

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST May 9, 2021



EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE

Written by Clifton Angel

*Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it:
except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*

*It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late,
to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.*

*Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD:
and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

*As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man;
so are children of the youth.*

*Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not
be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

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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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From this 127th psalm we learn, first: **If God is not the foundation of my home, then I am living worthlessly.** "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep" (Psalm 127:1-2). Going to work, spending time with my children, maintaining our possessions (food, clothing, shelter, vehicles)—all of these efforts would be in vain—worthless.

Second, from this psalm we learn: **Children are a blessing, not a burden.** "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward" (Psalm 127:3). Does this mean being a parent is easy? No. Does this mean being a parent will be without stress, worry, anxiety, pain, and tears? Keep dreaming. However, it does mean we can know: (1) The proper perspective of the blessing that our children are; (2) The gift they are from God; (3) And that all the energy and emotions are worth it!

Third, from this psalm we learn: **Generally speaking, our children will go in the direction we point them.** "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127:4-5). Our hobbies – Even if they resist

in their teenage years, our children like to be where their parents are. Our habits – Even if they refuse as we teach them, our children can learn to do things habitually that they need to be doing. However, we have to be careful because they will also pick up on our bad habits. And they will pick up on the things we make priority. Our holiness – Hopefully, our view of holiness affects positively our hobbies and habits. Even if our children rebel once they are adults, hopefully we have planted a seed to which they will return.

Let us make sure our households are founded and centered on God. Let us remember that our children are gifts from God. Let us always strive to point them in the direction God would have them to go.

Mark Your Calendars:

Coldwater Singing Night	May 26
5th Sunday Service	May 30
Trade Days Booth	June 12
Coldwater VBS	June 13 - 17
Sardis Lake Christian Camp Session 2	June 20 - 26

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Mitchell Arnold, pneumonia; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Noah Davis**, basic training; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Bruce Angel, Clifton's uncle, heart stents; **Scott Whitley**, Clifton's cousin, recovering from heart surgery; **John Newham family**; **Mike Casteel family**, Ed & Iris' son passed; **Jonathan Delap family**; **Jimmy Bland**, Billy's brother, stopped treatments because of surgery; **Nelson Rosado**, hernia surgery postponed; **Pauline Day**; **Rose Chambers**.

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

Youth Devo @ Bayless': May 16, 5 PM

Hamburgers & hotdogs provided; sign up sheet

Coldwater Harbor Meeting: May 23

Encouraging one another in Evangelism

MSOP Lectures: May 23 –27

Trade Days Booth: June 12

Sign up to help out!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 9

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Tim Wilkes, II
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Assist	Mika Meredith
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Wednesday, May 12

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	John Wofford

TECH: John Wofford
HALL: