

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct 24, 2021



LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER

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In Psalm 1, the psalmist says there is a man who is

"like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

He is a blessed man, who has a constant source of nourishment and strength. He produces fruit. He prospers in his endeavors. How can a person reach this kind of prosperity and strength?

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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From Psalm 1, we can see that a person who is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water," is one who deters himself from wickedness.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1).

Generally, none like to think of themselves as being involved with wickedness; however, when we look at what God defines as wicked versus what the world defines as wicked, we might find several differences. For example, the world considers lying as trivial, while God considers it wickedness. The psalmist continues,

"The ungodly are not so"

– they are not rooted, grounded, and prosperous like this tree –

"but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1:4-6).

If a person expects to be "like a tree planted by the rivers of water," he must deter himself from wickedness.

From this first psalm, we also can see that a person who is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water," is one who delights himself in God's Word.

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2).

As result,

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (1:2-3).

He is known by God (Psalm 1:6a), and he is blessed by God (1:1).

We should all want to be

"like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

Being such begins by being immersed in the rivers of water of baptism into the Man who was placed on a tree (Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:27; cf. Acts 5:30; 10:39). Do we deter ourselves from wickedness? Do we delight ourselves in God's Word? Are we in Christ?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle, leg operation scheduled for Oct 28; **Ginger Bayless**, physical therapy to recover from knee surgery; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Noah Davis**, stationed in El Paso, TX; **Grace & Sammy Williams**; **Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold**.

Far East Missions
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NetCasters

Family & Friends

Michael Patterson family, Terry Bland's nephew died in a car accident Wednesday; **Paul & Shirley Perkins**, Mischel's father and step-mother, sever health issues; **Josh Cox**, Dana's cousin, had to have emergency heart surgery last week. **Tracie Ford**, sister of Marc's client, on ventilator; **Kay Allison**, Molly's aunt, recent mini-stroke.

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!

Secret Sister Planning Meeting: Oct 24
Between services

Coldwater Singing Night: Oct 27, 7 PM
Song leaders, get your selections to Clifton

Fifth Sunday Service: Oct 31, 1 PM
Also, contribution proceeds beyond budget go directly to building fund on fifth Sunday

Trunk R Treat @ Building: Oct 31, 6 PM
Bring finger foods, no desserts
Some may want to leave to trick-r-treat after

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 24

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Billy Bland
Assist	Walter Warren
	Daniel Warren
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Afternoon

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Wednesday, October 27

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Kevin Dixon

TECH: Davis Johnson
HALL: