

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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You Are Never Alone

Life is often so frustrating that we can easily forget the truth that the child of God is never alone. The last two chapters of the book of Acts so vividly illustrate this. Imagine that you are Paul on his way to Rome to be tried before Nero Caesar. Look at the contrast of the faith he had and how so many would view all that was happening if they had been Paul.

Paul was not alone on the ship. I am not referring to those Christians who were traveling with him (even ...

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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though they provided so much of the comfort God provides for His children), but about God's providential presence in these trying days of Paul's life.

It would have been so easy for Paul to question God in what was happening. The mockery of the trials he had endured kept him a prisoner in Judah. As far as Roman laws were concerned, the Roman governor, Festus, admitted there were no charges to be brought against Paul (Acts 25:25-26), and King Agrippa said, "This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains" (Acts 26:31). Yet, here he was headed to appear before vile Nero.

Look at what was happening on board the ship. Paul could have been put in the charge of any Roman centurion, but he was assigned to the care of Julius. It should not surprise us that Paul found favor in the eyes of the centurion. Paul was not alone on the ship! Though a prisoner, he was given "shore leave" to be with the brethren at Sidon. Luke said, "Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him liberty to go to his friends and receive care" (Acts 27:3).

Paul was not alone during the storm. On this voyage to Rome, a violent storm arose and "...all hope that we would be saved was finally given up" (Acts 27:20). Life is so distressing, but at such times, we must remember that Christians are never alone. In the darkness of night, an angel of the Lord appeared to Paul with the message of hope. What we may overlook is that the angel had been with Paul all the time he was on the ship (Heb. 1:13-14). We are never alone.

Paul was not alone when shipwrecked. It should not surprise us that "...the natives showed us unusual kindness...and made us all welcome" (Acts 28:2). It might be worth considering if the presence of God's children might have something to do with this special treatment. Christians are never alone!

Now, step back from looking at this brief period of Paul's life and think about God's presence in your life. God does not keep us from being wronged by others or from "shipwrecks" in our lives. His providence works in another way. His plan involves this eternal truth—you are never alone!

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Sermon Review

T.E.A.C.H.

- I. **Today** (When?)
- II. **Everyone** (Who?)
- III. **Authority** of (What?)
Christ
- IV. **Habit** (How?)

The Importance of Teaching

- I. **As Christians, We Are Commanded to Teach** (Matt 28:18–20).
- II. **As Teachers, We Are Cautioned** (James 3:1–18).
- III. **As Students, We Are Corrected by Teaching** (2 Tim 3:16–17).
- IV. **As Sinners, We Are Called by Teaching** (2 Thessalonians 2:14).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Timothy Wilkes, Sr., having some complications with his right eye; **Betty Duke**, diagnosed with heart murmur; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings.

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Family & Friends

Willie Grady, cancer has advanced, but beginning to decrease; **Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin, had surgery to remove brain tumor, will have radiation; **George Morris; Bill Fleming; Chuck Livsey family; Yolanda Brady**, husband died; **Noel Daniel**, Seth's brother; **David Steward**, stroke; **Tyler Densford; Harold Russell; Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy; Myrtle McNab; Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry; **Lisa Hogan; Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft; John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen; Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook; Wanda Coats; Henretta Newsom; Tammy Powell; Lawton O'Brien; Pat Hardison; Beverly Whitecotton; Peggy Hunt; Jason Spencer; Elizabeth Baker; Janie Brister; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Frankie Burfield; James Cooper; Renee Loya; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield.**

Birthdays

9/5 Jake Sutton
9/11 Molly Ratliff
9/12 Tren House
9/22 Ashley Strickland
9/26 Bren Burdsal
9/26 Geoffrey Dunn

Anniversaries

9/5 Jake & Milba Sutton
9/19 Tim & Lynn Wilkes
9/27 Wiley & Betty Tuggle

Get Involved!

Bible Bowl Practice – TODAY – Between services

Sun Afternoon For The Savior – TODAY
Between services

Providence Place Devo – Sep 11 – 2 PM

Bible Bowl @ Coldwater – Sep 17 – 4 PM
1 Cor. 1–3; Members, start bringing canned drinks & we will need desserts on that day

John Dean Muppidi Visiting – Sep 18 – 1 PM
Presenting on work in India and future project

Area-Wide Gospel Meeting – Sep 19 – 21, 7 PM
Wade Webster @ South Panola Jr High Auditorium

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 4

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Russell Wadsworth
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Davis Johnson
	Will Brooks
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Chris Martin
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Billy Bland

Wednesday, September 7

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis