

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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One of the apostle Paul's favorite metaphors is that of a competitor in an athletic contest. Paul clearly was familiar with running (Galatians 2:2), boxing (1 Corinthians 9:26), wrestling (Ephesians 6:12), and probably gladiatorial contests (1 Corinthians 4:9; 15:32) and chariot races (Philippians 3:13-14). Consider the following passages, and some practical lessons God would have us learn from sports:<sup>1</sup>

*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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## ELDERS

Billy Bland

Seth Daniel

Jim Jackson

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

## DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jerry Davis

Jeffrey Ferrell Chris Martin

Joe Owen Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II John Wofford

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

- ***Rigorous training, with delayed gratification, is required for success.*** “[T]rain yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:7-8). Are we dedicated Bible students?
- ***Singleness of mind, or focus, is required for success.*** “I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air” (1 Corinthians 9:26). Are we distracted by this world?
- ***Streamlining is required for success.*** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1). Are we harboring sins that will keep us from living effectively for the Lord?
- ***Self-control is required for success.*** “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. . . . I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:25, 27). Are we controlling our desires so that we can live rightly?
- ***Adherence to the rules is required for success.*** “An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules” (2 Timothy 2:5; cf. 1 Corinthians 9:24). Do we ignore some biblical passages even though they are binding on us?

- **Perseverance or endurance is required for success.** “[L]et us run with endurance the race that is set before us...Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted” (Hebrews 12:1-3). Are we determined never to give up, in view of the fact that Christ did not give up when He suffered?

The stakes in the Christian race, or the Christian fight, are high (Ephesians 6:12). If we strive faithfully to follow Christ, our reward will not be a trophy or temporary popularity, but an imperishable crown of life in heaven (1 Timothy 4:8). Let us, therefore, examine ourselves today and see whether there are any factors in our lives that would keep us from being successful in the Christian race (2 Corinthians 13:5).

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<sup>1</sup> This article is adapted from Ryken, et al., *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery* (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 1998), 54.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

October 19 - 20  
October 21 - 24  
November 2

MSOP World Evangelism Seminar  
Spiritual Sword (Getwell) Lectureship  
Ladies' Night Out (Southaven hosting)  
– **Need headcount by Oct. 21st**

**See bulletin board for flyers with more details**

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Sammy Williams**, began treatments for prostate cancer; **Several** traveling; **Stephanie Bayless**; **Clifton Angel**, surgery Nov. 27 @ Vanderbilt; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Caleb & Elizabeth Baker**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.  
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## Family & Friends

**Brad & Teresa Gregory**, and their son John; **William Joseph**, Sao's son passed; **Vicki Angel**, successful surgery on left knee; **Darrell Martin**, Chris' dad, leukemia treatment; **Dan Talley**, Weslyn's father-in-law, lung cancer; **Aubree Lynn family**, 1 year old recently passed, she was being cared for by her uncle Mark Work; she is also great-grand-daughter to Janie Brister; **Ava Lynn family**, Lennie & Caryn Reagan's granddaughter who passed; **Tabby Jenkins**, leukemia (AML); **Michael Stock**; **Mallory Brinson** and family.

## Birthdays

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

## Anniversaries

10/7 Kevin & Janice Dixon  
10/16 Kevin & Melanie Miller  
10/27 Marc & Ashley Strickland

## Get Involved!

**Providence Place Devo: TODAY, 2 PM**

**Bible Bowl @ Nesbit: Oct 20, 4 PM**  
1 Samuel 4 – 6

**Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Oct 24, 10 AM**

**Youth Devo @ Ratliff's: Oct 27**

**Trunk R Treat @ Building: Oct 28**

**Coldwater Singing Night: Oct 31, 7 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 14

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Assist	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Chris Martin

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, October 17

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Noah Davis
Prayer	Kevin Dixon

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Jim & Mischel Jackson