

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 14, 2013



## CORN DOGS, SAUERKRAUT, AND COTTAGE CHEESE

The food items above have one sure thing in common—they are all items I cannot even choke down. Each of them are undesirable to me for different reasons, but they are all checked off in my gross column. You may love them all, and if so, in the words of the great philosopher Briscoe Darling, “more power to you.” I just do not.

Culinary tastes differ. I enjoy mixing peanut butter and table syrup, using homemade biscuits to sop up this fine, tasty blend, but I realize I may not have a lot of company in that proclivity of mine. Some things are healthier and more suitable to eat than others, but much of that is simply a matter of taste.

Sadly, there are people who have tried to lean on their human reasoning and experience, determining what they will and will not do and believe based on personal preference and taste. They do not see Scripture as authoritative. In our postmodern age, people have tried to make our culture—with its peculiar tastes, desires, and leanings—preeminent over God’s revealed truth. When this is the case, a society can put sins like abortion, homosexuality, adultery, living together, modern dancing, immodesty, and greed into the palatable and even desirable category. Thesame group may put godly traits of character like honesty, courtesy, commitment, conviction, faithfulness, and the like into the distasteful category.

I remember my dad preaching a sermon about “Cafeteria-Style Religion.” Back in those days, cafeteria-style restaurants were more common and popular. You walk in the restaurant, walk past meats, vegetables, breads, and desserts, putting only what you wanted on your tray while rejecting the rest. The spiritual application of that, that people pick and choose what commands of God to obey and what to ignore, is even truer today than it was then. Today, it is not just doctrinal matters but also moral matters.

We need to remember this. Scripture itself speaks of a way that seems right to a man that leads to death (Prov. 16:25). It is not in man to direct his own steps (Jer. 10:23). Paul had been responsible for Christians’ deaths, yet could say in Acts 23:1 that he had lived with a clean conscience before God to that very day. God has left a complete revelation that has been preserved, despite what agenda-driven skeptics say. Our task is to swallow that, but to spit out any alternative authority.

—*written by Neal Pollard*

*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  
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# Fill 'er Up!

So, how do you decide when to put gas in your car? Do you wait until you've got some money, then put in ten bucks worth of gas until you can put in another \$10? Do you wait until you're near a "cheaper" station and get gas there (with little regard for the exact amount already in your tank)? Do you start paying attention when your gauge gets below half-a-tank? Or, is it when it hits a quarter-of-a-tank? Or, do you wait until the light goes on next to the gauge indicating low fuel? Do you watch your "miles until empty" display and take it all the way to zero? Do you let the needle get below the "E" and just run on fumes for a while? Or, do you let it get nearly empty and then get your spouse to drive it so that he/she can fill it up?

Then, when you get gas, what do you do at the pump? Do you pull all the way to the last open pump or do you stop at the first empty one? Do you pay with cash inside or credit outside? Do you select 87, 89 or 93 octane? Do you use the auto-lock on the handle or do you hold it with your hand the whole time? Do you top it off or stop filling when the pump kicks off? Do you try to drain any remaining fuel that's in the hose into your tank or do you just put the handle back? We all have our various habits and methods for getting gas and most of us would suggest that our way of doing it makes the most sense.

Here's the point to this article: how do you decide when to fill up your faith and what do you do to fill it up? "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Do you wait until you have a "convenient time" and then drop in to get some faith? Do you start paying attention when you're feeling about half-way between the world and the Lord? Or, do you wait until your faith is down to a "quarter-of-a-tank"? Do you let your faith needle get below "E" and then try to run on faith fumes for a while? If you don't have a regularly scheduled time to fill up your faith from the Word of God, then you do not have this as a priority! You might think your way is the best way and makes the most sense, but if it's not building and sustaining your faith, it's failing!

When you do fill up your faith, what do you do? Do you try to get it really quick? Do you take whatever is easiest to get at the moment? Do you let someone else do the work for you or do you dig in yourself and "get your hands dirty"? Do you try to get every last drop that you can? Do you ever "top it off"? If you're not persistently diligent in filling up your faith from the Word of God, then it's not a priority for you! The quickest and easiest way to get it done is not a successful plan (This was obtained from the same site as the previous article)!

— *written by David Sproule*

# JESUS WEPT (John 11:35)

## Jesus who is...

God (John 1:1)  
Son of God (Mathew 16:16)  
The Word (John 1:1)  
The Messiah (Daniel 9:25-26)  
Lamb of God (John 1:29)  
Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)  
Alpha and Omega (Revelation 22:13)  
The Creator (John 1:3)  
The Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4)  
Righteous Judge (2 Timothy 4:8)  
Our Mediator (Hebrews 12:24)  
The King of Kings & Lord of Lords  
(1 Timothy 6:15)  
Anointed (Acts 4:27)  
Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14)  
The Door (John 10:7)  
The Good Shepherd (John 10:11 & 14)  
Great High Priest (Hebrews 3:1)  
Our Propitiation (Romans 3:25)  
The Resurrection (John 11:25)  
Author & Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)  
Head of the Church (Ephesians 5:23)  
Saviour of the body (Ephesians 5:23)  
The Apostle (Hebrews 3:1)  
Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)  
The Light (John 8:12)  
The Way, Truth, & Life (John 14:6)  
Bread of Life (John 6:35)  
Living Bread (John 6:51)  
Great Physician (Mark 2:16-17)  
Friend (John 15:13-15)  
Hope (1 Timothy 1:1)  
Peace (Ephesians 2:14)  
Example (1 Peter 2:21)  
Prophet (Acts 3:22)  
Vine (John 15:1 & 5)  
Almighty (Revelation 1:8)

...wept.

He showing His humanity, His humility, and His compassion for His creation. He wept for a friend who had died, as well as for friends who were still living. He wept because those around Him hurt. He wept because He hurt. Perhaps He wept because those around Him still held more concern for physical life than for eternal life.

"I am resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26)

*-written by Randy Collum, Preacher  
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Thank you all who were able to make it (and those who wanted to come but could not) to my Post-Operation Diet-Liberation Celebration on Friday. I, along with others, greatly enjoyed the fellowship, food, and fun. No family is like church family. Thank you again for your continual prayers, thoughts, love, and support.

Love,  
Clifton

## *Sermon Review*

### **The church of Christ: the First Meeting**

(Acts 2:1-13)

- I. The Period
- II. The Place
- III. The People
- IV. The Purpose

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Seth Daniel** was diagnosed with pneumonia; **Joe Owen** has diverticulitis; **Tim, II** is in the Philippines along with many others for a 2-week mission trip. **Tim, Sr., Lynn, & Ginger** are going on a mission trip to England very soon. **Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sue Cobern; Helen Bowman; Clifton Angel** continues to steadily improve. He will have a one-time radioactive in the first full week in August.

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

## Family & Friends

**Raleigh Wooten**, heart attack, but doing better after bypass surgery; **JoAnn Prestage**, Sara Norris' sister, cancer; **Kenneth Webb**, Krystal's grandfather, not doing well at all; **Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant; **Curtis Cates; Ralph Thomason**, Molly's friend's father; **Linda Perkins**, Tim West's mother-in-law, leukemia; **Mac Owen; Jim Murrell; Bob Spurlin; Kam Spencer**, multiple health problems; **Andy Jones**, esophagus cancer; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Julie Jones; Sharon Free; Brad & Sheri Daniel; Noah Judd; Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **John Simpson and family; Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks; Frederick Bland; Barbara Denton** stage three cervical cancer. **Brigman Family; Janice Jenkins; Carla Carlson; Greg Myers; Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinsworth; Andrew Hagedwood; 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	7/19	Toranda House
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/24	Jayce Brown
7/6	Cali Bayless	7/31	Porter Ferrell
7/7	Aemon Ratliff		
7/13	Seth Daniel		

## Recent Baptisms

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

## Get Involved!

**Parents of the Youth Meeting -- TODAY**  
Between Services

**Providence Place Devo -- TODAY -- 2PM**

**Nesbit VBS -- July 15 – 19 -- 7PM**  
Theme: "Mountains of Truth"

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

**Devotional at the Tuggles' -- July 21**

**POWER Lectures at Southaven -- July 21–25**  
Theme: "Barnabas: The Disciple That Was Nicknamed Encouragement"

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 14

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeremy Moore
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Assist	Billy Bland
	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Wednesday, July 17

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell