

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Oct 13, 2019



The Christian Battle ... Are we ready?

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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John Wofford

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

A Holy Kiss

Written by George McNulty



In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul wrote, “Salute one another with a holy kiss” (Romans 10:16). This was to be a salute, a greeting that expressed a longing for the well-being of the other Christians in this world and in eternity, similar to the deeper meaning of the word “shalom,” in Hebrew. This word, “shalom,” according to Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, means “completeness, soundness, welfare and peace.” Within the word, as in the giving of a holy kiss, the giver is expressing all these things to the other person in both the physical and the spiritual realms. This kiss, however, is much more than the everyday kiss of greeting.

This kiss is separate in its application, for it is to be a “holy kiss,” not the run-of-the-mill peck on the cheek or the passionate kiss between lovers. This kiss is a kiss of respect and true regard for the other person. In western society, the thought of one man kissing another is usually greeted, unless it is a son to a father or vice versa, as an unthinkable and unwanted occurrence. Men and women who are friends may kiss each other on the cheek, but that is the limit of what is considered “proper behavior” in our society. Yet, that is not so in other parts of the world, and certainly not so in the ancient Middle East where the custom was normal. Any omission of the custom was considered a deep and telling insult. Such was the case when our Lord visited Simon the Pharisee. Jesus was not offered water or oil and was not kissed upon entry to the home. When our Lord was not offered a welcome that any host was expected to offer a guest, Jesus said, “Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet” (Luke 7:45.) By not kissing our Lord, Simon made a very strong statement of disrespect toward ...

... Christ, one that did not go without notice.

The Holy Bible makes strong contrasts between holy and unholy kisses. In 2 Samuel 20:9, we read of how Joab was so full of vengeance for the brother who had been killed in battle that he grabbed the beard of Amasa, the man who had slain Joab's brother, while he kissed him in greeting. The most well-known kiss was the one given by Judas Iscariot to Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane. The kiss Judas gave was one of betrayal, a kiss that mocked the true meaning of the gesture of respect. In our western culture, it would be like shaking another's hand while having the wickedest of motivations behind it.

Although many misinterpret the writings of Paul, we must remember the motivation behind his words. We, as Christians, should show respect for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We should seek to encourage each other and to show our delight at being in the presence of another servant of our Lord. When we do greet other Christians, what we are doing is wishing all the blessings of God upon them, just as was customary in the early church. We in the western world do not kiss each other in this manner, but we do share the same sentiment and expression of the deeper meaning of the action with the shaking of hands or with a friendly, warm embrace.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

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

Sarah Norris family, sister Sarah passed last week; **Seth Daniel**, treatments; **John Wofford**; **Inez Neyman**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**, **Wiley Tuggle**; **Sammy Williams**; **Elizabeth Baker**, myalgic encephalomyelitis.

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Family & Friends

Grace Gregory family, Brad's mother passed last week; **Caroline Livsey**, Clifton's grandma, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **Clair Easley**; **Vicki Angel**, radiation treatment; **Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s mother, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **D.W. Stone family**, Clifton's great uncle; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, in hospice; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

Birthdays

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

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

Get Involved!

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Oct 13 — 16

Bible Bowl @ Nesbit: Oct 19, 4 PM

1 Samuel 22, 23, 24

Providence Place Devo: Oct 20, 2 PM

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Oct 23, 10 AM

Pine Vale Fall Pantry Drive: Due by Oct 27

canned salmon, bisquit, dishwasher tablets

Youth Devo & Trunk R Treat: Oct 27, 5 PM

Coldwater Singing Night: Oct 30, 7 PM

5th Wed., get song requests to Clifton ASAP

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 13

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Clifton Angel
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Andy Ratliff
	Noah Davis
Assist	Tim Wilkes, II
	Joe Owen
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Mark Reynolds
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Mark Reynolds
Lord's Supper	Andy Ratliff
	Noah Davis
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, October 16

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Clifton Angel
Invitation	Mark Reynolds
Prayer	Jim Jackson

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	Andy & Molly Ratliff