

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 3, 2011



## ***I CALL ON YOUR NAME***

*by Clifton Angel*

*As the sun appears,  
I beckon Your ears;  
I call on Your name,  
And You wipe away my tears.*

*As evil betides,  
My heart wants to hide;  
But I call on Your name,  
And You're right by my side.*

*Thy Will be done,  
Thru' the setting of the sun;  
I call on Your name,  
And the victory is won.*

The Father knows us better than we know ourselves (Matt. 10:30; Luke 12:7). *The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man* (Ps. 94:11). He has provided the *living and powerful Word*, which is able to *discern the thoughts and intents of the heart* and to *save our souls* (Heb. 4:12; James 1:21). Furthermore, He has provided the blessing of prayer--an avenue by which we can grow in our relationship to Him: praising Him, thanking Him, pleading with Him, crying to Him, interceding for others to Him. I believe prayer is a blessing provided by God because He knows we need it more than He does.

Concerning the above poem on prayer, a Biblical "calling on the name of the Lord" is not a direct reference to prayer, but rather a reference to obedience to His Will; and more specifically, submitting to His Authority..

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

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## **VISITORS, WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for  
all ages & Pew Packers  
on 1st & 3rd Sundays at  
4:15 p.m.

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Clifton Angel

...in baptism. On Pentecost, Peter quoted the prophet Joel, “*Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved*” (Acts 2:21). Many teach that the salvation of God is accessed by a simple prayer. Such teaching is not found in the Bible and is actually disproven by God’s Word. Peter’s use of the prophecy of Joel was to preach the fulfillment of the prophecy on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:22). After preaching, some of the Jews present asked, *What shall we do?* (Acts 2:37). If many of today’s teachers were correct in their reading of Acts 2:21, Acts 2:38 would read, “*Repent, and [pray] every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*”. However, Peter said, *Repent, and **be baptized** everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins* (Acts 2:38). I encourage you to carefully notice the parallel in terms in the two verses: Acts 2:21, 38. If that were not enough evidence, the Holy Spirit did not leave us wanting. He provided in Acts 9 that Saul (later, Paul) was told by the Lord to go to Damascus to learn *what he must do*. Ananias was sent by Jesus to instruct and assist Saul. When Ananias met Saul of Tarsus, Saul had already been praying for **three days**. Surely, if *calling on the name of Lord to be saved* is achieved through prayer, then Saul was saved, right? Why, then, did Ananias tell him, *Why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord* (Acts 22:16)? Why did Saul not argue and state that he had been *calling on the name of the Lord* for three days? It is because, as the Bible teaches, one is saved by the blood of Christ when one submits to the authority of Christ in baptism. Preceding and succeeding **baptism**, one must **hear** (Rom. 10:17), **believe** (Heb. 11:6), **repent** (Acts 17:30), and **confess** (Acts 8:37). Have you *called on the name of the Lord*?

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## A LESSON LEARNED THE HARD WAY

by Nicci Leonard

(Submitted by Bren Burdsal)

This week I saw the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. It was beautiful and I was mesmerized, as always, by God’s handiwork. I spent my days praising Him for His power and majesty. “I Stand In Awe of You” became my theme song for the week and I found myself reciting Psalm 19:1 over and over. I took in the sights, sounds, and smells of the sea and wondered how so many could be looking at the exact same scene that was captivating me and not see our Creator there.

Until Thursday...

We lost Gracie. I was shell hunting with Elijah and had just turned to check on her. She was happily helping some of the other children in our group build a sand castle. Late my friend Beth told me she had just done a head count of our brood. Panic ensued, naturally, and the next five minutes (if even that long) seemed like years. I found myself trying to join the search but was...

...only walking in circles, crying, and screaming Gracie's name. I vaguely remember several strangers asking for a description. Just when I thought there was no hope; that she would never be found, Beth came and told me that she had found her with two sweet ladies and she was now with Dave. When I got close and saw that my beautiful little girl was safe in her Daddy's arms all the emotions I had managed to keep at bay broke free and all I could do was sob. I was hyperventilating, nauseated, and came very close to passing out. I held her tighter than ever before and have been in a constant state of thanksgiving since. On our way back to our group everyone we passed was talking to Gracie and saying how happy they were that she was safe. My theme song instantly changed to "The Ninety and Nine".

How many times have we heard sermons preached from or read Luke 15:3-7? I always felt I had grasped the meaning of Jesus' parable, but now realize that I never fully appreciated the import of this passage. Once the dust had settled I kept replaying those frightening few minutes in my mind and wondered how much of how I felt is similar with God's emotions when one of his own goes astray. Does He feel a sense of panic when He sees His child going in the wrong direction? Is he sickened by the sin in which she is caught up? How much is He anticipating her return and, at the same time, questioning whether He will ever have the opportunity to receive her back with open arms? We know how very much God loves us and often quote John 3:16 to remind ourselves of that love. But here we read of Jesus comparing God's love and concern for us to that of a shepherd caring for his sheep. This shepherd has ninety nine safe in the fold, but one of them has gone astray. We read of this shepherd not only worrying and wondering about that sheep, but going out in search of it. He is so concerned with her well-being that he leaves the ones he knows are safe to track down the one that is not. When he finds her, he carries her back to the safety of the fold. He is so thrilled at finding her that he rejoices on his own and then upon his return home, calls all those around him to rejoice with him. This lets me know that God is always there for His children, He will never give up on us and He will never deny us forgiveness when we seek to set our lives right with Him.

I will never be able to sing "The Ninety and Nine" or study this parable without reliving those horrific moments on East Beach of St. Simon's Island. I will also never be able to forget just how much any decision I make to willfully disobey my Father in Heaven will hurt Him. This was truly a lesson learned the hard way!

### *Sermon Review*

#### **LORD, TEACH US TO LOVE**

(Matthew 5:43-48).

- I. SHALL WE LOVE LIKE THE PHARISEES?
- II. SHALL WE LOVE ONLY FRIENDS?
- III. SHALL WE LOVE LIKE THE FATHER?

#### **WHEN WE SUFFER**

- I. CONSIDER THE SON OF GOD.
- II. CONTEMPLATE THE STRENGTHS.
- III. CONFIDE IN THE SAVIOR.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Carson Kinney** has had strep this past week.  
**Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Nora Boling; Rebecca Brown & family.**  
**Tim, Lynn, & Cali** in their upcoming travels and works.  
**Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes** with full time mission work.

### Family & Friends

**Deb Peeler**, Nicci Leonard's mom, recently suffered several complications from a spider bite.  
**Roosevelt Spencer**--died, former elder at Bay, AR congregation where Tim II preaches. He was one of only two in their eldership.  
**Janie Brister**--Ruth's sister-in-law, has multiple health problems.  
**Cathy Thompson**--has lupus.  
**Luke Cantrell**--Andy's cousin, had a serious car accident, but is currently doing much better.  
**Andy's grandmother**--had bypass surgery and doing well  
**Lajuan Collums**--Billy Bland's sister, having some testing done to determine if her cancer is back.  
**Ray Maples**--undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.  
**James Angel**--Clifton's uncle; his cancer is back.  
**Steve Angel**--Had surgery to remove the cancer from his kidney. He is doing well thus far.  
**Carla Carlson; Leonard Family; Scott McNeer; Trey Hanks; Jimmy Young; Gloria Angel; Richard & Pat Allen; Wilton Wooten; Clay Collums; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Brianna Edwards; Steve Angel**

**Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.**

### July Anniversary

Shane & Angie Staten 7/17

### July Birthdays

3-Ruth Brister	14-Jason Bayless
4-Inez Neyman	19-Carson Kinney
4-Jimmy Sowell	21-Joyce Stephens
5-Layla Johnson	21-Sam Dickson
6-Cali Bayless	22-Maira Davis
7-Bill Easley	24-Joyce Brown
7-Aemon Ratliff	

## Get Involved!

**Sunday Night For The Savior**  
July 3, after PM Service: Finger Foods & Contacts

**Monthly Providence Place Devo--July 10**  
2:00PM--Hope as many as can will participate.

**Southaven VBS--July 10-13**  
See flyer on bulletin board.

**Looxahoma VBS--July 11-13**  
9 - 11:30 AM, Ages 4 yrs - 6th grade.

**Glendale Singing--Friday, July 15**  
See Jeffrey for more details.

**Southaven Youth Day--July 22**

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, July 3

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jason Bayless
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Jeremy Moore
Assist	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Johnny Bayless
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

#### Evening

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeremy Moore
	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Adam Sowell
Closing Prayer	

### Wednesday, July 6

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis