

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST May 30, 2021



We are just a few months away from the summation of eight years since the passing of my father. He suffered a massive heart attack and practically died right before my eyes. While the physical event was and is a nightmare that I honestly try not to think about, I believe spiritually it was a dream come true. You see, my father died a Christian.

Everyday, there's something that reminds me of him when he was here. My son is his namesake. His favorite truck was given me by my mom and sisters. Genetically, he passed his rheumatoid arthritis down to me. On and on I could go, but the fact is, he's not here. He's in eternity. Therefore, I've

*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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### ELDERS

Billy Bland

Jim Jackson

### DEACONS

Jason Bayless

Jerry Davis

Jeffrey Ferrell

Joe Owen

Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

John Wofford

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

tried to spend some time thinking about him there and not just his time here. And I wonder: What would this world be like if every heart was set on eternity?

First, hearts set on eternity would solve our problems of unity. I plead with you, do not fall into the media's trap of divisiveness. Perhaps, more than ever, in a world where social media exists, we need to: "Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19). True unity can only be had by those who truly follow the Spirit's teachings (Ephesians 4:1ff). Paul said, "I ... beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3). If our hearts were set on eternity, this would be more readily accomplished.

Furthermore, hearts set on eternity would solve our problems of immunity. We would still get sick. We would still have disease. We would still suffer death. However, none of these things would hinder us because of our immunity from sin and its condemnation. Paul wrote, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1). This does not mean we will never sin as a Christian. This does not mean we are "once saved, always saved." However, if we truly keep our hearts set on eternity as Jesus has prescribed, we will always be saved.

Finally, hearts set on eternity would solve ALL the problems of humanity. If no one else needed saving, the Lord could return now. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). The fact that Jesus has not returned should remind us of His long-suffering and His desire to save as many as possible. We do not know when He will return (2 Peter 3:10), but may He find our hearts set on eternity when He does!

# 5th Sunday Service

May 30, 2021, 1:00 PM

Tim Wilkes II	Opening Prayer	
Davis Johnson	Romans 10:13 – 14	“Wonderful Story of Love”
P R E A C H		H I N G
Daniel Owen	John 8:24	“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
P R E A C H		H I N G
Dalton Owen	Acts 2:37 – 38	“I Am Mine No More”
P R E A C H		H I N G
Kevin Dixon	Acts 8:37	“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
P R E A C H		H I N G
Jeffrey Ferrell	Acts 22:16	“Nothing But the Blood”
P R E A C H		H I N G
Aemon Ratliff	Revelation 2:10	“Faith is the Victory”
P R E A C H		H I N G
Andy Ratliff	Invitation Song	“Trust & Obey”
		<b>Lord’s Supper</b>
Andy Ratliff	Closing Song	“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”
John Wofford	Closing Prayer	

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Several traveling; **Ginna Honeycutt**; **Mitchell Arnold**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Noah Davis**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

### Far East Missions

### Fishers of Men

### NetCasters

## Family & Friends

**Brethren in India**; **Joy Angel**, kidney surgery went well; **Perry Mansel**, **Bob Mansel**, **Bill Mansel**, & **Robbie Weaver**, Dana's cousins, all diagnosed with cancer, Perry had surgery Friday; **Nelson Rosado**, hernia surgery went well; **Gene Collums family**, he passed Thursday morning; **Jimmy Bland**; **Pauline Day**; **Rose Chambers**.

## *Birthdays*

5/7 Aiyanna Meredith  
5/9 David Angel  
5/15 Andy Ratliff  
5/18 Mitchell Arnold  
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, 12:15**

**5th Sunday Service: May 30, 1 PM**

**Looxahoma Gospel Meeting: Jun 4 – 6**

**Independence Gospel Meeting: June 6 – 9**

**Trade Days Booth: June 12**

Sign up to help out!

**Coldwater VBS: June 13 – 17**

**Sardis Lake Christian Camp: June 20 – 26**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 30

### *Morning*

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Marc Strickland
	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
	Jim Jackson
Closing Prayer	

### *Afternoon*

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

Wednesday, June 2

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jason Bayless

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TECH: John Wofford  
HALL: