

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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I LOVE SPORTS

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Not everyone is "into" sports. In truth, neither enjoying sports, nor finding them uninteresting, makes one more spiritual or more faithful in the Lord's service. Some sports bore me. I have zero interest in participating in them or watching others play them. But when it comes to other sports, I am a confessed lover of them.

I love sports, BUT...

- **I never want to become a person who loves pleasure more than loving God.** God's word says, *"...In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be **lovers of their own selves**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy*

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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Tim Wilkes, II John Wofford

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

*Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God***" (2 Tim. 3:1-4).

- **I do not want to think more about sports than I do about heaven.** *"For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with **our house which is from heaven**"* (2 Cor. 5:1-2).
- **I do not want to talk more about sports than I do about Jesus and His Gospel.** *"... Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and **preached Christ unto them.** ... Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and **preached unto him Jesus**"* (Acts 8:5,35).
- **I do not want to spend more time reading about sports than I do reading God's word.** Upon hearing the Gospel, the people in Berea *"...were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily,** whether those things were so"* (Acts 17:11). The Psalmist wrote, *"O how love I thy law! it [is] my meditation all the day"* (Psa. 119:97,113,163).
- **I never intend to forsake the assembling of the saints in order to attend or watch a sport.** *"Not **forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,** as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"* (Heb. 10:25).
- **I do not want to be described by others as one who "eats, drinks, and sleeps" sports.** *"...Seek those **things which are above,** where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on **things above,** not on things on the earth"* (Col. 3:1-2).
- **I do not want to get so worked up over sports that I become obnoxious or cannot function.** *"Finally, [be ye] all of one mind, having **compassion** one of another, **love as brethren,** [be] pitiful, [be] **courteous.** Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let*

him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord [are] over the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord [is] against them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:8-12).

- **I do not want my references to sports to be a distraction to others during worship services.** "God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psa. 122:1).
- **I have no intention of spending more money on sports than I contribute to my God.** "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).
- **I have no intention of having a falling out with a saint who cheers for my team's biggest rival.** "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31). "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, [even] in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Gal. 5:14).
- **I refuse to allow sports to become an idol, a stumbling block that will keep me out of heaven.** "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and **covetousness, which is idolatry**" (Col. 3:5). "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also [do] ye. And above all these things [put on] charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful" (Col. 3:12-15).

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SPECIAL THANKS

To **Andy Acklin**,

for building our new mailboxes for members.

To **John Wofford**,

for constructing the PowerPoint presentation of our plans for the new building

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Stephanie Bayless; Clifton Angel, thyroid cancer, more tests to come, and surgery in the future; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr; Sammy Williams; Wiley Tuggle; Caleb & Elizabeth Baker; Clarence & Faye Edwards.**

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Family & Friends

Claire Easley, Molly's mom, had successful surgery to remove cancer, will have 5 days of treatment; **Macadden Easley**, Molly's nephew; **Judy Dowling**, Joe's mother; **Tasha (Higginbotham) Johnson**, Stephanie's niece, kidney complications during pregnancy, will be inducing labor; **Martha Hatfield family**, Lynn's grandmother passed; **Dan Talley**, Weslyn's father-in-law, stage 4 lung cancer.

Birthdays

8/4 Terry Davis	8/17 Dana Davis
8/6 Monica Meredith	8/18 Carl Honeycutt
8/10 Larry Campbell	8/19 Ron Johnson
8/10 Caleb Baker	8/19 Will Brooks
8/14 Lily Wilkes	8/25 Addi Bayless
8/15 Carolyn Davis	8/26 Jim Jackson
8/16 Clifton Angel	8/28 Jerry Davis
8/16 Whitney Acklin	8/30 Hannah Davis
	8/31 Kara Strickland

Anniversaries

8/1	Terry & Dana Davis
8/1	John & Suzanne Wofford
8/2	Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/6	Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/17	Tim & Monica Meredith
8/18	Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

See Bulletin Board for New Postings

New mission reports, newsletters, & events

Ark & Creation Museum Trip: POSTPONED

Meeting Sunday to discuss Spring dates

3rd Qtr Series: Aug 29, 7 PM, Seth Daniel
"Let Us Consider One Another" (Heb. 10:24)

Southaven Marriage Seminar: Sep 7 – 9
Westley & Shelley Hazel teaching, see flyer

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Sep 23 –26
Mark Lindley preaching

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 26

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Chris Martin
	Carl Honeycutt
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Terry Davis

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Marc Strickland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

Wednesday, August 29

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	Tim & Rachel Wilkes