

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST June 13, 2021



COME JOIN US!

FLOOD

AP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Don't miss the boat!

June 13-17

6:30 PM Nightly
Classes for ALL ages!
coldwatercofc.com



Adult Class SPEAKERS

Jared Rhodes

Dan Cates

Robert Jefferies

Epifanio Carranza

Tim Burroughs

Nightly TOPICS

"The World"

"The Man"

"The Ark"

"The Animals"

"The Flood"

**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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Jason Bayless

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Jeffrey Ferrell

Joe Owen

Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

John Wofford

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

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



AN ARK WITHOUT A FLOOD

Written by Clifton Angel

In 2019, nearly 40 from the Coldwater church of Christ (a couple of relatives/friends included) joined together in a trip to visit the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum—both near Florence, Kentucky. It was my third visit to the Creation Museum, but it was my first visit to the Ark Encounter. Some asked me about the number one thing I took away, or liked most, about seeing the model of the ark, and my answer was this: the size.

While our faith should not need eyes—"for we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7)—laying eyes on the outside and inside of such a massive vessel as a model of Noah's ark was impressive. To me, it added tremendous perspective. I have always believed, and always will believe, that God did as He said He did, and housed the number of animal kinds as He did, upon the ship He commissioned Noah to build.

There are many things about which Ken Hamm and his team have done, and are doing, that I appreciate. I love their high view of the Bible and apparent respect for the God of Heaven. I appreciate their standing firm on the creation model, with God as the Creator, Who created all of the physical universe in six literal days and ceased from said labors on the seventh day. I appreciate their stand for the reality of a global flood, honest and intuitive examination of evidence that we have, even today, that such a catastrophic event happened. I even appreciate much of the imagination and creativity that goes into possible scenarios for things about which we can only be curious – living ...

... arrangements for the animals and Noah's family, possible daily tasks they had upon the ark, differences between the world now and the world before the global flood, etc. At the Creation Museum, I love the Planetarium, which seeks to show just how small we are compared to the known physical universe; yet, we are the crown of God's creation. I also loved the 4D movie, which was a slow and powerful reading of Genesis 1, with computer-generated visuals of what might have been.

And so, I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the ark, which was one massive vessel. However, I've noticed one major violation. There was no flood at the Ark Encounter. What do you mean, Clifton? Of course, there's not going to be a literal flood at this model. Allow me to let the Scriptures explain. Peter wrote, "The long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:20-21). You might say, "Wasn't it the ark that saved Noah and his family?" Yes, but not the ark alone. By the way, the ark was a production of Noah's obedient faith. You might say, "Wasn't it God's grace that saved Noah and his family?" Yes, but not grace alone. And so, I affirm as the Scriptures teach: the water saved Noah and his family, but not the waters alone.

When you visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, you have the opportunity at both places, to be told of the "saving gospel of Jesus Christ." Unfortunately, neither place will teach the necessity of baptism for salvation as the Scriptures teach. You can even search their website answersingenesis.org and see they have a "high" view of baptism; however, their view is not entirely holy or honest.

Let's stick with the Scriptures: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Dana Davis, back trouble; **Leigh Anne Owen**, back trouble, surgery scheduled for June 29; **Mitchell Arnold**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Noah Davis**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Mike Howard family; **Joe Thurmond family**; **Brethren in India**; **Joy Angel**; **Perry Mansel**, **Bob Mansel**, **Bill Mansel**, & **Robbie Weaver**, Dana's cousins, all diagnosed with cancer, Perry has surgery June 14; **Nelson Rosado**; **Gene Collums family**; **Jimmy Bland**; **Pauline Day**; **Rose Chambers**.

Birthdays

6/3 Amanda Ferrell 6/13 Melaney Ferrell
6/5 Molly Ratliff 6/18 Grace Williams
6/6 Bodie Meredith 6/21 Tim Meredith

Anniversaries

6/3 Clarence & Faye Edwards
6/3 Carl & Ginna Honeycutt
6/4 Larry & Joyce Campbell
6/5 Andy & Molly Ratliff
6/7 Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold
6/20 Carl & Mary Zluticky
6/26 Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12:15

Coldwater VBS: June 13 –17, 6:30 pm

NOTE: no fellowship meal/1 pm service today

Sardis Lake Christian Camp: June 20 – 26

Coldwater Singing Night: June 30

5th Wednesday, accepting song requests from the congregation, get them to Clifton ASAP

New Teaching Quarter Begins: July 4

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 13

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Andy Ratliff
	Kevin Dixon
Assist	Marc Strickland
	Dalton Owen
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Afternoon

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Sermon
Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer

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Wednesday, June 20

Song Leader
Prayer
Invitation
Prayer

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TECH: Daniel Owen
HALL: