

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Sep 1, 2019



Advice From An Older Preacher PART TWO



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Third, "Fight the good fight of the faith." The Christian has been enrolled in God's army, and he called upon to "suffer hardship...as a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:3). There are three words that beg consideration in this admonition of Paul to Timothy. The first is "fight." The child of God cannot compromise, collaborate, or capitulate. There is too much at stake! We must take our stand like Paul

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
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did in the face of the enemy and determine to “give no place in the way of subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth might continue” (Gal. 1:5). The second word is “good.” The fight in which we are engaged is one that is, by its very nature, “good.” It is good because of the eventual outcome of that battle. It is good because it is one to which we are called to engage, and that calling is from God through the Gospel. It is good because it will help the church grow and survive. The third word that begs consideration is “faith.” More specifically it is “the faith.” Paul is not telling Timothy to fight for his own faith, though the young evangelist most certainly must do that. The ASV reads, “fight the **good fight** of the faith” (**emphasis mine, TW**). Jude put it this way: “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). When we engage in spiritual warfare we are defending “the faith,” i.e. the entire system of belief as revealed in the word of God. The admonition to “fight the good fight of faith” is good advice for any preacher, young or old. In fact, it is good advice for all of us!

Fourth, “lay hold on eternal life.” The idea is that we are “get a grip on” the promise of eternal life. Try to imagine someone attempting to pick up an object, or apprehend someone. It used to be that a teacher could “lay hold” of a student and discipline that child for ...

any misbehavior that might disrupt the class. A policeman will “lay hold” of a criminal and thereby arrest him. Eternal life is not something that is going to fall into your lap without any effort on your part. Each one of us must “lay hold” of the promise if we are to receive eternal life!

Timothy evidently heeded the aging apostle’s advice, for the younger man became a travelling companion with Paul and a wonderful servant in the kingdom of the Master. Perhaps Paul’s advice will fall on good and honest hearts in our generation as well.

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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Kevin Dixon, kidney stone **Seth Daniel**, diagnosed with cancer; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**, Wiley **Tuggle**; **Inez Neyman**; **Sarah Norris**; **Sammy Williams**; **Elizabeth Baker**, myalgic encephalomyelitis.

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Shirley Dunn, Geoffrey Dunn's mother; **Wade Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s father; **Maryann Pruiett**, Jeffrey's grandmother; **Diane Mansel**, Dana's mother; **Vicki Angel**, Clifton's mother; **Cooper Swims family**; **Phillip Vanwinkle**; **Don & Sheri Blackwell**; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

Birthdays

9/2 Faye Edwards
9/5 Andy Acklin
9/5 Kevin Dixon
9/5 Jake Sutton
9/11 Molly Ratliff
9/22 Ashley Strickland
9/26 Bren Burdsal
9/26 Geoffrey Dunn

Anniversaries

9/19 Timothy & Lynn Wilkes

Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: TODAY

Providence Place Devo: Sep 8

Ladies' Night: Sep 15, See Lara for details

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, September 1

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson

Assist

Billy Bland
Jerry Davis

Opening Prayer
Sermon
Closing Prayer

Davis Johnson
Russell Wadsworth
Daniel Webster
Jerry Davis

Afternoon

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Sermon
Lord's Supper

Jason Bayless
Andy Ratliff
Daniel Webster
Jerry Davis

Closing Prayer

Davis Johnson
Noah Davis

Wednesday, September 4

Song Leader
Prayer
Invitation
Prayer

Jason Bayless
John Wofford
Noah Davis
Kevin Dixon

TECH:
HALL:

John Wofford
Tim & Rachel Wilkes