

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 5, 2013



Are you **BLESSED**?

How do we measure our blessings? I assume that every Christian considers himself blessed, but by what measures? Do we measure how blessed we are based upon where we are in our social standing in the world? Do we measure how blessed we are by counting the costs of our homes, cars, clothing, or quality of food? Truly, God has given us an abundance of physical blessings and for them we should thank him, but if we measure how blessed we are by physical attainment, the non-Christian world around us may appear to be more blessed than we. Remember, our heavenly Father "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt 5:45).

With that said, let us consider what God says makes a person truly blessed. While the following may not be comprehensive, I hope that it will encourage us to want to study further into the meaning and application of each.

1. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1).
2. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1).
3. "Blessed is the man that trusteth in him [the LORD]" (Psalm 34:8).
4. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble" (Psalm 41:1).
5. "Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and ...

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
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... teachest him out of thy law" (Psalm 94:12).

6. "Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times" (Psalm 106:3).
7. "Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments" (Psalm 112:1).
8. "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD" (Psalm 119:1).
9. "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart" (Psalm 119:2).
10. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:3).
11. "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted" (Matt 5:4).
12. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt 5:5).
13. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt 5:6).
14. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt 5:7).
15. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt 5:8).
16. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt 5:9).
17. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:10).
18. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" (Matt 5:11).
19. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).
20. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev 14:13).
21. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power" (Rev 20:6).

And so, again we ask, Are you blessed?

-written by Clifton Angel

MOVING THE LINES

On the front page of last week's issue of *The Democrat* [the local newspaper], there was an article informing us of the Tate County School District lines being moved. If I understand correctly, they have been moved in preparation of establishing a new school board. No opinion on that action is here provided, but it did remind me of a most important Bible principle. God's Word provides the boundary lines for right living, and these lines cannot be moved by man.

After rising from the grave and before ascending into heaven, Jesus said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). Jesus' having all authority means that he draws the lines. Just like you can go to the courthouse to find out what the county district lines are, you can go to the Word of God to find out what Jesus' lines are for right living. "He who rejects me, and does not receive my words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Jesus went on to say also, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). However, many people do not love Jesus. They cross his lines and some even try to move them with their false teachings.

The sobering fact is that all will be judged by his authoritative word in the last day. But the motivating truth is that you do not have to be found outside of Jesus' boundary lines on that day. If you are reading this article, you have a blessed opportunity. You have an opportunity to believe who Jesus is and what he has done for you (see Mark 16:16). Your belief will motivate you to repent as God requires (see Acts 2:38). To repent literally means to change your mind. Whereas you once did not care about Jesus' boundary lines, crossed them, and maybe even tried to move them to your own liking, you will now have your mind set on constantly striving to stay within Jesus' lines. Per Jesus' commandments, your faith and repentance will be followed by confessing your faith in Jesus (see Romans 10:10) and submitting yourself to immersion in water (see 1 Peter 3:21).

Again, no opinion or judgment is here being made concerning the moving of the school district lines. But when it comes to living right, there are some Biblical lines that cannot be moved. Are you in God's district?

-written by Clifton Angel

Sermon Review

Pray

(James 5:13–16)

- I. When I am Suffering (13a)
- II. When I am Satisfied (13b)
- III. When I am Sick (14–15a)
- IV. When I have Sinned (15b–16a)
- V. Because of its Strength (16b–18)

Consider the Lilies

(Luke 12:22–34, esp. 27–28)

When I consider the lilies, I think of...

- I. Providence
- II. Profitableness
- III. Peace

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley & Betty Tuggle, Betty had eye surgery on one eye, in hopes to help her see better, but as of now, the other is inoperable; **Sue Cobern**; **Helen Bowman**

OpenDoor Ministry
Fishers of Men
Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Ally Jo Atchley, toddler with leukemia, granddaughter of Terry's cousin. **Ruth Castle family**; **Gerald McGewan family**; **Julie Jones**, friend of Inez, in hospice care; **Beech family**, recipients of benevolence, requests our prayers; **West, TX** residents and fertilizer plant owner and other brethren in that area; **Frank Chamberlain family**, **Sharon Free**, lady that lost her son to drug overdose, Mindy knows her; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**, **Annette Cates**; **Noah Judd**, premature newborn of friends of Brown's; **Kenneth Webb**, **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with stage 3 cancer in liver area, inoperable, receiving chemo; **John Simpson and family**; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks**, friend to Wiley, cancer; **Frederick Bland**; **Barbara Denton**, friend of Molly, stage 3 cervical cancer. **Brigman Family**; **Janice Jenkins**, co-worker to Beverly Hayes, rare form of cancer. **Carla Carlson**; **Greg Myers**, **Matthew Canada**; **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley**; **Curtis A. Cates**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Wayne Collinworth**; **Andrew Hagewood**; **Janie Brister**; **Chuck Tharp**; **Renee Loya**; **Aubree Harris**; **Virginia Mayfield**; **Peyton Harville**; **Bob Spurlin**; **David Bragg**.

May Birthdays

5/6	Dylan Moore	5/22	Brisa Davis
5/7	Rebecca Brown	5/24	Anna Johnson
5/15	Andy Ratliff	5/25	Davis Johnson

May Anniversaries

5/15	Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/17	Joe & Leigh Anne Owen
5/19	Seth & Janice Daniel
5/22	Troy & Sue Cobern
5/23	Johnny & Stephanie Bayless
5/24	Bill & Claire Easley
5/26	Jimmy & Virginia Sowell
5/31	Billy & Terry Bland

Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- TODAY

Nesbit Gospel Meeting -- May 5 - 8
Preaching, Robert Jefferies, see flyer

Camping -- May 10
Be sure to indicate the food items you will bring

Providence Place Devo -- May 12 -- 2PM

Ladies Day at Southaven -- May 18
See flyer on bulletin board

Coldwater VBS -- June 9 - 13

Sardis Lake Christian Camp -- June 16 - 22
Apply online at www.sardislakechristiancamp.org

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 5

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis
	Joe Owen
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Seth Daniel
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Dalton Owen
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, May 8

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Ron Johnson