

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 1, 2016



DO BIBLE TOPICS GET TOO OLD?

Once in 1893, the great preacher and scholar, J.W. McGarvey, was about to preach on baptism (McGarvey's Sermons, 109-121). He began by noting that many people in his audience might think it strange for him to focus on a topic that religious teachers have covered so many times without producing a general consensus. If many preachers have preached on baptism, and yet have been unable to get people to agree about it, then why preach on it again? Brother McGarvey responded by admitting that the question of baptism has not been settled in the sense that everybody agrees about it. But in ...

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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... another sense, he explained, the question of baptism has been settled thousands and thousands of times in the minds of people who will have to give account before God. They have settled the question to their satisfaction and acted according to their decision:

“And let me say to you who are here to-night [sic], it is a necessity laid on you, you can not avoid it, that you shall also settle the question in your own mind and for your own soul. . . . If you answer me, No, sir, the question was settled for me by my parents when I was an infant, and they baptized me, even this does not enable you to escape the necessity of which I speak; for you are compelled to decide for yourself before God, whether you will be satisfied with that as your obedience to this divine command. . . . Don't be impatient then when a man proposes to discuss the subject in your presence” (110).

Notice that Brother McGarvey has pointed to a principle that applies to all biblical truth. The “whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) must be



preached even if it has been preached many times before, because each hearer must live in a state of comparing the standard of biblical truth to his own heart and life (James 1:25). And he must be prepared to answer for what He believes (see 1 Peter 3:15).

Thus, no Bible topic ever goes out of date or is discussed to the degree that we should bring it up no more. I fear we have lost many young people to the world because we assumed that fundamental biblical truths were settled in the minds of all people—even young minds to whom the fundamental truths never were explained. If so, may we never be guilty of this careless oversight in the future.

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Sermon Review

10 BENEFITS OF THANKFULNESS

- I. Our Moments of Worry & Anxiety
- II. Our Mounds of Stress
- III. Our Work Ethic
- IV. Our Relationships With Others
- V. Our Worship to God
- VI. Our Relationship with God
- VII. Our Marital Relationships
- VIII. Our Parent-Child
- IX. Our Financial Peace
- X. Our Everything

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Lara Angel & Baby David, Arrival anytime; **Sarah Norris**; **Inez Neyman**; **Tim II & family**, mission trip to Kenya; **Tim & Lynn Wilkes**, traveling; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings; **Wiley Tuggle**.

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Family & Friends

Lisa Hogan, member @ Marion & friend of the Martin's, heart problems; **Jeremy & Sandra Hulse** family, minister and wife killed; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharol Brown**, Jared's mother; **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

5/6	Dylan Moore	5/16	Russell Wadsworth
5/7	Rebecca Brown	5/24	Anna Johnson
5/15	Andy Ratliff	5/25	Davis Johnson

Anniversaries

5/15	Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/17	Joe & Leigh Owen
5/19	Seth & Jan Daniel
5/23	Johnny & Stephanie Bayless
5/23	Russell & Jeanna Wadsworth
5/26	Jimmy & Virginia Sowell
5/31	Billy & Terry Bland

Get Involved!

Nesbit Gospel Meeting — May 1 – 4

Sunday Afternoon For The Savior — TODAY

Southaven Ladies Day — May 7

Celebrate Grads: Hannah Davis & Hunter Baker
May 15, money tree for each, \$ for Hannah goes to Jeanna, \$ for Hunter goes to Terry B.

Coldwater Camping Trip — May 19 – 21
Nights of May 19 & 20

Looxahoma Gospel Meeting — June 3 – 5

Coldwater VBS — June 12 – 16

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 1

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Clifton Angel
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Clifton Angel
Assist	John Wofford
	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Marc Strickland
Sermon	Jann Diamante
Closing Prayer	Billy Bland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Gene Collums
Lord's Supper	Clifton Angel
	John Wofford
	Andy Ratliff

Wednesday, May 4

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Chris Martin