

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 29, 2012



A State of Calm

by Stephen Scaggs

Ever have a feeling of worry? Of nervousness? Of unease? Ever feel this way concerning an imminent event or something that you did not know how it would turn out? Then you have suffered from anxiety. It is a common problem and a natural response to stress. It is not inherently evil per se, but like any emotion not under control, it can wreck havoc on your physical health, on your emotional esteem and on your spiritual wellbeing. It is so easy to allow things to creep in between God and you.

Anxious (i.e., anxiety) is a term coined in the early 17th century from the Latin term *anxius* (from *angere* meaning “to choke”) + *-ous*. Anxious and eager both mean ‘looking forward to something.’ The different connotation is that eager suggests enthusiasm about something, a positive outlook: “I’m eager to get started before it rains.” Anxious implies worry about something: “I’m anxious to get started before it rains.”

Christ himself taught concerning anxiety. He taught, “Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye...

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 on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?” (Mat. 6:25) The Holy Spirit does not reveal himself as he did in the first century, but he has given his inspired word, so that when “they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities” we do not have to be “anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say” (Luke 12:11), as workmen who have no cause to be ashamed (2 Tim. 2:15).

What are reasons to not be anxious? It cannot add even a single hour to the span of your life (Mat. 6:27). It weighs down a man’s heart (Pro. 12:25). It often impairs our Christian responsibilities (Luke 10:41-42). How do we respond to the anxiety? “In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Php. 4:6b). Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you” (1 Pet. 5:6-7). In the following verse, we are warned of the devil. He will use every opportunity, every sleight of hand, will stoop to any level to stumble you and render you helpless. He will use friends against you. He will use family against you. He will use yourself against you.

Imagine anxiety as a potential roadblock between you and God. It cuts off a clear path: not because God put it there, but because anxiety causes us to lose focus on things that really matter. It can make us focus on temporal, earthly-minded ways of success. Instead, let us focus on things that truly matter. Let us “seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mat. 6:33).

Suggested Reading: Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:4-7; Proverbs 12:25; Psalm 23.

ARE YOU CONTAGIOUS?

by Kevin Pendergrass

There is a terrible disease going around the churches today!

This disease is more deadly than AIDS or cancer! In fact you may not even know if you have it. This disease, called "SCC," is spreading quickly. You may be thinking to yourself, "What is 'SCC?'" SCC stands for "Scripturally Challenged Christian."

In 2 Timothy 2:15 Paul writes, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

As Christians we need to be able to defend our faith! 1 Peter 3:15 says, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Does this verse mean that we must know

everything that there is to know? Of course not! But what it does mean is that we have to defend the TRUTH!

This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

Sunday:	Isaiah 5 – 8
Monday:	Isaiah 9 – 12
Tuesday:	Isaiah 13 – 17
Wednesday:	Isaiah 18 – 22
Thursday:	Isaiah 23 – 27
Friday:	Isaiah 28 – 30
Saturday:	Isaiah 31 – 35

John 8:32 tells us, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Hosea 4:6 says, "My people were destroyed for lack of knowledge." Ignorance is not going to be an excuse on Judgment day (Acts 17:30)!

We must study God's word and put God first! (Matthew 6:33). After all, we and everyone else will be judged by the words of Jesus (the New Testament) in the Last Day (John 12:48)!

Let us be contagious in a good way by spreading God's word instead Scriptural ignorance so that we can save both ourselves and those who hear us (1 Timothy 4:16)!

Sermon Review

One Week to Live

In the last week of his life, Jesus...

- I. Spent time with children (Luke 18)
- II. Spent time with chief sinner (Luke 19)
- III. Encouraged Preparation (Matt 24)
- IV. Taught Preparation & Judgment (Matt 25)
- V. Prayed for Father's Will (Matt 26)
- VI. Suffered & Died for You & Me (Matt 27)

The Good News of Forgiveness

- I. Forgiveness Requires God
- II. Forgiveness Requires Growth
- III. Forgiveness Requires Giving

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Billy Bland in his recovery from back trouble.
Wiley & Betty Tuggle;
Herbert & Helen Bowman;

OpenDoor Ministry
Fishers of Men
Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Elbert Key Family, in his recent passing. **Lauren Jackson**, the 2nd look concerning possible cancer is looking to be a possible positive. **Gema Winchester** has stage 4 stomach cancer and is not doing well, they have now found a tumor preventing normal eating and she will have to have feeding tubes inserted for direct feeding--Jonathan and Gema are a young couple with two young children. **Carla Carlson**, in her battle with cancer. **Matthew Canada** (5), has down syndrome, but was also diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. **Franklin Taylor**, friend of Daniel's, has cancer. **Eli Williams**, and his battle with cancer. **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler; **Ray Maples; Wayne Collinsworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

August Birthdays

8/10 Caleb Baker	8/21 Sue Cobern
8/15 Carolyn Davis	8/23 Angie Staten
8/16 Clifton Angel	8/25 Addie Bayless
8/16 Alianna Davis	8/26 Jim Jackson
8/19 Helen Bowman	8/28 Jerry Davis
8/19 Ron Johnson	

August Anniversaries

8/2	Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/5	Tim & Rachel Wilkes
8/18	Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012
Let's continue to read and study together!!

5th Sunday Singing & Devo -- TODAY
During 1 PM Service

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- Aug 5
Following PM service

Providence Place Devo -- Aug 12 -- 2PM

Memphis Redbirds Game -- Aug 25

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 29

Morning

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

Evening

Song Leader	Jared Brown (et al.)
Opening Prayer	Seth Daniel
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Wednesday, August 1

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Ron Johnson