

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Oct 6, 2019



The Christian Battle ... Are we ready?

GOSPEL MEETING

October 13 - 16

Preaching: Mark Reynolds

Theme: The Christian Battle

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| 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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KEEPING THE LOCAL CHURCH STRONG

Written by Wade Webster

A STRONG MILITARY

Paul often described the church in terms of a military. He encouraged Timothy to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3-4) and the saints at Ephesus to "put on the whole armor of God" (Eph. 6:11). As we examine this image of the church, we see some things that will help us to keep the church strong.

Discipline

Discipline is a key to a strong military. Soldiers learn to respect rank and to obey orders exactly. Those who disobey are disciplined so that they will not do so again. If one soldier is allowed to disobey without discipline, then other soldiers will soon do the same. In like manner, congregations who want to remain strong today must exercise discipline. Do you recall how that sin in the camp weakened the children of Israel at Ai? The same soldiers who through faith conquered the great city of Jericho fled before the tiny city of Ai. Sin made them weak. The same thing was happening in the New Testament with the church at Corinth. Paul instructed the church at Corinth to purge out the old leaven and to be a new lump (1 Cor. 5:7, 13; cf. 11:30). Churches today who want to stay strong must "withdraw" themselves from "every brother that walketh disorderly" (2 Thess. 3:6). Sadly, it has been years since many congregations practiced church discipline. For years, the tumor of sin has been growing in their midst and sapping their strength. Elders, preachers, deacons, and members who want the church to stay strong must be willing to again keep this command.

Training

Strong militaries are well trained. Over and over again soldiers practice their assignments so that they can perform them perfectly in the heat of battle. In like manner, congregations that want to remain strong today must put a great deal of emphasis upon training. Congregations that do not continually train members for service become weak over time. Time alone will not do it. In Hebrews, we read, "For when for the time ye ought to be ...

... teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat" (Heb. 5:12). Although the Hebrew saints had been given sufficient time to develop into teachers, they had not done so. They were weak in an area where they could have been strong. In like manner, many congregations today are weak in the area of education because they offer little or no training to their teachers. Teachers are pressed into service, but are not prepared for service. Without the necessary training, teachers become discouraged and drop out. Strong congregations are always replenishing their ranks through training. No doubt, you recall Paul's instructions for Timothy to commit the word that he had heard to "faithful men" who would be "able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:1-2). Please notice that the word was passed from Paul to Timothy, from Timothy to faithful men, and from faithful men to others. Not only are many congregations today short on teachers because of a lack of training, they are also short of elders and deacons for the same reason. Congregations that stay strong are congregations that are always preparing men for greater service.

If we want to keep the local congregation strong, then we are going to have to practice disciple and provide training. If we do not do these things, then we will become weak and the enemy will have an advantage over us (2 Cor. 2:11).

CONCLUSION

In the course of our study, we have noticed four pictures of the church. We have seen the church as a building, a body, a marriage, and a military. From each of these inspired pictures, we have gleaned some things that will help us to keep the local congregation where we worship and work strong.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

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| October 6 - 9 | Nesbit Gospel Meeting, Michael Light |
| October 6 - 10 | Looxahoma Gospel Meeting, Gary McDade |
| October 18 - 19 | MSOP World Evangelism Seminar |
| October 20 - 23 | Spiritual Sword (Getwell) Lectureship |
| November 1 | Southaven Ladies' Night Out |

See bulletin board for flyers with more details

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

John Wofford; Seth Daniel, 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

Clair Easley, spot to be removed this week, will be tested for skin cancer; **Vicki Angel**, radiation treatment begins Monday, 4 weeks, 5 days per week; **Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s mother, had knee replacement surgery Tuesday; **D.W. Stone family**, Clifton's great uncle; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, in hospice; **Grace Gregory**, Brad's mother, in hospice; **D.G. Williams family; Herbert Norris family; Beverly Comer family; Raleigh Wood family; Shirley Dunn**, Geoffrey Dunn's mother; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

Birthdays

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| 10/3 | Mischel Jackson |
| 10/5 | Lynn Wilkes |
| 10/15 | Georgia Bayless |
| 10/16 | Titus Wilkes |
| 10/19 | Hunter Zluticky |
| 10/20 | Sara Norris |
| 10/31 | Billy Bland |

Anniversaries

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

Get Involved!

Coldwater Camping: Oct 10 – 12

Signup sheet in foyer

Coldwater Trade Days Booth: Oct 12

Sign up to help with the booth!

Coldwater Fish Fry: Oct 12, 12 PM

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Oct 13 – 16

Mark Reynolds preaching

Bible Bowl @ Nesbit: Oct 19, 4 PM

1 Samuel 22, 23, 24

Providence Place Devo: Oct 20, 2 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 6

Morning

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| Prayer Before Class | Jerry Davis |
| Announcements | Jerry Davis |
| Song Leader | Noah Davis |
| Lord's Supper: | |
| Preside | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| | Marc Strickland |
| Assist | Kevin Dixon |
| | Dalton Owen |
| Opening Prayer | Jason Bayless |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Closing Prayer | Andy Ratliff |

Afternoon

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| Song Leader | Noah Davis |
| Opening Prayer | Tim Meredith |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| | Marc Strickland |
| Closing Prayer | Andy Ratliff |

Wednesday, October 9

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| Song Leader | Noah Davis |
| Prayer | Jerry Davis |
| Invitation | Clifton Angel |
| Prayer | Tim Wilkes, II |

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| TECH: | John Wofford |
| HALL: | Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell |