

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 7, 2013



## Obeying the Gospel

God warns men that they must obey the Gospel (not just believe it): *"...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power"* (2 Thess. 1:7-9; cf. 1 Pet. 4:17). Paul wrote that when he delivered the Gospel, he delivered the message of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Knowing that one must obey the Gospel to go to Heaven, and that the Gospel involves the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, how can one obey the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ? Must all men today be crucified on a cross and buried in a tomb to go to Heaven? Paul explained very clearly how to obey the Gospel: *"...How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"* (Rom. 6:2-4). In the same chapter Paul explained that after the Romans had obeyed the delivered Gospel through baptism, they were free from sin: *"...ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness..."* (Rom. 6:17-18; cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Throughout history God foretold the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Gen. 3:15; Gen. 22; Psa. 16:10; 22:16; Isa. 53, etc.). This shows how important it is to God, and how important it should be to us. Realizing the importance of the Gospel, perhaps one can also begin to understand the importance of *obeying the Gospel* through baptism. Scriptural baptism (burial in water for the forgiveness of sins, preceded by belief, repentance, and confession of faith in Christ) is what God has commanded men to do to be saved from Hell (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 8:35-39; 22:16; Rom. 5:8-9; Rom. 6; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet. 3:20-21, etc.).

—written by Jason Hilburn

*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 & Pew Packers  
each Sunday at 12:30

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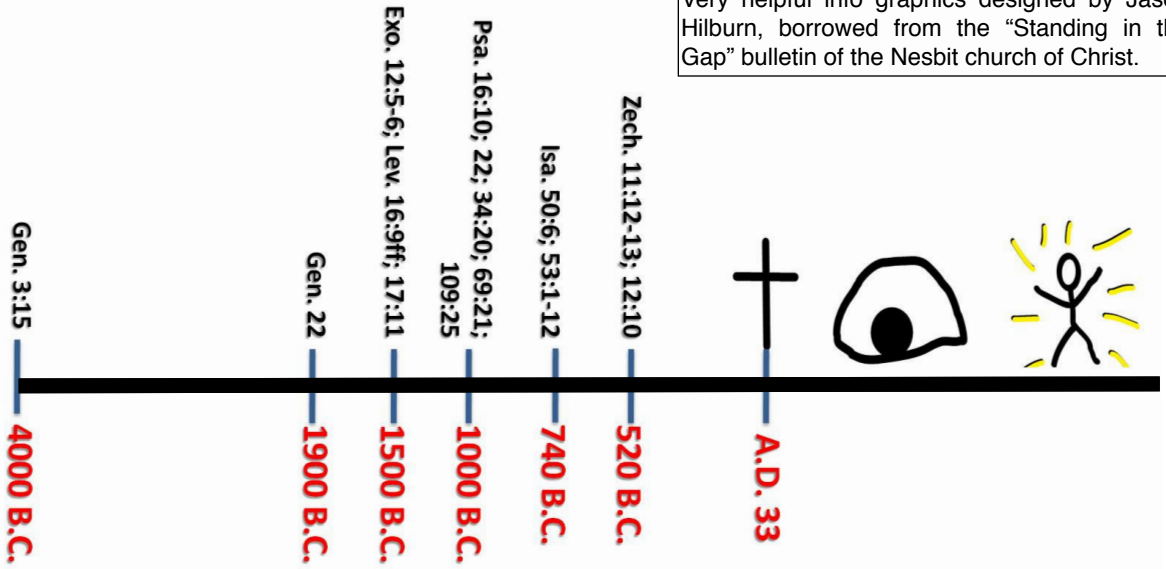
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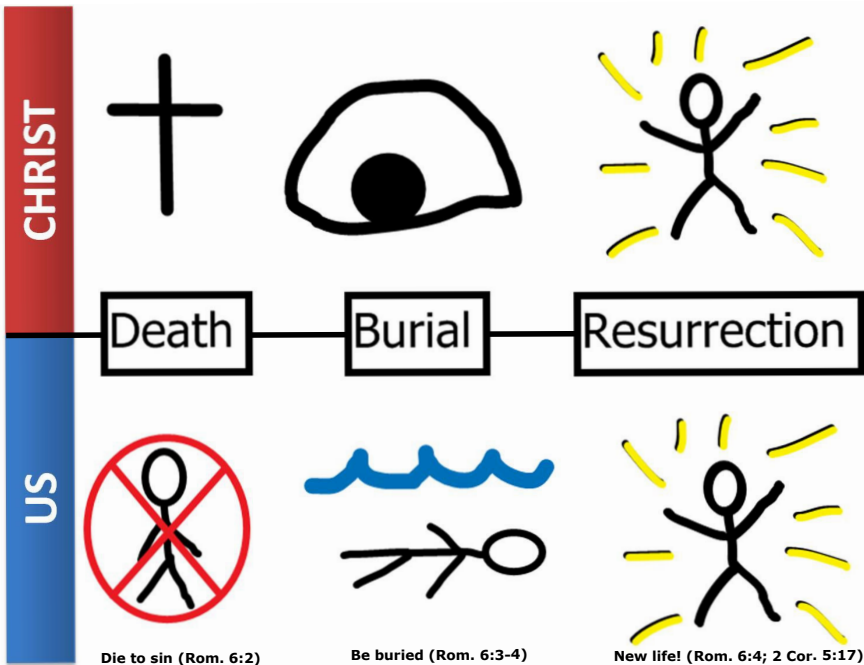
### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

Very helpful info graphics designed by Jason Hilburn, borrowed from the "Standing in the Gap" bulletin of the Nesbit church of Christ.



Throughout history God foretold Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Now we must obey it! (Romans 6).



Jason Hilburn

# Marriage is Honorable

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4, KJV). Consider also the rendering of the ASV of the same passage: “Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4). Fornication includes pre-marital, extra-marital, homosexual (Jude 7) and any other immoral sexual activity. Of course, extra-marital would be considered adultery. And when any of these are committed, people bring God’s judgment upon themselves, dishonor marriage, defile the bed, and will be condemned in the end if said people do not come to repentance.

God designed marriage (see Genesis 2:15-25). God has given mankind instructions on how to honor marriage and have the best marriages (see Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:7; Matthew 19:4-6; et. al.). And mankind has dishonored it. Contrary to what many in America may be thinking, America did not begin dishonoring marriage with legislation that legalizes homosexual marriages. America and the world around her began dishonoring marriage when she began promoting divorce for any reason and remarriage for any reason. God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16), and while I would not encourage any spouse to remain in the same house as an physically abusive spouse, God grants only one reason that a person may divorce and remarry: “Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery” (Matthew 19:9). And so, America has been dishonoring marriage more than the current day. America dishonors marriage in her promotion of divorce and remarriage for any reason. America dishonors marriage in her promotion of feminism. America dishonors marriage in her legalization and promotion of abortion (let’s call it what it is—murder). America dishonors marriage in her legalization and promotion of pornography. America dishonors marriage in all of the television, movies, fashion styles, and advertisements that promote promiscuity, immodesty, and cohabitation. And yes, America dishonors marriage in her promotion of the homosexual lifestyle and behavior. God designed marriage. Let’s stick to His blueprints and honor His design. To God be the glory!

—*written by Clifton Angel*

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Tim, II** heads to the Philippines this week along with many others for a 2-week mission trip.

**Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sue Cobern; Helen Bowman; Clifton Angel** continues to steadily improve. He will have a one-time radioactive iodine treatment in a few weeks.

**OpenDoor Ministry**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**Far East Missions**

### Family & Friends

**Curtis Cates** has had better days lately than he has had in months; **Lee Otis Smith & Family**, in loss of Lee Otis Smith, Jr. (son of preacher at Central Ave.); **Ralph Thomason**, Molly's friend's father, heart attack; **Thomas McMullen & family**, Jason's neighbors, niece committed suicide; **Linda Perkins**, Tim West's mother-in-law, being treated for leukemia; **Mac Owen; Tasha Higginbotham**, 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; **Julie Jones; Sharon Free; Brad & Sheri Daniel, Annette Cates; Noah Judd; Kenneth Webb**, cancer has spread to brain; **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; Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; David Bragg.**

### Birthdays

7/3	Ruth Brister	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/19	Carson Kinney
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/24	Jayce Brown
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/31	Porter Ferrell
7/6	Cali Bayless		
7/7	Aemon Ratliff		
7/13	Seth Daniel		

### Baptisms

6/7/13 -- Abby Kate Haynes  
6/18/13 -- Geoffrey Dunn

## Get Involved!

**Teacher Rotation for New Quarter -- TODAY**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- July 7**

**Southaven VBS -- July 7 – 10**  
Sun -- 6PM, Mon – Wed -- 7PM

**Olive Branch VBS -- July 8 – 11 -- 7PM**

**Pizza & Games at Clifton's -- July 12 -- 6:30PM**  
Post-Operation Diet Liberation; Everyone is Invited!

**Providence Place Devo -- July 14 -- 2PM**

**Nesbit VBS -- July 15 – 19 -- 7PM**

**POWER Youth Rally at Southaven -- July 19–20**

**POWER Lectures at Southaven -- July 21–25**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 7

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeremy Moore
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Assist	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jeffrey Ferrell
Opening Prayer	Seth Daniel
Sermon	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Wednesday, July 10

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.