

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 2, 2013



Coldwater **CHURCH OF CHRIST** **VBS** **June 8-13**

Beginning At 6:30 PM Each Night
Classes For ALL Ages

Theme:

*Learnem & Dailey's
5-Ring Circus of Faith*

by Lambert Book House

Topics of Study:

Faith & Trust

Prayer & Bible Study

Peace & Contentment

Fellowship & Family

Self-Control & Submission

Come be with us!

We will have a different teacher each night of the adult class

**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 & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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PREACHER

Clifton Angel

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

Heat Exhaustion

Recently, a good friend went to the hospital because of heat exhaustion. He was dehydrated, extremely fatigued, cramping in the stomach, and vomiting. He described his bout with dehydration and heat exhaustion as one of the most miserable experiences of his life.

Jesus had a lot to say about a place that we think of as hotter than anything we experience on earth, even in the summers of Mississippi. The place called hell. He said it is “prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41; Notice: the devil is not ruling over this place, he is going to be punished there). But He also teaches us that anyone who is not righteous will go there (Matthew 25:41, 46). Perhaps in accommodative language (for our physical minds), it is described to us as “everlasting fire” (Matthew 25:41), “everlasting punishment” (Matthew 25:41), “hell fire” (Matthew 5:22), an unescapable condemnation (Matthew 23:33), “where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (Matthew 9:44). In parables, Jesus also described hell using the concept of “outer darkness” and a place where there will be “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30). For my friend, heat exhaustion was miserable, but it does not begin to compare with the miserableness of hell. Jesus uses the most miserable aspects of this life and attaches to it eternity. Dear friends, I don’t want to go there! I hope you feel the same.

Jesus came to “seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). All of who Jesus was involved His desire to save us from an eternity of “heat exhaustion.” His tremendous sacrifice brought about a plan that is truly simple (not easy). Continuing faith (Mark 16:16), a penitent heart (Acts 2:38), confession with the mouth (Acts 8:37), and immersion in water (Romans 6:3–4) grants an assurance of a reservation in heaven and avoidance of the heat exhaustion of hell. Notice that the Bible teaches a continuing faith. After baptism, we must continue to walk in the light (1 John 1:7). It does not mean we will be sinlessly perfect (see 1 John 1:7–2:2).

Thankfully, after a night in the hospital and a day to rest and rehydrate, my friend was back to normal. However, after we pass from life on earth, there will be no chance to visit God’s hospital. Do not delay. The “washing of water by the word” (Ephesians 5:26) will prevent you from eternal heat exhaustion.

—written by Clifton Angel

But God

Ephesians can rightly be called Paul's masterpiece on the body of Christ. In this epistle, Paul describes the unity of Jew and Gentile in one body (see Eph. 2:14-22; 3:1-7). There seemed to be a reputation among Gentiles for immorality (see 1 Cor. 5:1). Paul, in writing to the Ephesians, described their past sinful lives. They were "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). They "walked according to the course of this world," (Eph. 2:2). They fulfilled "the desires of the flesh and of the mind" (Eph. 2:3). These people were lost in sin with no hope of eternal life. Such people cannot be reached with the Gospel, right?

What Paul says next is in my judgment is one of the most powerful statements in all of the Bible. In striking contrast Paul writes, "But God..." (Eph. 2:4). What did God do? He loved (Eph. 2:4). God, desiring us to be saved (1 Tim. 2:1-4), manifested His love by sending His Son (1 John 4:8-9). Notice that God's love is not conditional, it is "Even when we were dead in sins," (2:5). Despite how far down into the muck and mire of sin one has travelled, he can be made alive ("quickened") through Christ (2:5-7). There is an account in Scripture of some Ephesians being "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:1-5). They had their sins washed away by the blood of Christ.

Do we believe in this power of God? Do we write off some as "a lost cause." "Oh, but he smokes crack." "Oh, but she is a homosexual." "Oh, but....." Paul says "But God..." Do you believe it? If you are lost in sin, do you believe it? As members of the body of Christ, does belief in His power motivate us to declare the good news, or do we write off some as "unreachable" before we even try? Do we believe in the power of the Gospel to convert sinners steeped in immorality (Rom. 1:16)? Paul believed it, and therefore sought to reach "fornicators,... idolaters,... adulterers,... homosexuals,... sodomites,... thieves,... covetous,... drunkards,... revilers,... extortioners" (1 Cor. 6:9-11, NKJV) with the Gospel.

Friends, we cannot save ourselves (Eph. 2:8-9). We need Christ. Everyone needs Christ, and His Gospel is powerful enough to save anyone. Knowing this should motivate us to work for Him, as we are "created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (2:10). If you feel like you are so steeped in sin that you cannot be saved, or that you cannot reach people with the Gospel, remember, "But God..."

—written by Trent Childers

Sermon Review

Remember

(Luke 22:14–20)

- I. Remember, We Have Been Selfish
- II. Remember, He Has Been Selfless

Let God Choose Your Spouse

(Genesis 2:15–17)

- I. In the Presence of the Lord
- II. Able to Bring out the Best
- III. Able to Sustain and Protect
- IV. A Student of the Word of God

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Payton Jackson, will be living away from home for 3 weeks, taking part in a distinguished educational program; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sue Cobern; Helen Bowman; Clifton Angel**, thyroid cancer, surgery will be June 19.

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Family & Friends

Mac Owen, Joe's father, suffered a mild heart attack Tuesday; **Steve Angel**, Clifton's uncle, was able to go home from hospital after multiple strokes; **Tasha Higginbotham**, Mindy's cousin, in need of a kidney transplant; **Jim Murrell**, successful heart transplant; **Bob Spurlin; Kam Spencer**, multiple health problems; **Andy Jones**, esophagus cancer; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia, granddaughter of Terry's cousin. **Julie Jones**, friend of Inez, in hospice care; **Beech family; 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; **Brad & Sheri Daniel, Annette Cates; Noah Judd; Kenneth Webb, Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with stage 3 cancer in liver area; **John Simpson and family; Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks; 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 Collinsworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; David Bragg.**

Birthdays

6/3 Amanda Ferrell
6/13 Melaney Ferrell
6/22 Tammy Johnson

Anniversaries

6/5 Andy & Molly Ratliff
6/8 Caleb & Elizabeth Baker
6/26 Jeffery & Amanda Ferrell
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- June 2

Independence Gospel Meeting -- June 2 – 6
Preaching, Eric Owens

Coldwater Trade Days Booth -- June 8
Sign up sheet on table in foyer

Coldwater VBS -- June 9 – 13
6:30 – 8:00 each night

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

Thyatira VBS -- June 23 – 27

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 2

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Seth Daniel
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff

Wednesday, June 5

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis