

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 9, 2013



Coldwater **CHURCH OF CHRIST** **VBS** **June 9-13**

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).

Where Are You?

Adam and Eve transgressed God's law—they sinned (Genesis 3:1–6). At that moment, God could have destroyed the world. He could have sent Adam and Eve to eternal punishment prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:46). In so doing, God would have been perfectly upright and just. He is God. He made Adam in His own image (Genesis 1:27). He gave Adam access to the tree of life (Genesis 2:9). He trained Adam to live and gave him a purpose to live (Genesis 2:15). He instructed Adam in righteousness—doing right and avoiding wrong (Genesis 2:16–17). I believe Adam instructed his wife in righteousness (Genesis 3:2–3). Yet, they both chose to go beyond what was right—they sinned. And what did God do? He sought them, taught them, and saved them (Genesis 3:7–24).

God's first words to Adam after he had sinned were, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9). God does not need GPS. He did not need information concerning Adam's physical location. He knew where he was. Rather, God was humbling Adam and teaching Adam. It was an opportunity for Adam to realize and say to himself: "I'm not where I'm supposed to be. I've done wrong, I'm naked, I'm afraid, I'm hiding, and I need your mercy." Adam did not make that initial conclusion, did he? Instead, he concluded that God and the woman were to blame (Genesis 3:12). How futile! Eventually, God helped Adam to realize where he was. He helped Adam to realize that he was separated from God—spiritually dead—and as result, he and every person following would also be separated from the tree of life, from the ease of living, and the protection of health.

Adam's sons Cain and Abel were taught to worship God with proper sacrifices (Genesis 4:1–7; see also Hebrews 11:4, Romans 10:17). Cain chose to worship God in his own way. And so, God did not respect his offering. God's rejection of Cain's worship was a form of God saying to Cain, "Where are you?" God wanted Cain to do well and be reconciled to Him. Instead, Cain grew angry and envious, even to the point of murder. Again, God sought salvation for Cain. God asked, "Where is Abel thy brother?" (Genesis 4:9). God knew where Abel was. He was really asking Cain, "Where are you?" He wanted Cain to admit that he had sinned and that he needed God's mercy. Cain did not accept God's attempts to save him and was cast out. It was then that Cain had to face the fact of his new location—outside of "the presence of the LORD" (Genesis 2:16).

And now, the question comes to each one of us. Where are you?

—written by Clifton Angel

SPECIAL THANKS

TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE
TRADE DAYS BOOTH!

Many worked behind the scenes in preparation, and many worked front and center in working at the booth, aiding in the outreach to hundreds of people. Many expressed interest in our Vacation Bible School. Some expressed interest in visiting, as they are new to the area. Four signed up for mail-in Bible correspondence courses. Let's pray for Rod Lester of Holly Springs, Misty Smith of Sarah, Laquita Brooks of Batesville, and Jennifer Evans of Coldwater, as they seek to study the truth of God's Word! To God be the glory!



Sermon Review

Study

(2 Timothy 4:9-16)

- I. What Paul Did With His Bible
- II. What The Bible Did To Paul
(Outline by Dan Winkler)

7 Needs for True Success

(Hebrews 13:1-8)

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| I. Christ (13:8) | V. Contentment (13:5a) |
| II. Conditioning (13:7) | VI. Commitment (13:4) |
| III. Courage (13:6) | VII. Consideration (13:1-3) |
| IV. Confidence (13:5b) | |

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Payton Jackson, away at Governor's School
Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sue Cobern; Helen Bowman;
Clifton Angel, thyroid cancer, surgery will be June 19.

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Family & Friends

Tim West & family, Tim lost his mother and an aunt in the last couple of weeks, and then learned his mother-in-law was diagnosed with leukemia; **Curtis Cates**, had to spend a lot of time in hospital lately; **Mac Owen**, Joe's father, not in good health; **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; 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 6/6 Betty Culbreath
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!

Providence Place Devo -- June 9 -- 2 PM

Coldwater VBS -- June 9 - 13
6:30 - 8:00 each night
Classes for ALL ages!

MSOP Graduation -- June 16
at Forest Hill church of Christ

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

Thyatira VBS -- June 23 - 27

Coldwater Singing Night -- June 26

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 9

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jared Brown
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Jason Bayless
Assist	Tren House
	Ron Johnson
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Afternoon

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Sermon
Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer

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Wednesday, June 12

Song Leader
Prayer
Invitation
Prayer

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