

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Sep. 27, 2020



YOUTH

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When we look for New Testament examples to teach our youth (infancy to college age in most of our minds), we often turn to Timothy; for, we know he was a younger man than Paul, and Paul references his "youth" on at least two occasions. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them 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
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call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22). What we often do not realize is that the Jewish view of "youth" is not the same as ours. A "youth" in the eyes of the Jews could be someone as old as 40. With this in mind, let us consider two things Paul tells Timothy he must do in his "youth."

FLEE

In your youth, there are things from which you must flee. "Flee youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22a). These are passions/desires that are common to all, but are more difficult to control as a youth. Things like the love of money and materialism (consider Paul's words to Timothy at 1 Timothy 6:6-11). Another couple of examples are mutiny (rebellion against authority) and immorality. Consider what Paul told Timothy regarding these: "Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers, the younger as sisters, with all purity" (1 Tim. 5:1-2). When we give into these passions/desires, not only do we sin, but we cause others to despise our youth. Paul told Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth" (1 Timothy 4:12).

FOLLOW

In your youth, there are things after which you must follow. "But ...

... follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22b). "And follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (1 Timothy 6:11). "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

The truth is, these are righteous principles to every person of every age. Even if you can no longer be considered a youth, if you desire to be godly, you still must **flee** desires which separate you from God and **follow** after things like righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness, exemplary conduct, exemplary attitude, purity, and peace. John wrote, "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God" (3 John 11). And Peter associated these things with a good and happy life: "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" (1 Peter 3:10-13).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

**Wiley Tuggle; Clarence & Faye Edwards;
Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.**

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Carolyn Plumley, Lara's aunt, breast cancer;
Betty Culbreath, recovering from back surgery; **John Peoples family**, son of Teresa and Brad recently passed; **Robert Ray Smart family**, Lannie Smart's brother recently passed; **Bailey Raines**, young daughter of Ginger's co-worker, hospice care, cancer; **Parrish Whalen; Loretta Newton**, Joe's aunt, leukemia; **Mac Easley; Axel Holliday**, Ginger's co-worker's grandson; **Martha Williams.**

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
9/26 Geoffrey Dunn

Get Involved!

4th Quarter Bible Classes: Begin 10/4
Thank you, teachers!

Nesbit Gospel Meeting: Oct 4 – 7
Terrance Brownlow-Dindy preaching

MSOP World Evangelism Sem.: Oct 16 – 17
Good News in 2020, Virtual Broadcast
Multiple speakers from around the globe
See flyer on bulletin board/Facebook group

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 27

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Tim Wilkes II
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Billy Bland
Lord's Supper: Preside	Tim Meredith
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Tim Wilkes II
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

Wednesday, September 30

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Joe Owen

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	