

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Aug 18, 2019



"No One Supported Me,  
But All Deserted Me"

Written by Neal Pollard

These are some of the last words written by one of the greatest men who ever lived. He wrote them while in prison, waiting to die for his faith. He has just spoken of people he trusted who had deserted him. He is lacking even the bare essentials. A man, knowing how difficult his life was, had done additional great harm to him. No wonder he would

*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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Billy Bland

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Jason Bayless Jerry Davis

Jeffrey Ferrell JoeOwen

Andy Ratliff Tim Wilkes, II

John Wofford

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open this window into his suffering soul and let us all look inside. Despite all this, he was not bitter.

Have you ever felt mistreated, even felt like people were actively against you? Or perhaps felt like people you count on abandoned or neglected you when you needed them? Maybe you have suffered for your faith. It is tempting to become bitter, even to lash out against the church and God. Paul is a great example of how to think when you feel unsupported and deserted by those you count on. After making that statement in 2 Timothy 4:16, he says some other things that can help us when we feel, at least in a small way, the way Paul felt.

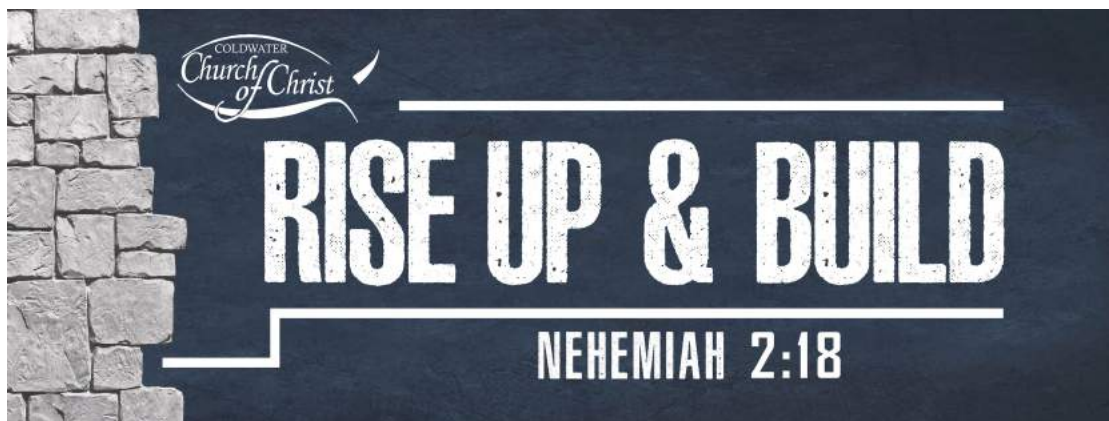
- ***Focus On The Lord.*** He could see how the Lord had helped through his darkest hours in the past (17). But, as importantly, he had confidence that the Lord would help him through future trials (18). Despite his unfair treatment, he could still say, "To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen." When people hurt and disappoint you, look higher!
- ***Find Your Higher Purpose.*** Incredibly, Paul could sift through these sorrows and see God at work to accomplish His will. He's suffering, but he can see a greater good. He says that he endured these hurts "...so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might ...

...hear." Can you look for what God, who doesn't cause suffering, can do to bring good even out of those times? We're prone to feel sorry for ourselves when God may be showing us and others His power through these situations to save souls and help lives.

- **Forgive.** Paul doesn't hold a grudge. Concerning those who let him down and even hurt him, he could say, "May it not be counted against them" (16). Doesn't that sound like a Savior who asked God to forgive His tormentors? What a mindset! We can nurse perceived offenses, but how much better to be magnanimous toward those who we feel failed us in our hour of trial?

If you've never felt unsupported and deserted, you probably will at some future time. The temptation will be great to let it become a spiritual problem for you. Why not remember Paul's response when he was in his deepest valley? It's the way up to the spiritual mountaintop.

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Several traveling for PTP; **Seth Daniel**, diagnosed with cancer; **Ashley Strickland**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**, **Wiley Tuggle**; **Inez Neyman**; **Sarah Norris**; **Sammy Williams**; **Elizabeth Baker**, myalgic encephalomyelitis.

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## Family & Friends

**Maryann Pruiett**, Jeffrey's grandmother; **Diane Mansel**, Dana's mother; **Vicki Angel**, Clifton's mother; **Cooper Swims family**; **Noal Daniel family**; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's dad; **Phillip Vanwinkle**; **Don & Sheri Blackwell**; **Tabby Jenkins and her family**, continue in need of our prayers.

## Birthdays

8/4	Terry Davis	8/17	Dana Davis
8/6	Monica Meredith	8/18	Carl Honeycutt
8/9	Xander Cagle	8/25	Addi Bayless
8/10	Larry Campbell	8/26	Jim Jackson
8/14	Lily Wilkes	8/28	Jerry Davis
8/15	Carolyn Davis	8/30	Hannah Davis
8/16	Clifton Angel	8/31	Kara Strickland
8/16	Whitney Acklin		

## Anniversaries

8/1	Terry & Dana Davis
8/1	John & Suzanne Wofford
8/6	Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/17	Tim & Monica Meredith

## Get Involved!

**Polishing the Pulpit: Aug 16 – 22**

**Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Aug 28, 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night: Aug 28, 7 PM**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: Sep 1**

**Youth Devo: Sep 22, Wadsworth's Hosting**

**Coldwater Door Knocking: Oct 5**

**Coldwater Trade Days Booth: Oct 12**

**Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Oct 13 – 16**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 18

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Closing Prayer	Jason Bayless

Wednesday, August 21

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Billy Bland

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	Jim & Mischel Jackson