

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST June 16, 2019



Men Not Needed In The Church

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The Lord needs followers - of that we can be certain for the Bible tells us, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

We're also told that God doesn't want any to perish, but all for all men to come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). In light of these facts, it may sound as though God is desperate for any "warm body" to live as a Christian, but in reality, such is not the case. God wants people who have absolute faith in Him and truly desire to live the Christian life (Heb. 11:6; Luke 6:46). There are men that God just doesn't need in His church. Here are a few examples:

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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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1. The Lord doesn't need dictators like Diotrephes, who loved to "have the preeminence" (III John 9). In other words, Diotrephes wanted all the attention and glory for himself and was unwilling to share it with others. Men like this are often dictatorial and seek to run things by themselves. They're also sowers of discord, especially when they don't get their way.

2. The Lord's church doesn't need the envious and jealous like Joseph's brothers (Genesis 37). Joseph was favored by his father and God gave him dreams of dominion. His brothers planned to kill him, but decided to sell him into slavery instead and tried to convince Jacob that a wild animal had killed him. Even today, some are jealous when others are noticed more than they are.

3. The church doesn't need men of wrath like Cain, who murdered his brother (Genesis 4:8) because God showed favor to Abel's sacrifice but rejected Cain's. Even men today are willing to become angry over the least thing, often threatening to leave one congregation for another or "get back" at the one they feel has wronged them.

4. The church doesn't need men who love the world more than they love the Lord, like Demas (II Timothy 4:10). Demas was at one time a fellow worker with Paul, but forsook him, "having loved this present world." The world tries to convince us that we can have both it and religion, but the Lord said, "No man can serve two masters..." (Matthew 6:24).

5. The church doesn't need those who turn back, like John Mark (Acts 13:13). Many people begin the Christian life and stay with it for months or years, but turn back at some point and return to the sins they once left behind. The Lord needs men who are willing to begin and to stay faithful until the end.

6. The Lord's church doesn't need those who see others faults, but not their own, like David (II Samuel 11 & 12). David sees Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, and takes her. David tries to hide the affair but cannot so he finally has Uriah killed in battle. Nathan the prophet informs him of a rich man who

has many sheep who takes a poor man's one ewe lamb to feed a traveler. David said the man should be put to death and could see the fault of the rich man but did not see his until Nathan said, "Thou art the man."

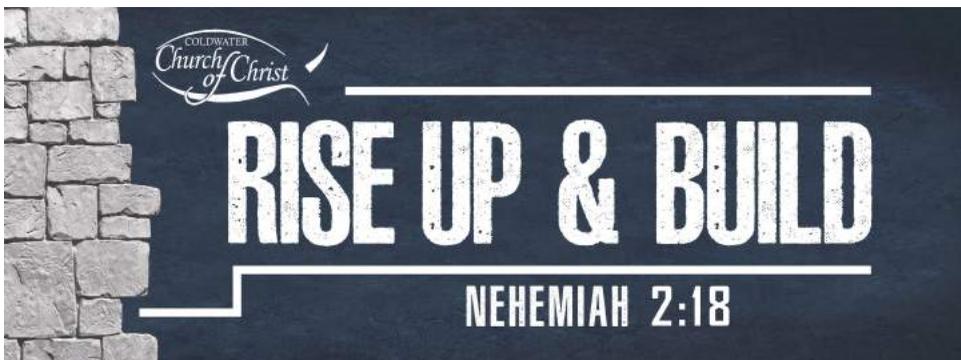
7. The church doesn't need those who love money more than the Lord, like Judas (Matt. 26). Many sell out Jesus and the church today through a lack of giving. It's easy to see how much a person values the Lord by how much they put in the collection plate relative to their income.

8. The church doesn't need the self-righteous, like the Pharisee of Luke 18. He was all too happy to tell God in a "showy" prayer how great he was and how thankful he was that he was "better" than the publican nearby him.

These types of people are like a cancer to the body and are not needed by the church and the church must separate itself from them (I Cor. 5:1-5; II Cor. 6:17-18; Mt. 18:15-17). Individuals who fall into these categories must repent of their wickedness and return to God or risk eternal punishment (Acts 8:22; Luke 13:5). Upon their return to God, they can be a tremendous asset to the Lord's church with continued study & growth.

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Editor's Note: I might add that the church DOES need men who recognize their faults, repent of them, and grow for the better. David did so (2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 51), and John Mark apparently did so (cf. Acts 15:36-41; 2 Timothy 4:11; Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 1 Peter 5:13).



NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Leigh Anne Owen, recent visit to hospital, to follow up with specialist; **Clarence & Faye Edwards, Wiley Tuggle; Timothy Wilkes, Sr.; Inez Neyman; Ginna Honeycutt; Seth Daniel; Sarah Norris; Sammy Williams; Elizabeth Baker.**

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Family & Friends

Melissa McDaniel, Tim M.'s sister; **Glenda Meredith**, Tim M.'s mother; **Doris Wilkes family**, Tim Sr.'s grandmother passed recently; **Junior Williams**, Sammy's brother; **Larry Scruggs**, broken jaw from ladder accident; **Phillip Vanwinkle**, young preacher with stage 4 cancer; **Iris Casteel**, improving following heart bypass surgery; **Don & Sheri Blackwell and family**, rehab at Shepherd's Center; **Tabby Jenkins and her family**, continue in need of our prayers; **Lloyd Fleming; Katie Coburn; Darrell Martin.**

Birthdays

6/3	Amanda Ferrell	6/13	Melaney Ferrell
6/6	Betty Culbreath	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
6/20	Carl & Mary Zluticky
6/26	Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell
6/28	Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

SLCC: June 16 – 22

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**Central Academy Gospel Meeting:
June 16 – 19, See flyer on bulletin board**

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: June 26, 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night: June 26, 7 PM

5th Sunday Service: June 30, 1 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 16

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Chris Martin
	John Wofford
	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Clifton Angel
Sermon	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	

Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Chris Martin
	John Wofford
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, June 19

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Billy Bland
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	Chris & Billie Martin