping bring about our demise. Vigilance (1 Pet. 5:8) and fighting to the finish (2 Tim. 4:7-8) spells the difference in winning and losing. When you consider how much is at stake, don't give up before it's over! If you have given up, you can make a come back more glorious than any gridiron gauntlet run! And think of what winning will mean!

A lot of folks in orange and white are glad they play these things to the end. Be thankful that continuing breath of life means continued opportunity to get and stay on the winning side--God's side!

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Nora Boling, had surgery Monday and is doing much better thus far. Pray for her continued recovery.
Wiley Tuggle, had a doctor's appt. Friday.
Dylan & Ainsley Moore--have been sick with viruses.

Betty Tuggle; Caleb Baker.

Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes with full time mission work.

Family & Friends

Good News! Carol Busch's (Nikayla's grandmother) biopsy tests came back negative! Praise God!

Geannie Burrell--Jim Jackson's cousin passed away.

Imugene Mason--Jason's great-aunt passed away.

Fred & Joy House--murdered in their home. Their family needs our prayers.

Amy Hawkins--Bob Hawkin's daughter, died at 33 of a massive heart attack. The funeral was Friday in Memphis.

Wilton Wooten--Nora's brother, is not doing well.

Clay Collums; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Doyce "Doc" Hunt; Brianna Edwards; Joe Culbreath; James Angel; Steve Angel; Dave Leonard, Sr.; Gloria Angel; Sandy Robertson; Alegra Strong; Aaliyah Whitehead; Amy Meredith; Brandon Finley

Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.

April Anniversaries

Ashby & Tammy Johnson 4/4

April Birthdays

Nora Boling 4/4
Ainsley Moore 4/6
Aubrey Ratliff 4/20
Jane Sowell 4/21

Get Involved!

Easter Egg Hunt--April 16

Eat at Noon, then hunt eggs!
Each child bring a dozen eggs with treats in them!

E3 Sunday Fellowship--April 17.

Meal after AM services, then PM service at 1PM.
House warming for Clifton following PM service.

Men & Children Camping--April 29

See Andy & Jeffrey for details.

Coldwater Workday--May 7

Coldwater Lock-in--May 20

Coldwater VBS--June 12-16

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, April 10

Morning

Prayer Before Class

Jerry Davis

Announcements

Jared Brown

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Johnny Bayless

Assist

Jeremy Moore

Opening Prayer

Jason Bayless

Sermon

Jeffrey Ferrell

Closing Prayer

Andy Ratliff

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer

Ron Johnson

Evening

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Opening Prayer

Shane Staten

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Johnny Bayless

Closing Prayer

Jason Bayless

Closing Prayer

Adam Sowell

Wednesday, April 13

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Prayer

Jim Jackson

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Wiley Tuggle