

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 7, 2011



## A Brief Introduction to the church of Christ

by Allen Webster

The church of Christ dates back to the days of the New Testament (Romans 16:16). It was founded by Christ on the Day of Pentecost, a.d. 33 (Acts 2), not long after His ascension back to heaven. In the years that followed, it rapidly grew to fill Jerusalem, then Judea, Samaria, and finally the whole Roman Empire (Acts 1:8; Colossians 1:23). In America, the first churches of Christ were planted in the late 1700s as the result a movement begun to go back to the Bible and do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names (cf. 1 Peter 4:11).

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:30–31), that the Bible is inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16–17), and that Christ will return to take His kingdom home to God (1 Corinthians 15:24). We emphasize sincere worship (John 4:24), every-member evangelism (Acts 8:4), godly living (Titus 2:11–12), love for each other (John 13:34–35), and helping those in need (James 1:27). We believe the Bible teaches that sinners are saved by learning of Jesus, faith in Jesus, repentance of sin because of Jesus, confession of Jesus, and baptism into Jesus (John 6:44–45; 3:16; Mark 16:15–16; Romans 10:9–10; Acts 2:38). The church of Christ is organized with elders, deacons, preachers, and members, as in New Testament times (Philippians 1:1). It has no governing body on earth higher than the local congregation.

The church of Christ is noted for its emphasis upon returning to New Testament Christianity and for its desire to unite all Christians into one body (1 Corinthians 1:10). We believe that the New Testament is the only rule for faith and practice in religious matters (2 Timothy 3:17; 2 Peter 1:3), and that God's Word must authorize all that is done in Christian worship (Colossians 3:17; Revelation 22:18–19). Thus we try to strictly follow the New Testament. We believe that it is possible to have religious unity in a day of division by simply following the New Testament pattern and putting aside human traditions.

To put it simply, the church of Christ is seeking to be the same church one reads about in the New Testament. We aim to restore its doctrine, its practice, its lifestyle, and its zeal.

*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

5:00 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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### ELDERS

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Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

## GOD HATES...A PROUD LOOK

TEXT: Proverbs 6:16-19.

Our number one goal in life should be to \_\_\_\_\_.

### I. PRIDE'S \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *Pride goeth before \_\_\_\_\_, and an haughty spirit before a fall* (Prov. 16:18).

B. One of the three major categories of temptation is *the pride of life* (1 Jn. 2:16).

C. Pride is a **problem** because of its **abundant** connection in our lives:

I may become prideful in my:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

D. Pride is a **problem** because of the **problems** it causes:

Pride causes problems because it does not:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### II. PRIDE'S \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *And the afflicted people thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_: but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them \_\_\_\_\_* (2 Sam. 22:28).

B. Hell is prepared as a punishment for \_\_\_\_\_'s pride.

C. When we are truly *in Christ*, we cannot help but display the attributes of PRIDE'S \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. PRIDE'S \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Humility is the basis of all \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:2).

B. *Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is \_\_\_\_\_* (Prov. 18:12).

C. We have no better example of humility than that of the living example of Jesus Christ. (\_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_)

D. Pride is involved when one lifts \_\_\_\_\_ up.

### CONCLUSION:

*Jesus made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a \_\_\_\_\_, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross* (Phil. 2:7, 8).

## GOD SPOKE

TEXT: Hebrews 1:1-4.

I. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1).

A. *At sundry times and in \_\_\_\_\_ manners...in time past.*

B. *Unto to the fathers by the prophets.*

II. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2).

A. *In these \_\_\_\_\_ days.*

B. *Through His \_\_\_\_\_.*

III. GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-4).

A. He is God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 9:6; Heb. 10:5; 4:15; 10:10).

B. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things (Matt. 28:18; John 3:16).

C. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the worlds (John 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:16)

D. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's glory ().

E. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's person (John 14:9).

F. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things by the Word of His power  
(Gen. 8:22; 2 Pet. 3:10).

G. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins (Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:7).

H. He is \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven

(Dan. 2:44, 45; 7:13, 14; Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Mark 9:1; Matt. 16:16-20; c.f. Acts 2).

I. He is \_\_\_\_\_ than the angels (Gal. 3:19; c.f. Gal. 1:8).

J. His \_\_\_\_\_ is more excellent (Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:5, 6; Acts 4:12).

### Sermon Review

#### **WHEN PRAYING...**

(Matthew 6:5-8)

- I. BE NOT AS THE HYPOCRITES.
- II. BE NOT AS THE HEATHENS.
- III. PRACTICAL THINGS ABOUT PRAYER.

#### **PRAY AFTER THIS MANNER**

(Matthew 6:9-15)

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes** with full time mission work, and in the expectancy of a new addition to the family!

**April & children**, in TX, visiting family, back Aug. 10.

**Wiley Tuggle** has been having some complications.

Continue to remember **Betty Tuggle**.

### Family & Friends

**Kelly Ann Cooper** (16)--had to have liver transplant.

**Nathan, Carissa, & Aaron Bragg**--Kari's brother, his wife, and their first child (Aaron).

**Earl Price**--blood clots in his lungs.

**Everson Smith**--his son died from a seizure.

**Eugene Spencer**--had quintuple bypass surgery.

**Pat Allen**--wife of one of the elders at the Monroe, GA congregation. The cancer has taken a toll on her lungs and heart; she is on a ventilator and not doing well. Her and her family need our prayers.

**Bob May**--Tim's cousin, is in rehab after stroke.

**Teresa Burdsal**--Bren's sister-in-law, recovering from a massive heart attack.

**Carla Carlson**--undergoing chemo-therapy.

**Janie Brister**--Ruth's sister-in-law, has multiple health problems.

**Cathy Thompson**--has lupus.

**Ray Maples**--undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.

**Lajuan Collums; Luke Cantrell; James Angel; Steve Angel; Jimmy Young; Gloria Angel; Clay Collums; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

**Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.**

### August Anniversaries

Jared & Rebecca Brown 8/02

Ron & Anna Johnson 8/18

### August Birthdays

Caleb Baker 8/10

Carolyn Davis 8/15

Clifton Angel 8/16

Helen Bowman 8/19

Ron Johnson 8/19

Angie Staten 8/23

Addi Bayless 8/25

Jim Jackson 8/26

Jerry Davis 8/28

## Get Involved!

**Sunday Night for the Savior--August 7**

Bring Finger Foods & Contacts!

**Devo @ Providence Place--August 14**

2:00 PM

**Memphis Redbirds Game**

August 13--6:05PM--\$5 per person

Sign up sheet on table in foyer.

**Courtland Annual Lectureship**

August 14-18

**Coldwater Gospel Meeting**

September 11-14

Speaker: John Grubb

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, August 7

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class

Andy Ratliff

Announcements

Jim Jackson

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Johnny Bayless

Assist

Jeffrey Ferrell

Shane Staten

Jared Brown

Opening Prayer

Jason Bayless

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer

Jeremy Moore

#### Evening

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Opening Prayer

Adam Sowell

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Jared Brown

Jeffrey Ferrell

Closing Prayer

Jerry Davis

### Wednesday, August 10

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Prayer

Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Billy Bland