

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 21, 2013



GOD IS COLORBLIND

Quite often, when someone learns that I am colorblind, they begin to quiz my ability to see colors. "What color is this?" "And how about this one—what color is this?" Colorblindness is not the same for every person that experiences it. For example, I know a man that is so red-green colorblind that if he were to approach a traffic light that had been turned on its side, he would not know which side was red and which side was green. While I do have some red-green colorblindness, it is not that extreme. Here is my point—I still see color. I can observe its beauty and praise God for His handiwork. But when it comes to making a distinction between two colors, there are some with which I have trouble, so I choose not to make those distinctions if I can get away with it (e.g., determining someone's eye color).

When it comes to our relationships with our fellow man, we need to develop colorblindness. A friend recently said, "Human beings are strange. We look at all the different colored flowers and say, 'how beautiful,' but our attitude changes when we look at all the different colored people God made." We need to be able to observe the beauty of the different colors without making distinctions. I see this trait in God. "For there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11). No gender, no color, no nationality, no cultural background, nor social status can prevent a person from obeying the Gospel and becoming a child of God. Paul, by inspiration of God, put it like this: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28).

Part of me wants to marvel that the world around us is still caught up in racism (distinctions of skin colors), but I understand that division is of the devil, and as long as the world follows him, it will be present. What is astonishing is when those that are in Christ make such distinctions—such ought not to be so! God is colorblind. He delights in the beauty of colors, not the division of them. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). To God be the glory.

—written by *Clifton Angel*

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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each Sunday at 12:30

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WEEKLY CHALLENGES

provided by the Durham church of Christ

7/20/13 -- GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT

Acts 20:35 states, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Often times this passage is used along with others to explain the blessings of giving financially or physically of our means- such use is certainly beneficial and accurate given the context of the verse. However, what if the principle stated in Acts 20:35 were to be applied to an area that did not pertain to the physical needs of men? What if the we challenged ourselves to apply it to the realm of encouragement?

Have you ever been encouraged? I would image that most of us have by someone at some point in our lives. How does it make you feel when others esteem you highly and build you up toward faithfulness? I know that it gives me confidence, conviction, and comfort. It is certainly a blessing to receive encouragement; however, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The challenge this week is to "be blessed" by encouraging others. Build others up in the faith (cf. Jude 20), esteem others better than yourself (cf. Phil 2:3-4), and praise others for walking in the truth (cf. 2 John 4). Accept this week's challenge by seeking to give the encouragement to others that, when given to you, builds you up in your faithfulness to the Lord.

7/15/13 -- SEE YOURSELF AS A PREACHER!

Often times, we can see the preacher that works amongst the congregation as someone who visits the sick, evangelizes the lost, teaches the faithful, and greets visitors to our services. Certainly, preachers are teachers of God's word and are going to be accountable for such (cf. Jam 3:1). However, these duties to which the preacher is able able to commit himself full time does not relieve the members with whom the preacher works from fulfilling their responsibilities to the Lord. In 2 Cor 5:10, Paul explains that each person will all be judged according to "the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." There is no such thing as a "proxy Christian"- that is one who delegates his service to the Lord to another who will accomplish it for him. Christ did not say he would only judge preachers as to whether they cared for the sick (cf. Matt 23:31-46). He did not tell the apostles that the great commission was to be taught to only those who would preach, but unto all those who were baptized (cf. Matt 28:18-20). Teaching the faithful was not commanded to be carried out by only preachers, but unto all who are full age and are faithful themselves (cf. Heb 5:11-14; 2 Tim 2:2). Compassion, love and concern toward those who visit services of the church are not exclusively expected of preachers, but such is commanded to the "brethren" according to the book of James (cf. Jam 2:1-5).

The challenge this week is to begin changing how you view yourself. If you see preachers as those who are expected to carry out certain types of duties that you yourself are excused from, then begin today viewing yourself as a preacher also! Much of the work to be accomplished by preachers, as perceived by those within the congregation, is not specific to preachers only, but rather, such is commanded of all!

BARNABAS: THE DISCIPLE WHO WAS NICKNAMED ENCOURAGEMENT

POWER Lectureship at Southaven church of Christ: July 21 – 25, 2013

Sunday, July 21

- 9:30 a.m. – Rick Brumback – “And Taught Much People: Encouraging Those Who Teach God’s Word” (Acts 11:25-26)
10:30 a.m. – Patrick Morrison – “And Took With Them John: Encouraging Others Through Mentoring (Acts 12:25; Gal. 2:1)
6:00 p.m. – Burt Jones – “Encouraging God’s People In Song”
7:00 p.m. – Matt Vega – “For He Was A Good Man: Encouraging Ethical Behavior” (Acts 11:24)

Monday, July 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Chris Clevenger – “Encouraging Daily Bible Study”
10:00 a.m. – Jason Chesser – “Barnabas Departed...To Seek Saul: Encouragement That Comes From Teaming Up For The Lord” (Acts 11:25)
11:00 a.m. – Gary Colley – “No Small Dissension And Disputation: Encouraging Brethren To Stand Up For Sound Doctrine” (Acts 15:1-21)
12:00 am. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Robert Stapleton – “Encouraging Christians To Redeem Their Time”
2:00 p.m. – Brent Arnold – “Who Called for Barnabas...and Desired to Hear the Word of God: Encouragement that comes from Hungry Souls”
2:00 p.m. – LADIES CLASS: Cindy Colley – Encouragers In The Home: “Encouraging Christian Women As Wives & Mothers”
7:00 p.m. – Kyle Butt – Encouraging Family Devotionals: Bringing Our Children Up In The Nurture & The Admonition Of The Lord
8:00 p.m. – Clark Sims – “Let Us Go Again”: The Recurring Need For Encouragement (Acts 15:36)

Tuesday, July 23

- 9:00 a.m. – Neil Richey – “But Barnabas Took Him In: Encouraging New Converts And New Members” (Acts 9:23-28)
10:00 a.m. – Brad McNutt – “Encouraging Daily Prayer”
11:00 a.m. – Michael McDaniel – “The Hands Of Barnabas: Encouraging Those Who Handle The Lord’s Money” (Acts 11:30)
12:00 am. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Willie Alverenga – “Turning To The Gentiles: Encouragement That Can Come From Turning To Other Cultures” (Acts 13:46-49)
2:00 p.m. – Paul Sain – “Encouraging Brethren To Practice Church Discipline”
2:00 p.m. – LADIES CLASS: Sheila Butt – Encouragers In The Nation: “Encouraging Christian Women As Citizens”
7:00 p.m. – Floyd Rogers – “And Laid It At The Apostle’s Feet: The Encouragement Of Liberal Giving” (Acts 4:37)
8:00 p.m. – John DeBerry – “Shaking Off The Dust Of Discouragement” (Acts 13:50-52)

Wednesday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. – Randy Collum – “Encouraging Diligence In Deacons”
10:00 a.m. – Tony Edwards – “Then...Barnabas Waxed Bold: Encouraging Men And Women To Be Strong And Courageous” (Acts 13:46)
11:00 a.m. – Keith Mosher, Sr. – “Encouraging Those Who Are Grieving ...”
1:00 p.m. – Ben Giselbach – “Encouraging Young People To Remember Their Creator”
2:00 p.m. – Robert Jefferies – “And They Called Barnabas, Jupiter: Encouraging People To Exalt The Lord Rather Than Men” (Acts 14:8-18)
2:00 p.m. – LADIES CLASS: Jennifer Webster – Encouragers In The Local Congregation: “Encouraging Christian Women As Sisters In Christ”
7:00 p.m. – David Sproule – “Encouraging Husbands And Wives As Heirs Together Of The Grace Of Life”
8:00 p.m. – Jason Rollo – “When They Had Fulfilled Their Ministry: Encouragement That Comes From Seeing A Task To Fruition” (Acts 12:25)

Thursday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. – Jason Hilburn – “The Exhortation Of Barnabas: With Purpose Of Heart Cleave Unto The Lord” (Acts 11:23; 13:43)
10:00 a.m. – Chance Hicks – “Carried Away With Dissimulation: When The Great Encourager Became Discouraged” (Gal. 2:11-16)
11:00 a.m. – B.J. Clarke – “Barnabas: A Man Full Of The Holy Ghost And Faith”
12:00 am. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Clifton Angel – “Encouraging Those That Are Single”
2:00 p.m. – Kyle Gilpin – “The One Hope: Encouraging People To Think About Heaven”
2:00 p.m. – LADIES CLASS: Samea Collins – Encouragers In The Community: “Encouraging Christian Women As Personal Workers”
7:00 p.m. – Tom Holland – “And The Contention Was So Sharp: Encouraging Brethren To Resolve Conflicts” (Acts 15:36-41)
8:00 p.m. – Robert R. Taylor, Jr. – “Beloved Barnabas: What Made This Man So Loveable?” (Acts 15:25)

Sermon Review

The church of Christ: First Message

(Acts 2:14–41)

- I. PETER’S INTRODUCTION
- II. PETER’S DISCUSSION
- III. PETER’S CONCLUSION

God’s People: Loved and Distinguished

(Malachi 1:2–5)

- I. AN OBSERVATION OF THE TEXT
- II. SOME APPLICATIONS FROM THE TEXT

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Seth Daniel is doing much better; **Joe Owen** has diverticulitis; **Tim, II** is returning home from Philippines this week. **Tim, Sr., Lynn, & Ginger** are on a mission trip in England. **Many others** are traveling and away for various reasons. **Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sue Cobern; Helen Bowman; Clifton Angel**, steadily improving. one-time radioactive in first full week in August.

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Family & Friends

Kenneth Webb, Krystal's grandfather, not doing well at all; **John Simpson**, man who is bed-ridden with a trachea tube, had hopes of removing the tube recently but could not happen, and is currently being treated at Baptist Desoto for other issues that have arisen; **Roy Cobern**, Sue's brother-in-law, fell from a ladder last week, breaking face bones, wrist, and 8 ribs, is being treated at the Med; **Raleigh Wooten**, heart attack, but doing better after bypass surgery; **JoAnn Prestage**, Sara Norris' sister, cancer; **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; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks; Frederick Bland; Barbara Denton; Brigman Family; Janice Jenkins; Carla Carlson; Greg Myers; Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinsworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; David Bragg**

Birthdays

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

Get Involved!

Devotional at the Tuggles' -- TODAY
directly following afternoon service

POWER Lectures at Southaven -- July 21-25
"Barnabas: The Disciple That Was Nicknamed Encouragement"
Lectures every day and every night
See schedule in the foyer

Redbirds Game -- August 3 -- 6:05 PM
See signup sheet, last day to signup is July 28

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- August 4

Trade Days Booth -- August 10
See Andy for any questions; Youth to help again

Providence Place Devo -- August 11 -- 2 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 21

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Ron Johnson
	Joe Owen
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Seth Daniel

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Wednesday, July 24

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeremy Moore