

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST May 31, 2020



GOD IS COLORBLIND

Written by Clifton Angel

Quite often, when someone learns that I am colorblind, they begin to quiz my ability to see colors. "What color is this?" "And how about this one—what color is this?" Colorblindness is not the same for every person that experiences it. For ... example, I know a man that is so red-green colorblind that if he were to approach a traffic light that had been turned on its side, he would not know which side was red and which side was green. While I do have some red-green colorblindness, it is not that extreme. Here is my point—I still see color. I can observe its beauty 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 all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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praise God for His handiwork. But when it comes to making a distinction between two colors, there are some with which I have trouble, so I choose not to make those distinctions if I can get away with it (e.g., determining someone's eye color).

When it comes to our relationships with our fellow man, we need to develop colorblindness. A friend once said, "Human beings are strange. We look at all the different colored flowers and say, 'how beautiful,' but our attitude changes when we look at all the different colored people God made." We need to be able to observe the beauty of the different colors without making distinctions. I see this trait in God. "For there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11). No gender, no color, no nationality, no cultural background, nor social status can prevent a person from obeying the Gospel and becoming a child of God. Paul, by inspiration of God, put it like this: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on ... Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28).

Part of me wants to marvel that the world around us is still caught

up in racism (distinctions of skin colors), but I understand that division is of the devil, and as long as the world follows him, it will be present. What is astonishing is when those that are in Christ make such distinctions—such ought not to be so! God is colorblind. He delights in the beauty of colors, not the division of them. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Furthermore, when God was directing Samuel in anointing the one who would replace Saul as king of Israel, “the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). May we all develop a godly mindset that looks more on the heart than the “outward appearance.”

(This article has been published before in our beloved bulletin, but with the continual push for hatred, division, and racism by the media and many in the world, I thought it might be beneficial. I have also made some additions to the article).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Clarence & Faye Edwards; Seth & Jan Daniel; Wiley Tuggle; Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Charles Savage, Lara's dad, recovering from back surgery; Joy Angel, Clifton's older sister, has pericarditis along with continual health issues; Maples & Cooper families; Jennie Thornton & family, her mom passed away; Carleigh Miller, daughter to Kevin & Melanie Miller, born prematurely; Several out of work; Martha Williams, Amanda Lyon's grandmother, dementia.

Birthdays

5/7 Aiyanna Meredith 5/15 Andy Ratliff
5/7 Brad Gregory 5/18 Mitchell Arnold
5/9 David Angel 5/25 Jarrett Davis
5/10 Amanda Lyons 5/25 Davis Johnson

Anniversaries

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

Get Involved!

May 31: Assembling IN Building, 10:30 AM

June 3: Youth Bible Class on Zoom, 5 PM
Adult Bible Class, FBLive, 7:25 PM

Beginning June 7, we will resume all services at building, except for our 1 pm worship service

If you signed up to teach this quarter, or are willing & able, contact Jeffrey ASAP.

Coldwater VBS Cancelled
SLCC May & June Sessions Cancelled

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 31

Morning

Prayer Before Class
Announcements
Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Sermon
Lord's Supper:
Preside

Tim Wilkes II
Jason Bayless
Andy Ratliff
Clifton Angel
Jeffrey Ferrell

Assist

Closing Prayer

Tim Meredith

Afternoon

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Sermon
Lord's Supper

**TEMPORARILY
CANCELLED**

Closing Prayer

Wednesday, June 3

Song Leader
Prayer
Invitation
Prayer

**ONLINE
CLASSES**

TECH:
HALL:

Davis Johnson