

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sep. 8, 2013



**CORRECTION!** See inside for a correction on the dates of the Islam DVD series.

**ALSO...** Some changes have been made to our Bible Bowl Schedule & Arrangements

## EXTENDING THE INVITATION

There seems to be a trend among some preachers in our brotherhood to not extend the plan of salvation following a Gospel Sermon. Recently, I worshipped at a congregation where the preacher preached a very good sermon and you could tell he put a lot of time and preparation into his sermon. However, when he closed his message he simply said, "if you have a need, come forward as we stand and sing." Years ago, I remember Gary McDade preaching a point in a sermon about this statement. Gary's response was, "if the need is not specified, someone could bring their light bill and say I need this paid. The people listening need to understand that we are talking about a spiritual need that needs to be taken care of." Before we go any further in our study, let me say this, even though it is not commanded in the New Testament to extend the plan of salvation following a sermon, there are some practices that do not need to cease. Let notice why it is a good practice to extend the invitation following a sermon.

*(continued ...)*

*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 & Pew Packers each Sunday at 12:30

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### DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

### PREACHER

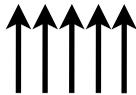
Clifton Angel

***It may be the last invitation that someone hears.*** When a preacher preaches the Gospel there are generally four groups of people to whom he is preaching; 1) The alien sinner, 2) The faithful Christian, 3) The unfaithful Christian, 4) Those that have not reached the age of accountability. For the alien sinner, this is information they need to know. They need to understand they are lost and that God wants them to be saved. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Also, this could be the only invitation that they may ever hear. Therefore, it is the obligation of God's messenger (the preacher) to equip them with the necessary information concerning salvation. Let me close this point by also adding, that there may be someone who is visiting for the very first time, this may be our only chance to teach them the truth, let's be sure that we teach them the truth about salvation as well.

***Christians need to be reminded of what a person needs to do to be saved.*** I think some of our preachers today have convinced themselves that it is no longer necessary to extend the plan of salvation. Perhaps, some feel that everyone knows what to do to be saved. I am completely convinced that the three laws of learning are extremely important; repetition, repetition, repetition. Our brethren need to hear the plan of salvation every week. For example, if a co-worker, family member, classmate, friend, etc., asks the most important question in the world, "what must I do to be saved?" we need to be equipped to answer that question, not by answering this is what I believe, but this is what the Bible says. Unfortunately, many of our brethren could tell you every word to their favorite songs, but could not tell someone what to do to be saved and include Scripture references.

***Conclusion.*** I realize this is not a deep theological study, but I also believe that our brethren are missing out on the basic/foundational principles because some preachers are not teaching them anymore. If we are not careful we will generate a generation that cannot teach others the very basics about Christianity, i.e. "what must I do to be saved?" We cannot sit back and wonder why people do not know, if we are not teaching them.

—*written by Robert Jefferies, Jr.*



## SPECIAL THANKS!

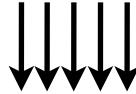
TO ALL WHO DONATED TOWARD THE ASSISTANCE OF A PARTICULAR MOTHER IN TATE COUNTY. EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS TO LYNN, JAN, & AMANDA FOR THEIR WORK IN MAKING SUCH BENEVOLENCE POSSIBLE.

### ALSO...

Bible Bowl events will be held at the building of the respective congregations hosting each month. This month's Bible Bowl has been moved to Sep 21, so as not to interfere with Looxahoma's Ladies Day, and it will be hosted at the Coldwater church of Christ building. We hope that you can be with us that day at 10:30 AM. [Study: Genesis 16-18]

## CORRECTION!

Our series will extend through Oct 27. Previous bulletins and flyers advertised it ending on Oct 20.



**ISLAM**

**A DVD Presentation**  
concerning  
the **Quran**  
and **Christianity**

**When? Every Sunday from Sep 1 - Oct 27**  
[Gospel Meeting Oct 13-16]

**Time? 1:00 PM**

**Where? Coldwater church of Christ**  
2008 Hwy 306 [(662) 622-7951]

**A SEMINAR BY DAVE MILLER, PH.D.**  
BASED ON THE BOOK THE QURAN UNVEILED

### Sermon Review

#### Beware of False Prophets & Teachers

(Matthew 7:15-20)

- I. The Command (v. 15; What?)
- II. The Cause (v. 16; Why?)
- III. The Characteristics (vss. 17-20; How?)

#### ISLAM DVD SERIES

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Brown & Hunt families**, in loss of Jason Hunt, Jared's uncle (memorial service was yesterday); **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**, Betty showing some improvement; **Sue Cobern**; **Helen Bowman**, she is confined more than before because of incidents dangerous to her well-being.

**OpenDoor Ministry**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**Far East Missions**

## Family & Friends

**Andy Jones family**; **Faye Young family**, Faye works with Stephanie and has requested prayers, 11 yr old in ditch in AR was her brother's granddaughter; **Vicky Davis**, cancer; **John Simpson**, able to be back home after supposed stroke; **Mr. Robertson**, Helen Bowman's son-in-law, cancer has returned; **Haley Coe**, Geoffrey's niece, head injury, also experience some complications that may be related; **LaJuan Collums**?, receiving treatments for cancer, battles other health problems also; **Steve Angel**; **Joy Angel**, battling various health problems; **Roy Cobern**; **Raleigh Wooten**, doing much better, still regaining strength after heart procedures; **JoAnn Prestage**, Sara Norris' sister, cancer; **Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant, also has cataracts, & other health problems; **Curtis Cates**, has been back in the hospital, but was able to return home Friday; **Linda Perkins**, Tim West's mother-in-law, leukemia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Kam Spencer**; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**; **Noah Judd**; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks**; **Frederick Bland**; **Barbara Denton**; **Brigman Family**; **Janice Jenkins**; **Carla Carlson**; **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Wayne Collinsworth**; **Andrew Hagewood**; **Janie Brister**; **Chuck Tharp**; **Renee Loya**; **Aubree Harris**; **Virginia Mayfield**; **Peyton Harville**; **David Bragg**

## Birthdays

9/5	Jake Sutton	9/14	April Kinney
9/11	Molly Ratliff	9/26	Bren Burdsal
9/12	Tren House	9/26	Geoffrey Dunn

## Anniversaries

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

## Get Involved!

**Islam DVD Series -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson TODAY -- 1 PM**  
Invite everyone! Refreshments to follow.

**Providence Place Devo -- TODAY -- 2:30 PM**

**Looxahoma Ladies Day -- Sep. 14 -- 9 AM**  
See flyer on bulletin board

**Devo at the Tuggle's Home -- Sep. 15**  
Immediately following close of PM service

**Bible Bowl -- Sep. 21 -- 10:30 AM**  
Location: Coldwater church of Christ building  
Study: Genesis 16-18  
Quizzes online at [www.TheBibleDomain.com](http://www.TheBibleDomain.com)

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 8

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen
	Seth Daniel
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Islam DVD/C.A.
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Dalton Owen
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Wednesday, September 11

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jeremy Moore
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jim Jackson