

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct 1, 2017



ATTITUDES IN THE STANDS THAT SHOULD BE IN THE PEWS

PART TWO

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(...continued from last week)

Willing to Spend Time to Be There

When I was growing up, we would sometimes get up at 2 A.M. on Saturday mornings to go to college football games! People will go to great lengths in preparation for "tailgating," but what about worshiping God? How many will not even get up early enough to drive five or ten minutes and assemble with the church at 10 A.M.?

Again, the average football game lasts about three hours. 80,000 people or more will sit there for three hours on a hard metal seat in the heat, rain, or snow without complaining. What about the nice padded pews in an air conditioned building? Is it too much to ask for someone to sit in a pew for an hour or two? Most churches only meet four hours out of every week. There ...

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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... are 168 hours in a week, so faithfully assembling would only take up about 2% of our week! How can we say we are 100% dedicated and "bearing our cross daily," when we will not even give God 2% of our time? "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is..." (Heb. 10:25; cf. v23-31; Luke 9:23; 14:33).

Not Upset About Overtime

When a football game goes into overtime, that is a great thing! Why do fans see it as a great thing? Because they love the sport! If we love the Lord and His Word, then a worship assembly that goes into overtime will not be something to get upset about. "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:7).

Loyal, Even When Surrounded By the Other Team

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Excited About Victory

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Some of the greatest memories I have of going to football games are when I think about the end of the games that we won. I remember my dad and my uncles jumping up and down giving everybody around them high fives and yelling. I'll never forget that feeling of victory, but the feeling of victory one gets from winning a football game (or even the national championship or Super Bowl) is nothing compared to the feeling of victory faithful Christians will experience when the Lord returns in the clouds! (1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Tim. 4:8). That is something to get excited about! Don't lose sight of the excitement of Christianity, and remember, whether your team won the championship will be the least of your concerns on the Day of Judgment. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the ...

... victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:57-58).

The basic idea for this article/sermon came from an unknown author.



We rejoice in the conversions of
Carl & Ginna Honeycutt!

They were baptized Thursday night (9/28/17). Welcome them to God's family at Coldwater, and pray for their walk with Christ.



Collecting these items by Sunday, Oct 15

Toilet Paper

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Applesauce (jars or snack sizes)

UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

- 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
- Oct 21 Bible Bowl @ Nesbit building
- Nov 3 Southaven Ladies Night Out

See bulletin board for flyers with more details

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Chris Martin, Dylan Moore, and Whitney Wadsworth, responded to the Lord's invitation last week, seeking restoration, forgiveness, and prayer; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Clarence & Faye Edwards.**

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Family & Friends

Pam Payne, Jerry's former co-worker, bladder infection and possible mass on pancreas; **Caesar Hernandez family**, Katherine's grandfather passed last Sunday; **Allene Powell family**, Ruth's aunt, passed last Saturday; **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

10/3	Mischel Jackson
10/5	Lynn Wilkes
10/15	Georgia Bayless
10/16	Jared Brown
10/16	Titus Wilkes
10/17	Abby Haynes
10/19	Hunter Zluticky
10/20	Sarah Norris
10/31	Billy Bland

Anniversaries

10/16	Kevin & Melanie Miller
10/27	Marc & Ashley Strickland

Get Involved!

New Quarter Begins — TODAY

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — TODAY
Between services

Bridal Shower for Whitney Wadsworth — TODAY
Directly following 1 pm service

Coldwater Trade Days Booth — Oct 7

Coldwater Gospel Meeting — Oct 15 – 18
Glenn Hitchcock preaching

Bible Bowl @ Nesbit — Oct 21 — 4 PM
Galatians 1 – 3

[SEE INSIDE FOR OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS](#)

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 1

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Chris Martin
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Wednesday, October 4

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Tim Meredith
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Marc Strickland

TECH:	Noah Davis
HALL:	Chris & Billie Martin