

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct. 13, 2013



**Extra! Extra!**

***Come hear the Good News...***

at the *Coldwater church of Christ* in Coldwater, Mississippi

**October 13-16, 2013**



Services:  
**Sunday, October 13**

9:30 a.m.

Lunch Provided

1:00 p.m.

**Monday-Wednesday October 14-16**

7:00 p.m.

## Meet our Guest Evangelist

Mike Hixson is married to Nancy, and their son Braden is currently a senior at Memphis College of Art. Mike has been preaching for the Olive Branch church of Christ since 2007. He has been preaching in the Memphis area since 1991. He hosts a radio program that airs at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings – AM 560, **Anchor of the Soul**. This program also airs on KAAY in Little Rock and WSM in Nashville. Furthermore, Mike is co-host with B.J. Clarke on a television program entitled **Counterpoint**, which airs on GBN.



*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 & Pew Packers  
each Sunday at 12:30

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### ELDERS

Billy Bland

Seth Daniel

Jim Jackson

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

### DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

# CHRISTIAN DEVOTION VS. "CHRISTIAN" DECEIT



Since moving to Gray, GA just a few weeks under a year ago my wife and I have met a number of GREAT people. Two of those wonderful people are members of the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) church. While our beliefs are *vastly* different, we enjoy getting together with our new friends on a regular basis for dinner and Biblical discussion. Tuesday night we were privileged to do just that! Our

friends invited us into their home, fed us an amazing meal and sat down after to discuss some of the differences between our two faiths and the Biblical interpretations that lead those beliefs.

I'm sure that our conversations will come up again in my articles in the future, and we may even discuss some of those beliefs talked about and how they compare and contrast with the Truth. But for the time being I'd like to talk about something that came up at the dinner table last night that made me very uneasy and impressed at the same time. Apparently the Mormon Church has decided that in July the age restrictions of their missionaries will be changed. Males will be able to enter into their missions at the age of 18 while young ladies will be able to enter in at the age of 19. This is very different from the past where young men left at 19 and ladies left at 21. And while this change may not seem very important to the ear of the New Testament Christian, it is. The reason for the importance is that this slight change in age limits is going to DOUBLE the number of Mormon missionaries in the field "proselytizing," as they call it. The number mentioned during the dinner was an estimated 115,000 missionaries in the world just by the end of July!

It's extremely disheartening to me to know that so many people will be effected by this decision. There are going to be multiplied thousands of people, maybe even millions, that are going to be taught the doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints because of these changes. But, what does that mean to the New Testament Christians? Our job just got even harder!

I understand that we are not in "competition" with the Mormon Church to see who can have the largest number of people, but we are in competition in a sense. Christians are commanded to GO and teach the world about the Truth of Christ (Mark 16:15-16, Mat. 28:19-20) and denominations and their false teachings make that responsibility so much more important and difficult. The church belonging to Christ, the church of Christ, is in competition for the souls of man with the adversary (Eph. 6:12) and because of that we are in competition with the false teachings of every group not following the Faith so that all people can walk in unity, in Christ, through following the word of God (1 Cor. 1:10, Gal. 3:27, Eph. 4:11-16, cf. Rom. 3:3, 1 Tim. 1:2).

I truly believe that this circumstance is going to test the true Christian's devotion to God! Because, if we are devoted to the Christ and His plan for mankind we will take our commission seriously, whether there are 2 or 2 million missionaries of another religious group, but especially when those numbers begin to increase. After all, what's the point in believing the Truth if we don't act upon it and teach others to believe it as well? If there were 115,000 people going throughout the world taking the lives of people, we would rise and act to defend the innocent, wouldn't we? I know it's not pleasing to ponder but that's exactly what is going to happen very soon, only spiritually.

So, soldiers of Christ, arise! Let's work together to teach the Truth because people are constantly teaching the same people to whom we are supposed to be going things that aren't the Truth.

**–written by Lee Snow**

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Clifton Angel & family** in loss of David Angel, especially pray for Clifton's mom, Vicki; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Sue Cobern**; **Helen Bowman**, she is confined more than before because of incidents dangerous to her well-being.

**OpenDoor Ministry**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**Far East Missions**

## Family & Friends

**John Simpson & family**, John will continue to have monthly surgeries and the family battles other things, including financial instability; **Janet Colvett**, (Jeffrey's mother) diagnosed with acute leukemia, at Baptist East, had to have emergency surgery last week to remove pressure from brain, can assist her by giving blood/platelets at a lifeblood facility and give them her name; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, has stage 4 cancer and has refused all treatments at this time; **Cindy Jones' family**; **LaJuan Collums'**, receiving treatments for cancer, battles other health problems also; **Virginia Johnson**, wife of gospel preacher Roger Johnson, has stage 4 lung cancer; **Juanita Wooten**; **Vicky Davis**, cancer; **Joy Angel**, battling various health problems; **Roy Cobern**; **Raleigh Wooten**; **JoAnn Prestage**, Sara Norris' sister, cancer; **Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant, also has cataracts, & other health problems; **Curtis Cates**; **Linda Perkins**, Tim West's mother-in-law, leukemia, also Linda's husband has had pneumonia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**, in efforts of adoption of baby Faith; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Frederick Bland**; **Carla Carlson**; **Ray Maples**; **Janie Brister**.

## Birthdays

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

## Get Involved!

**Islam DVD Series -- 7<sup>th</sup> Lesson next Sun -- 1 PM**  
Invite everyone! Refreshments to follow.  
Series continues through Oct 27, each Sunday at 1 PM

**Coldwater Gospel Meeting -- Oct 13 - 16**  
Mike Hixson preaching  
Sun - 9:30, 10:30, and 1 PM; Mon - Wed 7PM

**Nesbit Gospel Meeting -- Oct 13 - 16**  
see flyer on bulletin board

**Bible Bowl -- Gen 19-21 -- Oct 19**  
Independence building, 10:30 AM

**ZooBoo -- Oct 19 -- see signup sheet**

**Annual Gospel Singing at Rogers Springs**  
Oct 18 -- 7 PM, See flyer for more details

**Southaven Ladies Retreat -- Nov 1**  
\$35/overnight; \$10/evening, money due Oct 20

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, October 13

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Seth Daniel
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen
Assist	Daniel Owen
Opening Prayer	Dalton Owen
Sermon	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff
	Mike Hixson
	Jerry Davis

#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Mike Hixson
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Dalton Owen
	Ron Johnson
Closing Prayer	

### Wednesday, October 16

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Mike Hixson
Prayer	Jim Jackson