

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Getting to Know God

by Clifton Angel

“Let us stop living like the world around us and start living like the God above us.” Sounds good, does it not? It has a nice ring to it. It is arranged in a parallel fashion. Many people like it when they hear it. But what does it really mean? Can we really stop living like the world around us and begin living like the God above us?

Some will scoff and say, “Of course we cannot stop living like the world around us; we must work, eat, sleep...” To that, I would say the statement is not trying to take us out of this world, but to properly prepare us for a life out of this world (c.f. 1 Cor 5:10; 1 John 2:15-17). Others will adjure that such should not be attempted because we are wholly depraved and that is the reason God sent His Son. To that, I would ask for Scriptural evidence, for the Bible commands that we endeavor to be complete and holy (c.f. 2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 Pet 1:15-16). We really can stop living like the world around us and begin living like the God above us; however, it requires us first knowing who God is.

In his manuscript (“The Greatest Sermon on God—Acts 17”) for the 2003 Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship (*God the Father*), Barry M. Grider stated:

It is hard for the human mind to comprehend God. Perhaps this is the reason that man has for centuries bowed down to...

*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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...idols of gold, silver, stone, and wood. However, there is no greater responsibility given to a preacher than making God known. Paul said, “Him [God] declare I unto you.”

Paul could only know and declare of God what was revealed to him, and so it is the case for us also. We can only know of God what He has revealed to us.

He has given us general revelation. *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even*

*his eternal power and Godhead”* (Rom

1:20). God created by His Word (John

1:1-3; Ps. 33:6-9), and His creation speaks in

such a way that our invisible God is made

visible through His handiwork. After being

asked 70 questions, which caused Job to

focus on the beauty of creation around him

and the wisdom of the Creator above him, he

proclaimed to God, *“I have heard of thee by*

*the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee”* (Job 42:5). David wrote in an

unforgettable psalm, *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth*

*his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.*

*There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard”* (Psalm 19:1-3). One

way that we can truly get to know and see our God is through His general revelation,

creation.

He has given us special revelation. *“All*

*scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is*

*profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction,*

*for instruction in righteousness: That the man of*

*God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all*

*good works”* (2 Tim 3:16-17). The Scriptures are

God’s special, or specific, revelation to man. They

are from His very breath, inspired by His Holy...



...Spirit. *“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”* (2 Pet 1:21). Paul spoke with certainty that the Gospel he preached was *“by the revelation of Jesus Christ”* (Gal 1:11-12), and the Bible tells us the means by which (or Whom) Jesus revealed His Will to His apostles—by the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). It amazes me how many people claim to be Spirit-led, yet they have never heard what the Spirit said. The only way to get to know God in a more specific way, to know Who He is and what He desires for us, is through His special revelation, the Bible. May we all say like Jeremiah, *“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps”* (Jer 10:23).

Will you join us in our journey of getting to know God? Nearly each Sunday throughout the 2012 year’s end, Lord willing, will provide another sermon within a

series of “Getting to Know God”. Let us stop living like the world around us and start living like the God above us! How well do you know Him?

**This Week’s Daily Bible Reading:**

Sunday:	Isaiah 36 – 41
Monday:	Isaiah 42 – 44
Tuesday:	Isaiah 45 – 48
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49 – 53
Thursday:	Isaiah 54 – 58
Friday:	Isaiah 59 – 63
Saturday:	Isaiah 64 – 66

*Sermon Review*

**God: He is (Part 1)**

- I. The Obvious
- II. The Objectives
- III. The Options
- IV. The Observations
- V. The Outcomes

**God: He is (Part 2)**

- I. Job 42:5
- II. Romans 1:20
- III. Psalm 19:1-3

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Wiley & Betty Tuggle;  
Herbert & Helen Bowman;

OpenDoor Ministry  
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Far East Missions

## Family & Friends

**Mickey Knockart**, Jim's mother, she has an upcoming surgery. **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's dad, recovering from a mini-stroke. **David Angel**, been sick this past week but is some better. **Angel & Stone Family**, in loss of Frances Frady, David Angel's cousin. **Lauren Jackson**, had benign tumor removed and doing well. **Gema Winchester** has stage 4 stomach cancer and is not doing well, 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; **Elbert Key Family 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!!

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- TODAY**  
Following PM service

**Coldwater Trade Day -- Aug 11**

**Providence Place Devo -- Aug 12 -- 2PM**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lectureship at Courtland**  
Aug 12 - 16 -- Theme: God's Families  
See Flyer on Bulletin Board

**Memphis Redbirds Game -- Aug 25**

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, August 5

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Caleb Baker
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Assist	Seth Daniel Joe Owen
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Billy Bland
Closing Prayer	Clifton Angel
	Jerry Davis

#### Evening

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Jason Bayless
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

### Wednesday, August 8

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jared Brown
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Caleb Baker