

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 24, 2018



David hymned, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Psalm 19:1). About this verse, the late scholar Curtis A. Cates commented:

The inspired David affirms that the very heavens are shouting God's majesty and power, using his name **EI**, the Mighty. The sense is continuous action, meaning the universe keeps on declaring God's glory, broadcasting both to the believer and to the unbeliever (Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:17). The firmament where the birds fly, as well as the

*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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## ELDERS

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## DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jerry Davis

Jeffrey Ferrell Chris Martin

Joe Owen Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II John Wofford

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

firmament where the heavenly bodies serve in His universe (Gen. 1:6, 20), is singing God's praise (Job 38:7). They are the work of His hands—they give glory to their Creator.<sup>1</sup>

In all honesty, it's been a while since I've taken the time to observe the night sky and look upon the stars, and to be reminded by them of God's marvelous power, wisdom, and **glory**. However, recent studies have reminded me of this necessity. Isaiah preached, "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold Who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth" (Isaiah 40:26). Have you ever attempted to count the stars? To us, they seem innumerable. God challenged Abraham to number the stars (Genesis 15:5), knowing he could not do it. However, Isaiah indicates that the stars have a "number"—meaning, there is a finite amount—and God knows just how many there are. Not only does God know how many stars there are, He knows every one by name. Our purpose for gazing at the stars is not to worship their beauty, but to bow before their Creator.

The advancement of technology has enabled us to observe much more of this vast universe than the naked human eye could ever see. Cates adds:

The universe, which is composed mostly of space (much like the atom), contains the Solar System (made up of our sun, planet Earth and the other planets, asteroid, comets, et al.), larger systems of stars called galaxies (including the Milky Way, where we live) which

number in the billions, countless clusters of galaxies, numberless clusters of clusters of galaxies (known as super clusters). There may even be clusters of superclusters. To help us appreciate in a very minuscule way the size of the universe, the size of our Milky Way is such that traveling at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second, 5.8 trillion miles in a year), it would take 100,000 years to travel from one edge of this spiral galaxy of stars to the other edge.<sup>2</sup>

Truly, we should sing with David, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:3-4). God deserves all glory. Do we acknowledge the glory of our Creator?

1 Cates, Curtis A. "The Heavens Declare The Glory of God." *God the Father*. Edited by Bobby Liddell. Thirty-Seventh Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship. Pulaski, TN: Sain Publications, 2003.

2 Ibid.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA**

June 25 - 27	Looxahoma VBS
July 4 - 6	Independence VBS
July 9 - 13	Nesbit VBS
July 23 - 25	Crockett VBS
July 20 - 21	POWER Youth Rally
July 22 - 26	POWER Lectureship

**See bulletin board for flyers with more details**

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Geoffrey Dunn**, we rejoice in Geoffrey's restoration, let us pray for him and encourage him; **Tim Wilkes, Sr**; **GINNA Honeycutt**; **Sammy Williams**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Caleb & Elizabeth Baker**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **2 mission trips upcoming in July** — Philippines & Panama.

**Far East Missions**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**NetCasters**

## Family & Friends

**Kimmy Spann**, Marc's former co-worker, son Tyler drowned; **Cindy Geater**, Ashley's mom, injured her knee and has been battling shingles; **Don Walker**, possibly in need of heart transplant, more testing ordered; **Richard Allen**; **Becky Williams**, Sammy's sister in law.

## 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  
6/8 Caleb & Elizabeth Baker  
6/20 Carl & Mary Zluticky  
6/26 Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell  
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

## Get Involved!

### SEE INSIDE FOR LOCAL AREA EVENTS

**Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: June 27, 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night: June 27, 7 PM**

**Talley Wedding Shower: June 30, 10 AM**  
Jacob & Weslyn registered at Bed Bath & Beyond

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: July 1**  
Between Services

**Providence Place Devo: July 8, 2 PM**

**5th Sunday Service: July 29, 1 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 24

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Noah Davis
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Russell Wadsworth
	Noah Davis
	Chris Martin
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, June 27

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Marc Strickland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Andy Ratliff

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Jim & Mischel Jackson