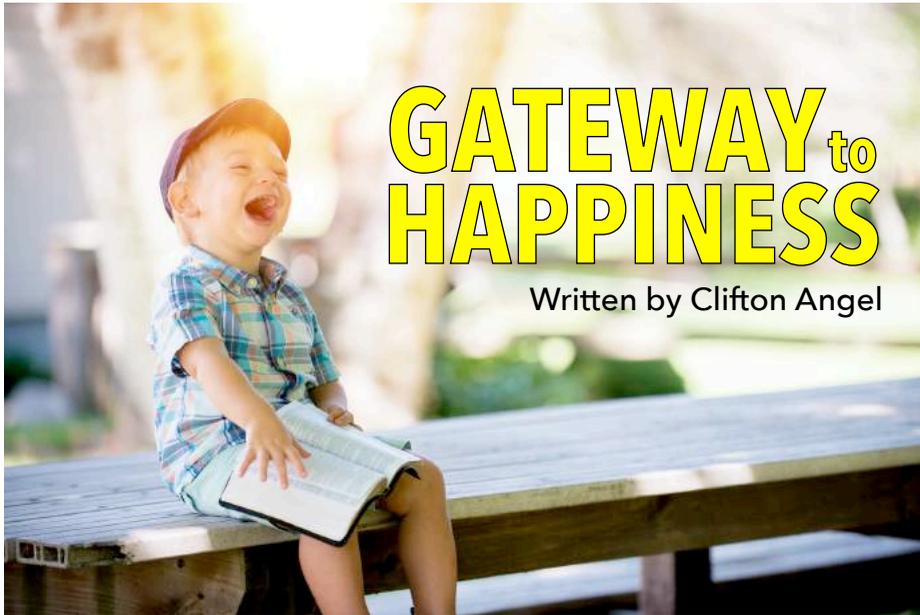


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sep 5, 2021



GATEWAY^{to} HAPPINESS

Written by Clifton Angel

What provides true happiness? I suppose if we could poll the hearts (not everyone answers a poll with what they actually think/feel) of mankind as to their intents toward happiness, there would be a large percentage that seek prosperity, a large percentage that seek a long life, and a large percentage that seek good health. By divine wisdom (cf. 1 Kings 4:29-34) and divine inspiration (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16), Solomon informs us there are some things that ...

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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... provide greater and truer happiness than prosperity, long life, and good health.

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her (Prov. 3:13-18).

Wise Solomon tells us wisdom and understanding are more profitable than silver, gold, rubies, riches, and honor. Wisdom and understanding are greater than "length of days." Wisdom and understanding are greater than good health enjoyed in "pleasantness" and "peace." If true happiness is found in wisdom and understanding, where might they be found? Many would say we have to turn to the intellects of the world. Many would say we must trust the government for our wisdom and understanding. Many say only our modern scientists can provide these. Yet, there stands a greater and truer source for wisdom and understanding than any of these: God.

And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. Thus Solomon's

wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt (1 Kings 4:29-30).

Solomon's source for true wisdom and understanding was God. Granted, such was given to him directly and miraculously; however, we have his words and more in God's Word. Boldly, we can have greater wisdom and understanding than Solomon because we have God's completed revelation to man (cf. 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3; 1 Corinthians 13:10). Paul wrote to Timothy, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

How great are godly wisdom and understanding? They are so great that they provide greater happiness than can be obtained through prosperity, long life, or good health. Finally, Solomon scribed:

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew (Proverbs 3:19-20).

To whom do you turn for your knowledge (cf. Proverbs 1:7)? To whom do you look for your wisdom and understanding?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

**Andy Ratliff; Grace & Sammy Williams;
Ginger Bayless; Mitchell & Mary Alice
Arnold; Wiley Tuggle; Hannah Davis;
Noah Davis; Clarence & Faye Edwards**

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Family & Friends

April Haas Kinney, covid pneumonia; **Ray Maples family**, funeral was Thursday; **Lincoln Hawkins family**, Payton's classmate in high school, recently passed unexpectedly; **Peggy Ward family**; **Teah McWhorter & April Meacham**, covid complications; **Josh Cox**, Dana's cousin's son, severe covid complications; **Randy Williams**, Faye's relative, had open heart surgery Friday; **Jimmy Bland family**; **Larry Yarber family**; **Sherry Gaines**.

Birthdays

9/2 Faye Edwards

9/5 Kevin Dixon

9/5 Jake Sutton

9/11 Molly Ratliff

9/22 Ashley Strickland

9/26 Bren Burdsal

Get Involved!

Coldwater Singing Night: Sep 29, 7 PM
Anyone from the congregation may request songs this month, as it is a "Fifth Wednesday"
Give your song requests to Clifton ASAP

Door Knocking Day: October 2

Trade Days Booth: October 9

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Oct 10 – 13
Tim Hayes preaching

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 5

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Billy Bland
	Kevin Dixon
Assist	Carl Honeycutt
	John Wofford
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	John Wofford
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Wednesday, September 8

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jim Jackson

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	