

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sep 24, 2017



It's football season again—high school, college, and professional football teams all over the nation are beginning their yearly quest for a championship. This football season, millions of fans will cheer for their teams. Those who fill the stands possess certain attitudes that are needed in the hearts of those who fill the pews.

Knowing the Facts

Fans buy magazines, go online, and do the research to get all the info on their team and opponents. They know their team's stats, what years they won championships, what numbers are on the jerseys of their favorite players, what their team is ranked in the polls—all kinds of information! Why? Because they love the sport!

If we love the Lord, there are many things we should know. Just as a ...

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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PREACHER

Clifton Angel

... football fan can tell you all about his favorite players, we should be able to tell people about the men and women of the Bible. We should know all about Job, Esther, Paul, Peter, Matthew, Noah, Moses, David, Daniel, and many more—but especially Jesus.

Just as a football fan knows the rules of the game, we should know the rules of Christianity. We should be able to give the plan of salvation (1 Pet. 3:15). We should be able to tell someone how to worship in spirit and in truth. We should be able to tell someone how to live faithfully, and we should know the penalties for breaking the rules (Rom. 6:23; 1 Jn. 3:4).

Instead of watching sports most of the day on a Saturday, how many chapters of the Bible could have been read during the duration of just one football game? The average college football game lasts “about 3 hours” (Answers.com), and the average adult reads between 200 and 300 words per minute (wpm). Those who enjoy reading typically read above 400 wpm. Many people read at speeds above 800 wpm and maintain excellent comprehension (freereadingtest.com).

Therefore, during the time it would have taken to watch one football game, at an average rate of 250 words per minute, the sports fan could have read Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, First Thessalonians, Second Thessalonians, First Timothy, Second Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, First Peter, Second Peter, First John, Second John, Third John, and Jude, and still have over 35 minutes remaining! That would be 76 chapters of God’s Word, and he would still have time to include First Corinthians, for a total of 92 chapters in three hours! That’s 19 out of the 27 books in the New Testament! Granted, one may read more slowly and want to spend more time in each book for deeper study (I would), but the point is clear—people have time to study God’s Word! Paul wrote, “...give attendance to reading...to doctrine” (1 Tim. 4:13).

Talking It Up

I know a lot of people who love to talk about football. A lot of joking goes on about which team is better and who will win, and the conversation can go on for a really long time. Why do they talk about it? Because they love the sport! If we love the Lord, we should be talking about Christianity to others. Perhaps we do not like to discuss it, because we have not studied it as we should. If that is the case, what should we do? Study (2 Tim. 2:15), because “talking about Christianity” is a command from God (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2).

Willing to Part With Money

At a college or professional football game, the tickets are overpriced, the food and drinks there are overpriced, the souvenirs are overpriced – everything is overpriced! That money goes toward the ...

... stadium, paying the coaches, and all kinds of expenses. The die-hard fans are willing to shell out the money, because they love it.

We need to be willing to part with our money if we love the Lord. That money is used to carry out God's will. It is used to spread the Gospel and help others in need, which is much more important than any game (1 Cor. 9:14; 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:1-9; 9:6-7; Gal. 6:10; James 1:27). (... to be continued)



Collecting these items by Sunday, Oct 15

Toilet Paper

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Applesauce (jars or snack sizes)

Whitney Wadsworth Bridal Shower

October 1, ~ 2:00 PM

(immediately following 1 PM worship)

She is registered at:

Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, & Amazon

If you have any questions, see:
Terry Bland or Mischel Jackson



UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

- Sep 24 - 27 Hwy 77 Gospel Meeting ----- **Ivie Powell** preaching
- Oct 1 - 5 Looxahoma Gospel Meeting – **Mike Hixon** preaching
- Oct 8 - 11 Nesbit Gospel Meeting ----- **Joe Ruiz** preaching
- Oct 13 - 14 MSOP World Evangelism Seminar
- Oct 15 - 18 Coldwater Gospel Meeting -- **Glenn Hitchcock** preaching
- Oct 15 - 18 Spiritual Sword Lectureship
- Nov 3 Southaven Ladies Night Out

See bulletin board for flyers with more details

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Several traveling; **Clifton Angel**, stomach bug;
Wiley & Betty Tuggle

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Family & Friends

Caesar Hernandez, Katherine's grandfather, health failing, her mom traveled to Mexico to be with him, and her health is not good; **Alean Powell**, Ruth's aunt; **Faye Lipford**, Ruth's cousin, has brain cancer, and is receiving treatment for a cancerous spot on lung; **Wade Wilkes**, Tim Sr's father; **Nelson Rosado**, Monica's father; **Linda Morris**, Lynn's mother; **Hurricane Harvey victims**; **Hurricane Irma victims**; **Lee Davis**, very bad health; **Joy Angel**, having seizures again related to brain disease; **Matt Brooks**, stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Ray Maples**; **Macadden Easley**; **Becky Latimer**; **Kristie Deffenbaugh**; **Lauren Ivy**; **Raleigh Wood**; **Carole Livsey**, leukemia; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**; **Sharon Brewer**; **Jenny Kraft**; **Mac Owen**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **Renee Loya**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

9/2	Faye Edwards
9/5	Jake Sutton
9/11	Molly Ratliff
9/11	Brenan Miller
9/16	Melanie Miller
9/22	Ashely 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!

Youth Devo @ Building — TODAY — 6 PM
Wadsworths hosting; bring chips, drinks, & desserts

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Sep 27 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Sep 27 — 7 PM
Song-leaders get choices to Clifton ASAP!

Bridal Shower for Whitney Wadsworth — Oct 1
See inside for more details

Coldwater Trade Days Booth — Oct 7

Coldwater Gospel Meeting — Oct 15 – 18
Glenn Hitchcock preaching

[SEE INSIDE FOR OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS](#)

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 24

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Will Brooks
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	John Wofford
	Terry Davis
Assist	Noah Davis
	Marc Strickland
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Tim Wilkes II
Closing Prayer	Jason Bayless

Afternoon

Song Leader	Will Brooks
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Tim Wilkes II
Lord's Supper	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff

Wednesday, September 27

Song Leader	Will Brooks
Prayer	Chris Martin
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Marc & Ashley Strickland