

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Oct. 25, 2020



“Shrek the sheep” was away from the fold for six years. He was found in a cave and his wool coat was massive (pictured above). Once he was shorn, the wool coat weighed in at about 60 pounds. I am told that an average coat is only allowed to grow to about 10 pounds before the sheep is shorn, and sometimes one might reach 15 pounds. Because Shrek had wandered from his shepherd, he ...

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

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DEACONS

Jason Bayless

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Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

John Wofford

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

... eventually developed a burden six times that of the norm.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He said,

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep...I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

(John 10:11, 14-16)

If we wander from His fold, we will first and foremost have the greatest burden of all—sin. As long as we are away from the Good Shepherd, our sin cannot be removed. Furthermore, there are physical burdens of this world. Being a faithful sheep in the fold of Jesus does not mean that all of these physical burdens will go away, but they will be much easier for us to bear. For, it is then that we have One upon Whom we can cast all of our cares (see 1 Peter 5:7). The Good Shepherd has said, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and

are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

If you are one of Jesus' sheep, I exhort you not to wander from Him. If you have wandered, won't you come back to your Good Shepherd and echo the words of the melody we sing: "I've wandered far away from; now I'm coming home." Furthermore, I exhort Jesus' sheep to reach out to those who have wandered and to those who have yet to hear the Good Shepherd's "voice" (John 10:16).

Maybe you are one that is not of the fold of God. Can we study with you? Will you consider the evidence for Jesus being the Son of God? You can then believe, repent, confess, and be baptized as the Good Shepherd has commanded. He will add you to His fold, the church (Acts 2:47). And you can live faithfully, to never wander again.

Have you wandered?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle, running fever last week, doing better; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Jason & Ginger Bayless**, doing better; **Tim Meredith**, cyst to be removed in November; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Debbie Phillips, Mischel's aunt, cancer; **Anthony Stacks**, elder at Thyatira, recent mini-stroke & wife has dementia; "**Jack**" **Gregory**, Gregory's newborn grandson, born prematurely, but doing well; **Amelia Marie Rocco**, Clifton & Lara's newborn niece, baby and mother doing well; **Allen Gibson family**; **Vicki Harman**, Clifton's mom, upcoming tests; **Parrish Whalen**, second cancer surgery, recovering well; **Ethylene Strange**, Tim M.'s grandmother; **Tony Parrish**, has made some improvement; **Iris Casteel**; **Carolyn Plumley**, breast cancer.

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!

Special Seminars @ MSOP: Oct 26 – 29

Flyer on bulletin board

Trunk R Treat: Oct 31, 6 PM

No fellowship meal

Games/bonfire after for those who stay

Some will be leaving to trick-r-treat

Church Family Camping: Nov 5 – 7

Thank you, Ashley, for organizing

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 25

Morning

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

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith

Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson
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Wednesday, October 28

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	John Wofford

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	