

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sept. 25, 2011



## Everything I Needed to Know About Life I Learned from a Jigsaw Puzzle

1. When things aren't going so well, take a break. Everything will look different when you return (cf. Mark 6:31).
2. Be sure to look at the big picture (John 4:35). Getting hung up on the little pieces only leads to frustration.
3. Don't force a fit (Philippians 2:4).
4. Perseverance pays off. Every important puzzle went together bit by bit, piece by piece (Exodus 23:29).
5. When one spot stops working, move to another (Ecclesiastes 11:6). But be sure to come back later (see #4).
6. The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook (2 Peter 1:3).
7. Variety is the spice of life. It's the different colors and patterns that make the puzzle interesting (Acts 10:34–35).
8. Working together with friends and family makes any task fun (Nehemiah 3:1–32).
9. Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order (Proverbs 22:6).
10. Don't be afraid to try different combinations (Luke 5:4). Some matches are surprising.
11. Take time often to celebrate your successes—even little ones (Philippians 4:4).
12. Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can't be rushed (Galatians 6:9).

—As printed in MercEmail, *Steve Higginbotham*, Editor

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## VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP  
5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for  
all ages & Pew Packers  
on 1st & 3rd Sundays at  
4:15 p.m.

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### ELDERS

Billy Bland

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Jim Jackson

### DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

## What Is Man's Greatest Achievement?

*by David A. Sargent*

CNN producers armed with television cameras recently stopped passersby in Berlin, Madrid, Rome, Bangkok, Tokyo, New Delhi, and Paris. To each participant, CNN posed the question: "What is man's greatest achievement?"

Since July 20 was the anniversary of NASA's Apollo 11 mission, it was supposed that many would nominate the moon landing as one of man's greatest feats. Answers given, however, were quite diverse.

One woman in Germany suggested the computer. "It has opened up my world. I can stay in my house and travel all over the world," she said. The internet was specifically stated by more than one participant to be man's greatest invention.

Another suggested the airplane. "It's the easiest way to get from one country to the other. Imagine if you would be able to only take the ship. It would take you ages to go somewhere, so it makes humanity more flexible."

Fire was also proposed. "Everything started there, right?" said one man in Spain. There was agreement in Italy: "I think the most important is that man discovered fire because it's bringing a lot of life."

The written word was also nominated in Italy, as were architecture and sanitation.

In New Delhi, video games got one man's vote. "It allows you to be whomever you want, in whichever world you want, and lets you live an alternate fantasy life," he said.

Despite all of the tremendous achievements of mankind since the beginning of time, there is one thing that man could never achieve on his own. Man has been able to navigate the 240,000 miles to the moon, but there is still one expanse that he has not been able to negotiate independently: the distance between GOD and MAN.

Our sin separates us from the holy God (Isaiah 59:1-2). All of mankind's advancements in technology are powerless to traverse the great gulf between God and sinful man. But God loved us so much that He crossed that great divide and "stepped into our world" (see John 1:14). God became Man in the person of Jesus Christ. Then Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins (Ephesians 1:7). Through Jesus, man can be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

We are reconciled to God when we by faith in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31) turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27). The blood of Christ continues to cleanse us from our sins as we continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

Man has accomplished great things, but the greatest accomplishment is reconciliation with God. God accomplished this for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Now, we must accept His offer on His terms!

Won't YOU?

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# THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

Author Unknown

1. Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend a few hours a week with their fellow Christians. They are my best workers.
2. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked. I can use them.
3. Blessed are the "touchy" who stop going to church. They are my missionaries.
4. Blessed are the trouble makers. They shall be called my children.
5. Blessed are the complainers. I'm all ears to them.
6. Blessed are those who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes, for they get nothing out of the sermons.
7. Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own congregation, for he is part of the problem instead of the solution.
8. Blessed are those who gossip, for they shall cause strife and divisions that please me.
9. Blessed are those who are easily offended, for they will soon get angry and quit.
10. Blessed are those who do not give their offering to carry on God's work, for they are my helpers.
11. Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his brother and sister, for he shall be with me forever.
12. Blessed are you who, when you read this, think it is about other people and not yourself.

## LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE!

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## Sermon Review

### ...SAVED BY GRACE, LAW, FAITH, & WORKS

(Eph. 2:1-13)

- I. **Noah was...** (Gen. 6).
- II. **The children of Israel were...**
  - A. From the Egyptians (Exodus 14).
  - B. From Jericho (Joshua 6).
- III. **We are...**
  - A. Eph. 2:8, 9 (c.f. Eph. 19:1-5).
  - B. Eph. 2:1-7 (c.f. Rom. 6:3, 4).
  - C. Eph. 2:13 (c.f. Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16).

### GOD HATES FEET THAT BE SWIFT IN RUNNING TO MISCHIEF

(Proverbs 6:16-19)

Instead of having feet that run to Mischief,  
Let us have feet that Run...

- I. To the Master.
- II. To His Message.
- III. To the Meeting.
- IV. To the Masses.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Wiley & Betty Tuggle** -- Wiley has been having more medication complications.

**Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes** in their moving, mission work, and addition to the family.

**Sympathy:** Pat Allen from Monroe, GA, who has been battling cancer for quite a while, died this past week. Let us pray for her husband Richard and family.

### Family & Friends

**Jeff Nichols**--brother of Andy's co-worker, is the recipient of 60% of his brother's liver; however, he is not doing well after the surgery.

**Carl Hounshell**--One of the elders at Independence has some serious health problems.

**Virginia Mayfield**--friend of Bren, has leukemia.

**Ray Maples**--undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.

**Kelly Ann Cooper** (16)--had to have liver transplant, but now her body is rejecting the transplant.

**Carla Carlson**--undergoing chemo-therapy.

**Janie Brister**--has multiple health problems.

**Cathy Thompson**--has lupus.

**James Angel; Steve Angel; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

**Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.**

### September Anniversaries

9/5 Jake & Milba Sutton

9/19 Tim & Lynn Wilkes

9/27 Wiley & Betty Tuggle

### September Birthdays

9/11 Molly Ratliff

9/14 April Kinney

9/26 Bren Burdsal

See **Elizabeth Baker** to get your picture taken for the upcoming church directory.

Also, fill out an "About Me" sheet and give to Elizabeth.

## Get Involved!

**"Existence of God" Debate -- Sept. 29**

Watch it with us Thursday night! 6:45PM!

**Sunday Night For the Savior -- Oct. 2**

**Coldwater Trade Days -- Oct. 8**

**Bible Bowl -- Oct. 8 -- 5PM -- Looxahoma**

Acts 5, 6, 7 -- We are hosting!

**Providence Place Devo -- Oct. 9 -- 1PM**

**Coldwater Work Day -- Oct. 22**

More details to come!

**Zoo Boo -- Oct. 22 PM**

More details to come!

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, September 25

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class

Billy Bland

Announcements

Jerry Davis

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Johnny Bayless

Andy Ratliff

Assist

Shane Staten

Opening Prayer

Payton Jackson

Sermon

Jeremy Moore

Closing Prayer

Clifton Angel

Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

#### Evening

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Opening Prayer

Jerry Davis

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Jeremy Moore

Closing Prayer

Payton Jackson

Jason Bayless

### Wednesday, September 28

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Prayer

Caleb Baker

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Ron Johnson