

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Oct. 11, 2020



IN A TIME OF CHANGE, SPEAK THE SAME THING

Written by Clifton Angel

Fall is here. With the Fall season comes many changes. The weather changes. Temperature changes. Department store stocking changes. Home decorating changes. Tree leaf color changes. And, we could continue. With a change of season, there are many changes, and most necessary. But in every season, there are some things that need to be found the same—our thoughts, our decisions, and our words concerning Biblical things.

Paul said it this way: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the

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
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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" (1 Corinthians 1:10). We need to have the same mind, judgment, and speech. Denominationalism is blatant disregard for the doctrine of Christ here proclaimed by Paul. The division of denominationalism is a result of departing from Scripture on the greatest of teachings—salvation, the church, worship, morality, and even the very nature of God. John wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9).

To avoid denominationalism, we must have the same mind, judgment, and speech. So, concerning Biblical things, we need to think the same way, decide to say and do the same way, and speak the same things. How? First, we have to go to the same Book—the Bible. It has and will stand the test of time. Many have thrown accusations at the Bible, and every time they can be rightfully refuted. Second, we need to have the same methods of interpretation. Such requires studying more background to the Bible, learning that the Bible contains a variety of types of literature—poetry, law, letters, and so on. We need to have the same motives—going to the Bible so that we might mold our lives to it, not so that we can mold it to our lives.

Now, let us bring this back closer to the context of Paul's words at 1 Corinthians 1:10. While disregard for Paul's words certainly leads to...

... denominationalism, his words were written to a congregation of the Lord's church—not a denomination. Therefore, division can and does arise within the bride of Christ. Many of the divisions that arose in Corinth stemmed from heart problems. Partiality, prejudice, disrespect, selfishness, pride, and envy were some of the heart problems at Corinth that led to the divisions Paul had to address. It is possible for Christians to get it right on major tenets of the New Testament and get it wrong on matters of the heart that lead to division and apostasy. It is possible for Christians to boldly contend for the faith, all the while neglecting the fruit of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22-23). For this reason, Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

The fall is a beautiful season of change. But during this time of change, let us each examine our own lives, and ask if they are the same as God desires. If not, then we DO need to change. "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" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Clarence & Faye Edwards, Clarence has pneumonia, at home now; **Some traveling**; **Addi Bayless**, recovering from strep; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Allen Gibson family, Dana's cousin's husband, passed from pancreatic cancer; **Vicki Harman**, Clifton's mom, hospital visit for chest pains, no heart attack detected; stress test to come; **Haley Gregory & unborn son**, Brad & Teresa's daughter-in-law and grandson, pregnancy complications, will have to deliver early; **Parrish Whalen**, second cancer surgery, recovering well; **Ethylene Strange**, Tim M.'s grandma, surgery on broken hip, needs rehab, but other health problems preventing; **Tony Parrish**, has made some improvement; **Thelma Hayes**, Rachel's mom, successful heart cath; **Iris Casteel**; **Annette Cates**; **Carolyn Plumley**, breast cancer; **Betty Culbreath**; **Bailey Raines**; **P Loretta Newton**, Joe's aunt, leukemia; **Mac Easley**; **Axel Holliday**.

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

Get Involved!

MSOP World Evangelism Sem.: Oct 16 – 17

Good News in 2020, Virtual Broadcast
Flyer on bulletin board

Spiritual Sword Lectures: Oct 18 – 22

Flyer on bulletin board

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 11

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Tim Wilkes II
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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Wednesday, October 14

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Joe Owen

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	