

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 24, 2016



"O land of rest, for thee I sigh! When will the moment come, when I shall lay my armor by, and dwell in peace at home?" The words of Elizabeth K. Mills' "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" springs to my mind as I read the closing words of Joshua 11: "So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war" (23).

Numerous modern-day lessons can be derived from studying the events of the book of Joshua. However, as I dig into chapters like 10 and 11 and further, it is easy to get bogged down by the amount of war, the numerous foreign names of cities and people, and the constant wondering of how this is important to my life. Then, I ...

*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 & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

## PREACHER

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... come to those last six words of chapter 11, and I regain my focus. "And the land rested from war."

First, I am reminded that God keeps His promises. Deuteronomy 12:10 and 25:19 imply the promise of inheritance and rest, which promise is fulfilled in the words of Joshua 11:23. Likewise, God will keep His promises toward us. He has NOT promised us good health, easy living, or earthly wealth. But he has promised spiritual blessings, eternal life, and earthly necessities to the faithful (Ephesians 1:3; Romans 6:23; Matthew 6:33).

Second, I am reminded of the victory only available in God's army. In Joshua, it is evident that when the Israelites followed God's military tactics, they were victorious, and when they tried to accomplish things on their own, they failed. Today, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). We are in a spiritual battle and it is only through God's military tactics that we can be victorious (see Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Corinthians 15:57).

May we each be able to confidently say, like Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

In the fourth stanza of his hymn "The Church's One Foundation," Samuel John Stone wrote: "Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore, till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest." Amen.

**Written by Clifton Angel**

## *Sermon Review*

### **The King's Ministry**

(2 Corinthians 6:1–10)

- I. **Paul Makes a Proposal (6:3)**
- II. **Paul Manifests an Approval (6:4–8b)**
- III. **Paul Mentions an Arrival (6:8c–10)**

### **Moses' Hands Were Heavy**

(Exodus 17:8–16, esp. v. 12).

- I. **Rely Upon The Rock (12a)**
- II. **Bear One Another's Burdens (12b)**
- III. **Endure Until The End (12c)**

## **Comfortable**

Out of my comfortable bed  
Which resides in my comfortable abode  
Into my comfortable shower  
Where the water temp is controlled.

Eating a breakfast of comfort,  
And comfortable are my clothes  
Thanking my Heavenly Father  
For all the comfort He bestows.

But with comfort I must be cautious  
Because Satan likes it too  
He knows the road of discomfort  
Leads to life anew.

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Inez Neyman**, home, recent ulcer & dehydration; **Aemon Ratliff**, shoulder pain, will have physical therapy 2x per week; **Sammy Williams**, recent illness; **Tim & Lynn Wilkes**, traveling; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Several** traveling, some daily/weekly; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings; **Wiley Tuggle**.

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## Family & Friends

**Jeremy & Sandra Hulse family**, minister and wife killed Thurs night; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharol Brown**, Jared's mother, post-surgery complications; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, diagnosed with cancer; **Bob Spurlin family**, brother Spurlin passed on April 7th; **Bill Fleming**, cancer in remission, but still receiving treatments and therapy; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Willie Grady**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft**; **Deborah Williams**, Betty Duke's daughter; **Carl Zluticky**; **John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen**; **Johnny & Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**.

## Birthdays

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

## Get Involved!

**Area-Wide Youth Devo — Apr 25 — 6:30 PM**  
At Olive Branch church of Christ

**Convalescence Center Devo — Apr 27 — 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night — Apr 27 — 7 PM**

**Nesbit Gospel Meeting — May 1 — 4**

**Sunday Afternoon For The Savior — May 1**  
Between services

**Looxahoma Gospel Meeting — June 3 — 5**

**Coldwater VBS — June 12 — 16**

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, April 24

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jared Brown
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Jeremy Moore
	Dylan Moore
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Ron Johnson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jared Brown
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Joe Owen

### Wednesday, April 27

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Seth Daniel