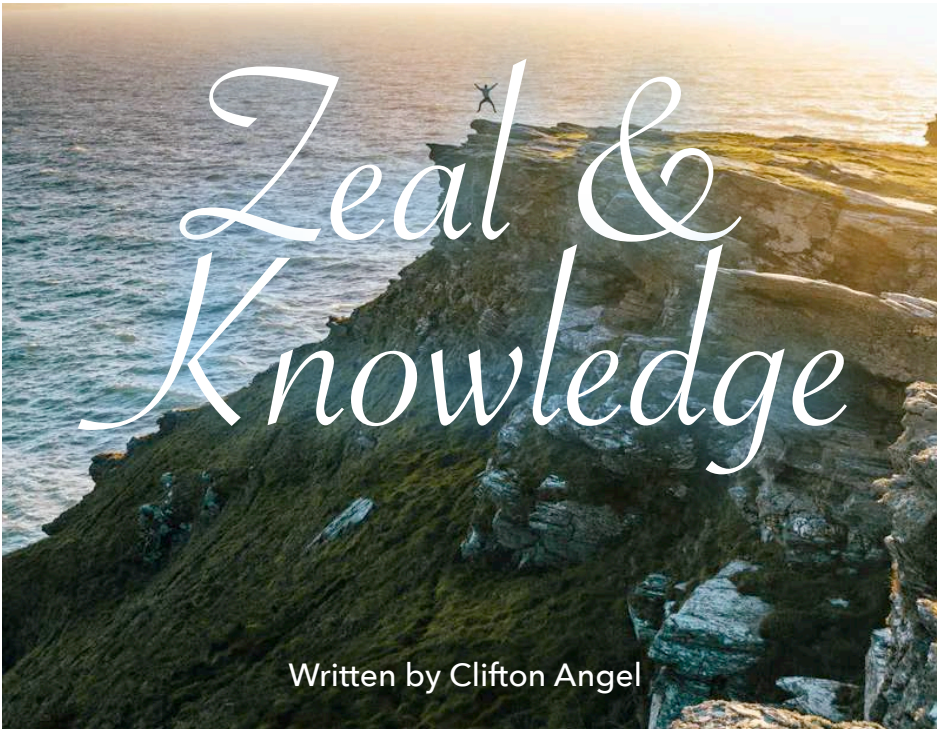


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST May 2, 2021



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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Zeal is "great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective" (Oxford Dictionary.). Christians must be zealous (Titus 2:14), but as with any part of our Christianity and our lives, there has to be a balance.

Christians must avoid being like enthusiastic Israel. Paul said they had **zeal without knowledge**. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (Romans 10:1-2). They wanted to be followers of God, but they did not want to listen to God. They wanted to appear godly, but they did not want to be truly godly. They were extremely zealous, so much so, that they would kill those who followed Christ because they considered Christ to be a blasphemer. Paul personally knew the zeal they were experiencing (cf. Acts 22:3-4; Philippians 3:6). However, as Jesus said to them, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

Christians also must avoid being like lukewarm Laodicea. Jesus said they had knowledge without zeal. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16). What caused them to lose their zeal? Fear? Discouragement? Complacency? Apathy? Complacency and apathy may be the greatest contributing factors (cf. Revelation 3:17-18). Complacency and apathy are two of the most dangerous threats also facing the church in America, today. We have our large buildings, large memberships, fancy facilities, and we are spiritually living like the rich farmer, who said to himself: "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (Luke 12:19).

Jesus urged the Laodicean church: "Be zealous ... and repent" (Rev. 3:19).

Conclusively, Christians must have knowledge AND zeal. Please take a moment and read Titus 2:11-14. When we, by the grace of God, have knowledge of His Will, it should lead us to be zealous for good works. And when we are zealous toward God's work, we need to always regulate it with His Will. Sure, some may think we are peculiar, and they would be absolutely correct (Titus 2:14).

May we resist being like enthusiastic Israel, who did not serve God according to knowledge. May we resist being like lukewarm Laodicea, who did not serve God with zeal. May we be the peculiar people He has called us to be, knowing His Will, and accomplishing it with zeal.

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

Mitchell Arnold, pneumonia; **Wiley Tuggle**, recovering from leg surgery; **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

Mike Casteel family, Ed & Iris' son passed Thursday; **Jonathan Delap family**; **Jimmy Bland**, Billy's brother, stopped treatments because of surgery; **Nelson Rosado**, hernia surgery postponed, in great pain; **Pauline Day**, Grace's sister; **Rose Chambers**, Terry B.'s sister, in rehab following hip surgery.

Birthdays

5/7 Aiyanna Meredith
5/9 David Angel
5/15 Andy Ratliff
5/25 Jarrett Davis
5/25 Davis Johnson

Anniversaries

5/15 Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/17 Joe & Leigh Anne Owen
5/31 Billy & Terry Bland

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays

New time: 12:15 – 12:45

Nesbit Gospel Meeting: May 2 –5

Mike Bonner Preaching, see flyer

MSOP Lectures: May 23 –27

Schedule on bulletin board

May Youth Devo @ Bayless'

Date, time, details to come

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 2

Morning

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

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Billy Bland
	Kevin Dixon
Closing Prayer	Jason Bayless

Wednesday, May 5

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

TECH: Bodie Meredith
HALL: