

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST July 18, 2021



Are You Decent?

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"Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). Paul wrote these words in the portion of his letter which pertained to proper usage of spiritual gifts and proper conduct in worship. Interestingly, this is the only occasion the word "decent" is used in English Bible. In other places, the same Greek word is translated as "comeliness" (1 Corinthians 12:23), "comely" (12:24; 7:35), "honorable"

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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(Mark 15:43; Acts 13:50; 17:12), and "honestly" (Romans 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:12). Because they are the same Greek word with the same contextual meaning, we could replace "honestly" with "decently" in Romans 13:13 and 1 Thessalonians 4:12. Let us consider these two passages in light of seeking to be decent people.

"Let us walk decently, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying" (Romans 13:13). "Rioting" here means a drinking party. "Drunkenness" means just that—intoxication. "Chambering" carries the meanings of defiling the marriage bed, premarital sexual activity, or cohabitation. "Wantonness" is "sexual vice of all kinds prevailed in heathenism" (A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament*). "Strife" is unnecessary division. "Envying" would include jealousy that leads to ill will toward those we envy. These things are not decent.

"That ye may walk decently toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing" (1 Thessalonians 4:12). Let's notice also the verse before this one. "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we

commanded you" (1 Thessalonians 4:11). "Study to be quiet" means it is your ambition to be peaceable and to be at peace. "Do your own business" means quit wasting precious time meddling in others' lives for the purpose of satisfying your insecurity or satisfying your love of strife. Then, "Work with your own hands." Paul said it this way to the church in Ephesus: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28). The context of 1 Thessalonians 4 was concerning Christians who thought Jesus' final coming was imminent. It is honorable that they were so desirous of Jesus' return; however, they were neglecting the basic needs of life (working and staying focused) to the point that they became busy-bodies in others matters and burdens to those who continued to work. Such is not decent!

These are just a few things mentioned explicitly in connection with the word that can be translated "decent." Obviously, there are several other things and actions we could add to the lists of indecency by looking at other passages. The question remains for each of us: Are you decent?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Leigh Anne Owen, recovering from back surgery; **Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Noah Davis**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

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

Family & Friends

Betty Culbreath, went to ER for blood clot in lungs, at home now with meds; **Phillip Patton**, preacher in TX and friend to many, serious battle with covid pneumonia; **John Edwards**, Caryn Reagan's father, in ICU because of covid; **Madison Meredith & family**; **Peery family**; **Jimmy Bland**, in hospice care, has had some good days recently.

Birthdays

7/2	Noah Davis
7/3	Marc Strickland
7/4	Inez Neyman
7/6	Cali Bayless
7/7	Aemon Ratliff
7/9	Oliva Wofford
7/14	Jason Bayless
7/31	Porter Ferrell

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12:15

Southaven VBS: July 24, 8:45 – 12

See flyer on bulletin board and RSVP

Coldwater Singing Night: July 28, 7 PM
Song-leaders, give song selections to Clifton

Anniversaries

7/3	Sammy & Grace Williams
7/3	Carl & Ginna Honeycutt
7/14	Clifton & Lara Angel
7/26	Michael & Terri Sykes

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 18

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Marc Strickland
Assist	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Closing Prayer	Tim Wilkes II

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, July 21

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Andy Ratliff

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	