

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 12, 2015



## DON'T GET BORED WITH THE BIBLE

All Christians need encouragement from time to time to continue in Bible study, but perhaps young people especially need to be reminded to persevere in this, continuing to remember their Creator in the days of their youth (Ecc. 11:9- 10; 12:1). Even Timothy,

the young evangelist, needed to be reminded of the importance of continually studying:

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine...Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; **continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee** (1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16; cf. 2 Tim. 2:15-18).

Although many young people would not say this aloud, many of them may think Bible study is "boring." It is natural for young people to simply want to have fun, so how can we impress upon them the importance of studying and develop an interest in doing so? Here are some brief points that will hopefully help our young people appreciate and enjoy Bible study more:

- 1) Let's begin by being honest—Yes, gaining knowledge requires some work (2 Tim. 2:15), but without work, we will never be successful at anything in life. Think of an Olympic runner who

*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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must train diligently to win. The practice sessions will undoubtedly get repetitive and may even seem monotonous (run today, run tomorrow, run the next day), but the goal must be kept in mind to succeed (cf. 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Phil. 3:12-14). The more the runner runs, the stronger and faster he gets. His hard work and progress is fueled by the awesome feeling of victory he desires to experience. Likewise, the more you study, the stronger and stronger you will get spiritually, as you focus on your goal of being ushered into the one Place of eternal bliss. As you study, you will also increasingly become closer to God, become more like God (2 Pet. 1:3-8), and your appetite for God's Word will continually grow stronger.

- 2) Yes, studying certain parts of God's Word can be challenging (2 Pet. 3:15-18), but great accomplishments in life always involve challenges that must be overcome. God Himself said that we can understand His Word (John 8:31-32; Eph. 3:4; 5:17). It may take time and diligence, but you can do it! You also have plenty of people who are willing to help you understand.
- 3) It makes God happy with us when we study His Word (Psa. 119; Matt. 5:6; 6:33; Acts 17:11).
- 4) Knowledge is one of the main things protecting us from falling into Satan's traps leading to eternal darkness, weeping, and pain in Hell's unquenchable fire (Matt. 4:4,7,10; 2 Cor. 2:11; Rev. 14:11). Most people would not knowingly choose to serve Satan and go to Hell, but Satan's tactics are always appealing, subtle, and deceptive. Many people are deceived into falling away from God to follow Satan (1 Cor. 15:33; James 1:18-25).
- 5) Too much entertainment is like junk food for your brain, and it can spoil your appetite for spiritual things. Be careful about becoming addicted to secular books, video games, movies, sports, social media, and other forms of entertainment. Although such things may not be inherently sinful, they can become sinful if we become obsessed with them (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17). The things of the world will seem fun, but in the end they are temporary and hollow, providing no lasting joy or peace. Fill your mind with good, pure things like God's Word, and you will feel so much better! (Phil. 4:8). Becoming overly involved with worldly things is like getting filthy, and doing God's will is like taking a shower, being made clean (Eph. 5:25-27; 1 John 1:7; Rev. 7:14). Don't you want to have that spiritually clean feeling?
- 6) You also need to understand that God has commanded adults like your parents, teachers, and preachers to instill His Word in you at every opportunity (Dt. 6:4-6; Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 4:2), so try to be understanding when they encourage you to study. They do it because they love God and they love you. It is for your eternal benefit and theirs.

- 7) Remember that the Bible is unique, because it actually came from God, not man. No other book is like that. There is no other source of information which can tell us things like: who God is; how the universe began; what happens when we die; what sin is; how to be saved from punishment for our sins; where we are spiritually; and where we are going for eternity. It is a blessing and a privilege to be able to read the Message that God has sent from Heaven to you. There are amazing things in God's Word that are like wonderful treasures just waiting to be found: "I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great treasure" (Psa. 119:162 NKJV; cf. 119:127).
- 8) If you don't realize it now, one day you will fully realize what a great blessing it is to have Biblical knowledge (Acts 20:32; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3). There are many adults who cannot answer basic Bible questions such as, "Who was Abraham?", or "What must a person do to be saved?". Many of them would LOVE to have the Bible knowledge that many of you have already obtained. Do not take that for granted, because it is absolutely priceless. One day you may have children of your own, and your greatest desire will be for them to go to Heaven. The knowledge you are gaining now can be passed on to them. One day you will be so thankful for the work you put into studying God's Word, so you can save others and yourself! (1 Tim. 4:16).

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them that  
believed  
were of  
one heart  
and of  
one soul  
—Acts 4:32

### Sermon Review

#### Q&A: Why Don't Women Preach?

- I. She Shall Be Called Woman
- II. Why Don't Women Preach?
- III. Imagine the Church Without Women?

#### Q&A: Did God Know Adam & Eve Would Sin?

- I. Two Schools of Thought
- II. Two Scriptures to Consider
- III. Two Statements to Conclude

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Georgia Bayless**, recovering from dog attack; **Renee Davis**, recovering from surgery, cyst was benign; **Inez Neyman**; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**, Wiley had/having multiple tests; **Sammy Williams**; **Helen Bowman**.

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

### Family & Friends

**Coleen**, friend of Inez, cancer; **Rye family**, teenage daughter Macayla diagnosed with cancer; **Linda Perkins family**; **Jay West**; **Beverly Whitecotton**, Stephanie's sister; **Jack Higginbotham**, Stephanie's father; **Tasha Higginbotham**, ongoing health problems, in need of kidney transplant; **John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Carla Carlson**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Billie Kid**, Rebecca's grandmother; **Patrick & Chantelle Swayne**; **Trent Childers**; **Andrew Jones**, friend to Weslyn, battling cancer; **Jimmy Colvett**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**, Grace's brother-in-law, colon cancer; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Janie Brister**; **Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma; **Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**; **Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**.

### Birthdays

4/1 Joe Owen  
4/6 Ainsley Moore  
4/18 Jeanna Wadsworth  
4/20 Aubrey Ratliff  
4/22 Chris Martin

## Get Involved!

**Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 2 PM**

**Bible Bowl — Apr 18 — 4 PM — @ Coldwater**  
JONAH 1–4; Potluck Style Supper  
See online quizzes at [www.TheBibleDomain.com](http://www.TheBibleDomain.com)

**Girls' Day at Southaven — April 18**  
See flyer on bulletin board

**Convalescence Center Devo — Apr 22 — 10 AM**

**Lady's Day at Nettleton — April 25**  
Rachel Wilkes speaking; See flyer on bulletin board

**Coldwater Singing Night — April 29 — 7 PM**

**Have a Bible Question? Submit it in the ? Box!**  
Guidelines posted next to the box

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, April 12

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Sammy Williams
	Ron Johnson
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Ron Johnson
Closing Prayer	Joe Owen

Wednesday, April 15

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell