

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST July 25, 2021



MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD

Written by Clifton Angel



According to Luke's account, Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel and informed of the child she would conceive by the Holy Spirit – a miraculous conception which would lead to the virgin birth of the Messiah. Furthermore, she was informed of her cousin Elizabeth conceiving her first child in her old age and ...

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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... being about 6 months along. Mary immediately went to visit Elizabeth, and upon Mary's entrance, Elizabeth's child (John the baptizer) leaped in her womb, and she was inspired by the Holy Spirit to prophesy of the child within Mary. Mary's response was to immediately sing a song which has sometimes been called "Magnificat" (Read Luke 1:46-55). Her words begin: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47). In many other words, Mary goes on to praise God essentially for allowing her to be His servant. Do others see and hear the same attitude in us?

The definition of the word translated "magnify" (Greek *megaluno*) is "to enlarge, boast, grow." Generally, we use a magnifying glass or magnifying lens to make something appear larger so we can view it or read it. Just last month, I was trying to read very small print on an automotive electrical connector, and I could not because I did not have a magnifying glass.

Considering what it means to magnify something or someone, let's ask ourselves some important questions. Are we magnifying Christ in our lives, so that others do not need a magnifying glass to see Him? Are we magnifying Him in our speech? Are we magnifying Him in our social interactions (at work, at play, at school, online)? Are we magnifying Him in our spirits (attitudes)? Are we magnifying Him in our service? Are we magnifying Him in our steps (our continual walk through life)?

Or, is He so small that it would take a spiritual magnifying glass to find Him in us? We WILL magnify something or someone in our lives. Far too often it is ourselves, our selfish ambitions, our careers, our hobbies, our opinions, and the list could continue. May others see and hear the words of Mary in our lives: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Leigh Anne Owen; Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold; Wiley Tuggle; Noah Davis; Clarence & Faye Edwards; Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Bailey Raines family, young daughter of Ginger's co-worker, she passed from cancer; **Jimmy Bland**, in hospice care, we rejoice in his baptism into Christ on last Saturday afternoon; **Ally Tidwell**, Mischel's grandmother; **Betty Culbreath**, recovering from blood clot in lungs; **Phillip Patton**, preacher in TX and friend to many, serious battle with covid pneumonia; **John Edwards**, Caryn Reagan's father.

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

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 25

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jason Bayless
Assist	Dalton Owen
	Jerry Davis
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Tim Wilkes II

Wednesday, July 28

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Kevin Dixon

TECH: Davis Johnson
HALL: