

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct 26, 2014



Today



Today I know a lady who is crying a widow's tears.

Today I know a lonely child whose heart is filled with fear.

Today I know an erring Christian who has wandered from the fold.

Today I know some who are lost for they don't know God at all.

Today I know a hurting family just trying to survive.

Today I know a discouraged friend who is giving up on life.

Today I know a stricken man whose body is racked with pain.

Today I know an impoverished soul who is hungry once again.

I can wait until another day to reach out to those in need,

But there's no promise of another day for any, including me.

Now is the time for me to serve. I do not dare delay.

I must never put off 'til tomorrow what I know should be done today.

—written by Mike Gifford
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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE
TO THE PINE VALE CHILDREN'S HOME
FALL PANTRY DRIVE

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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Mass Media and Personal Evangelism →

We live in a tremendous time. There are so many conveniences available to us on a daily basis that we could spend a lifetime and never get the full usage out of any one of them. Of these conveniences, a great number can be used for the spreading of the Gospel. Whether it be via radio, television or one of the many avenues of communication offered by the world wide web, the opportunities to preach the Word abound. With these tools at hand, we can indeed send the Gospel into all the earth (Romans 10:18).

The wonders of technology notwithstanding, Christians must never forget that evangelism always did, does and always will involve the personal touch. It's all too easy to forget this. In a time when these conveniences have a tendency to promote electronic relationships over personal ones, we must ever remember that there is nothing like a listening ear, a tender hand and a loving exhortation to obedience. Far too many people have established their spiritual relationships with images on a television or computer screen or with voices on a radio. Far too many Christians have become reliant on the mass media to do their personal work for them. Each program should be looked at as a tool, a means to an end. Each mass media effort should be promoted as a door opener for personal evangelism. It seems rare that people obey the Gospel simply as a result of mass media, the rarity being due to the fact that men and women need to see, hear, touch and associate with Christians so that they can actually visualize the message of God being proclaimed through these lives. In other words, while we must use every means possible for spreading God's Word, when it comes down to leading people to Christ, individual Christians must make personal contact with lost souls so as to impress them with the joy, hope and peace that comes with living the Christian life.

Mass media can get God's Word out to thousands or even millions in a moment. It is a wonderful way to spread the truth. It must, however, be supported by local faithfulness and involvement of God's people if it is to have its full effect. Imagine seeing a television program put on by a local congregation of the Lord's church. It's ...

... impressive in its presentation, the speaker is powerful in his delivery and, all in all, it appeals to viewers as very inviting. Now imagine the viewers going to the local congregation in person only to find the members distant toward them as visitors and perhaps not even very faithful in their own worship and service to God. It would be kind of like seeing a television commercial for a beautiful restaurant with elegantly prepared dishes and then going to the restaurant to find a dilapidated building with dirty tables and greasy floors. That's not too appetizing, is it? The restaurant owner didn't back up his advertisement with a quality product. In this same vein, mass media spreading of God's Word must be backed up with a quality "product," namely Christian men and women who live by the Book they claim to follow.

In 2010, worldbank.org listed the earth's population at just over 6.8 billion people. As of this writing, February 20, 2012, the U.S. Census Bureau has the number at just under 7 billion. Every day, babies are being born. The number of souls being brought into the world continues at a steady pace. These babies will grow up and become accountable souls before God. We can use mass media 24/7/365. In so doing, we might eventually reach every individual, but even if we do, our success in winning souls to Christ will still come down to those personal, one-on-one discussions of God's Word. We cannot, we must not, we dare not ever take the personal equation out of our personal work.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

1. **October 29: Trunk - R - Treat**
In church building parking lot, 5:30 pm
2. **Nov 15: Bible Bowl at Coldwater**
4 pm, Genesis 40-42
3. **Nov 15: Bonfire, Hayride & Devo @Jacksons'**
Directly following Bible Bowl, all invited.
4. **Nov 22: Area-Wide Youth Devo @ Looxahoma**

REMEMBER NOW THY
CREATOR Ecclesiastes 12:1

It's a great time to be alive. It seems as though there are new and exciting discoveries every day. As Christians, let's see the opportunities that are all around us and let's see how we can use them as tools for the greater purpose of sitting down and studying God's Word with precious souls.

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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Seth Daniel, has finished his treatment and the weakening symptoms should go away within the next 6 weeks; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

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Family & Friends

Arnold Smith, Cindy Rodgers' father; **Janet Colvett**, leukemia; **Vicki Angel**, Clifton's mom, back pain; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's older sister, continually battles brain disease, but has new symptoms about which she is uncertain; **John Smith**, Grace's brother-in-law, colon cancer; **Andrew Jones**, friend of Weslyn's, battling cancer; **Elizabeth Baker**; **John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Janie Brister**; **Jason Spencer**, kidney complications, receiving dialysis, among other health problems, hoping to see if Vanderbilt Hospital can help him; **Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma; **Trent Childers**; **Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Andy's grandmother**; **Carla Carlson**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **Jack Higginbotham**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Lauren Harrell**, breast cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**; **Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**.

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!

Trunk - R - Treat -- Oct 29 -- 5:30 PM

In church building parking lot.
Bring finger foods for a meal together.

Coldwater Singing Night -- Oct 29 -- 7 PM

Men, get your song choices to Clifton ASAP

Time Change -- Nov 2 -- Set clocks back 1 hour

Southaven Ladies Retreat -- Nov 7 -- 8

Deadline to reserve a room was Oct 19; however, you can still participate in the activities Nov 7. See Jeanna Wadsworth for more details.

Youth Retreat at SLCC -- Nov 7-9

Hosted by Batesville church of Christ; \$35/person
Medical release forms due in by Oct 29.

SEE INSIDE FOR OTHER YOUTH EVENTS!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 26

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Sammy Williams
	Geoffrey Dunn
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Geoffrey Dunn
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

Wednesday, October 29

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Ron Johnson