

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Sep 29, 2019



GOSPEL MEETING

October 13 - 16

Preaching: Mark Reynolds

Theme: The Christian Battle

Sunday 9:30 AM	"We Can Conquer"
Sunday 10:30 AM	"Cruise Ship or Battleship?"
Sunday 1:00 PM	"Knowing Our Enemy"
Monday 7:00 PM	"Caring For My Fellow Soldiers"
Tuesday 7:00 PM	"Fighting For Our Families"
Wednesday 7:00 PM	"Laying Our Armor Down"

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

KEEPING THE LOCAL CHURCH STRONG

Written by Wade Webster

A STRONG MARRIAGE

Marriage is often used in the New Testament to picture the church and her relationship to Christ. As you know, Paul used the image extensively in the fifth chapter of Ephesians (Eph. 5:22-32). As we examine this image of the church, we will see some powerful pointers about how to keep the church strong.

Time

Strong marriages require a great deal of time. Did you know that under the Law of Moses men were relieved of military service and other duties for one year after taking a wife (Deut. 24:5)? The newlyweds had one year to weave their lives together. Clearly, the One who instituted marriage understood that strong marriages require lots and lots of time. Sadly, many marriages today are unraveling because couples aren't spending enough time together. In fact, temptations abound because mates spend much more time with others than they do with their own mates. I am convinced that the same is happening in the spiritual realm. Many congregations today are weak because they are not spending enough time with Christ and one another. Although Christ has promised to be in the midst of those gathered in His name (Mat. 18:20), many congregations place little or no emphasis upon church assemblies (Heb. 10:25). Elders who are charged with watching the flock seem unconcerned by the number of sheep who don't come back on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. Gospel meetings have gotten shorter and shorter in most places because members are "too busy" to come. Some congregations have even dropped meetings altogether. Fellowship gatherings fare little better. While some still show up for the food, there is little fellowship that takes place. Amazingly, some won't even take time to eat with their brothers and sisters. They dash off to grab something somewhere else. About the only time that most Christians see one another is in passing at a worship service. Yet, we wonder why the church isn't strong. The first century church was strong because they spent time in worship and in fellowship. Luke records, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers...And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods,

and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:42-46). Congregations that want to be strong today must spend a great deal of time in worship and fellowship (1Jn 1:3; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

Communication

Strong marriages are built on good communication. Couples that hope to be close must be willing to communicate their dreams as well as their differences. Good communication helps husbands and wives to stay on the same page. Husbands and wives who do not communicate well will soon cease to be united as one. In like manner, the same is true relative to congregations. Congregations that do not communicate with one another are headed for problems. No doubt, you recall that this was at the root of Corinth's problems. Paul wrote, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10-11).

Communication problems not only threatened carnal congregations like Corinth, but also spiritual congregations like Philippi (Phil. 4:2). Congregations who want to stay strong today must communicate well. Communication lines must stay open between elders, preachers, deacons, and members.

If we hope to keep the local congregation where we work and worship strong, then we are going to have to spend a lot of time together and communicate well. If we do not do these things, then our relationship with the Lord and one another will soon become weaker.

TO BE CONTINUED

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UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

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| September 27 - 29 | Forest Hill Gospel Meeting, Clay Bond |
| September 28 | Forest Hill Ladies' Day, Carlie Bond |
| October 6 - 9 | Nesbit Gospel Meeting, Michael Light |
| October 18 - 19 | MSOP World Evangelism Seminar |
| October 20 - 23 | Spiritual Sword (Getwell) Lectureship |

See bulletin board for flyers with more details

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

John Wofford, foot injury from work accident; **Seth Daniel**, has begun treatments; **Sarah Norris**; **Inez Neyman**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**, **Wiley Tuggle**; **Sammy Williams**; **Elizabeth Baker**, myalgic encephalomyelitis.

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Family & Friends

Beverly Wilkes, Tim Sr.'s mother, had knee replacement surgery Tuesday; **D.W. Stone family**, Clifton's great uncle, funeral was Wednesday; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, placed in hospice; **Grace Gregory**, Brad's mother, placed in hospice; **D.G. Williams family**; **Herbert Norris family**; **Beverly Comer family**; **Raleigh Wood family**; **Shirley Dunn**, Geoffrey Dunn's mother; **Vicki Angel**, radiation treatment to begin soon; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

Birthdays

10/3	Mischel Jackson
10/5	Lynn Wilkes
10/15	Georgia Bayless
10/19	Hunter Zluticky
10/20	Sara Norris
10/31	Billy Bland

Anniversaries

10/7	Kevin & Janice Dixon
10/27	Marc & Ashley Strickland

Get Involved!

Coldwater Door Knocking: Oct 5, 9 AM

Coldwater Camping: Oct 10 – 12
Signup sheet in foyer

Coldwater Trade Days Booth: Oct 12
Sign up to help man the booth!

Providence Place Devo: Oct 13, 2 PM

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Oct 13 – 16
Mark Reynolds preaching

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 29

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Jerry Davis
Assist	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff

Wednesday, October 2

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jason Bayless

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	Jason & Ginger Bayless