

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST April 25, 2021



Follow Me

Written by Clifton Angel

In the recorded words of Jesus, the phrase "follow me" can be found 18 times in the text of the KJV New Testament. In recent years, however, with the development of internet forums and social media, the concept of following someone has taken on a very different meaning. I don't know that they coined the idea, but Twitter has certainly made it famous. It is used

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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in internet forums. It is used by Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and others. You can actually "follow" a number of celebrities on Twitter and be able to read their personal thoughts as they share them from time to time. "Following" in the internet world, is the idea of showing interest in a person's life, subscribing to an organization's services, or even just being curious about a business' product.

In the realm of internet following, there is not a great deal of commitment involved. If you realize you do not agree with a celebrity after following them, you can stop. If you realize a company's product is too expensive after following them, you can stop. If following a particular person or group is taking up too much of your time, you can stop following them. If your priorities and desires change at some point, which puts you in conflict with someone or some organization you are following, you can stop. You can even stop following someone and start again later if you choose to do so.

Unfortunately, far too many treat their discipleship of Jesus the same way they treat their online networking. Once they read something Jesus has said that they don't agree with, they stop following Him. Once they realize the cost of following Jesus is too great, they stop following Him.

Once they realize they don't want to put in the time required for following Jesus, they stop following Him. Once they realize their priorities and desires have changed from when they first started following Jesus, they stop following Him. Sometimes they go through a cycle of wanting to follow Him, not wanting to follow Him, wanting to follow Him, and not wanting to follow Him.

When Jesus said, "Follow me," He made it very clear that: (1) It will require every fiber of your being; (2) It will require every second of your day; (3) It will require every ounce of your will. He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). When we do this, our hearts are better, our thoughts are better, our lives are better, and, most importantly, our eternity is better.

Mark Your Calendars:

Coldwater VBS

June 13 - 17

Sardis Lake Christian Camp Session 2

June 20 - 26

Coldwater Gospel Meeting

October 10 - 13

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle, second leg surgery scheduled for Apr 30; **Noah Davis**, basic training, address on bulletin board & FB group; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions
Fishers of Men
NetCasters

Family & Friends

Mason Andrew Morse, congratulations to Carl & Ginna on their newborn grandson; **Nelson Rosado**, hernia surgery postponed, in great pain; **Pauline Day**, Grace's sister; **James Lane III family**, friend of Dixons; **Rose Chambers**, Terry B.'s sister, in rehab following hip surgery; **Jimmy Bland**, Billy's brother, radiation and chemo.

Birthdays

4/1 Joe Owen
4/20 Jamie Cagle
4/20 Aubrey Ratliff
4/27 Janice Dixon

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays

New time: 12:15 – 12:45

Nursing Home Devo: Apr 28, 10 AM

Senatobia Health Care & Rehab

Coldwater Singing Night: Apr 28, 7 PM

Men and boys leading, get songs to Clifton

Nesbit Gospel Meeting: May 2 –5

Mike Bonner Preaching, see flyer

MSOP Lectures: May 23 –27

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, April 25

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	John Wofford
	Andy Ratliff
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Afternoon

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, April 28

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Meredith

TECH: Daniel Owen
HALL: