

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct. 28, 2018



Do your children really love Jesus? by Brad Harrub

Notice what I did not ask. I did NOT ask:

1. Do your children attend worship services?
2. Do your children go to Bible study?
3. Do your children act kindly toward others?
4. Do your children go on youth retreats?
5. Do your children like to sing the new devo songs?
6. Do your children use good language?
7. Do your children hang out with nice kids? ...

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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Tim Wilkes, II John Wofford

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

8. Do your children participate in service projects?
9. Do your children make good media choices?
10. Do your children limit worldly influences?

What I asked was: "Do your children really love Jesus?" Friends, you can have children that do all of the things above, check off every "box," dot every "i" and cross every "t"—and yet, they will still walk away from Jesus. There's a massive difference in a child converted to "the church" versus a child who is converted to Christ and wants to spend the rest of his/her life following after Him.

In traveling all across the United States, one of the things I've observed missing from many of our youth groups is a true love for Jesus Christ. If our children truly loved Jesus then we wouldn't have to continually discuss things like modesty, fornication, worldliness, pornography, lying, etc. John 14:23-24 records, "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.'" Maybe the reason we have to keep discussing modesty and fornication is because our children are not really converted to Christ in the first place.

Parents, take a few minutes and really talk to your children about their hopes and dreams. Listen to their answers about what they are

really passionate about. If during that discussion you discover they don't love Jesus first and foremost, then you should strongly consider spending a few months reminding your children of their sin and what their life was like before contacting His cleansing blood. Spend some time studying hell and why we refer to Jesus as our Savior. Spend some time discussing heaven and how Jesus makes it possible.

1 John 4:19 says, "We love Him because He first loved us." Set aside the topical books and spend some time with your children getting to know Jesus. Help them to fall in love with Him and His way.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

November 2

Ladies' Night Out (Southaven hosting)

November 11 - 14

Nesbit Gospel Meeting, **Don Blackwell**

See bulletin board for flyers with more details

THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING

by Wayne Jackson

- Its source is God (Acts 2:39; Hebrews 3:1)
- It is characterized by a humble, willing-to-learn attitude (1 Cor. 1:26-29)
- The sacred calling is by means of the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14)
- Its design is for a holy, worthy life (1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 4:1)
- Its direction is upward (Philippians 3:14)
- Its sphere of operation is "in Christ" (Philippians 3:14)
- The ultimate hope is in a single destiny—heaven (Ephesians 4:4; Col. 1:5)

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Andy Ratliff & Aubrey have been other the weather; **Several** travling; **Wilkes II family**, upcoming India mission; **Sammy Williams**, cancer treatments; **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; **Vicki Angel**, recovering well; **Darrell Martin**, Chris' dad, leukemia treatment; **Dan Talley**, Weslyn's father-in-law, lung cancer; **Aubree Lynn family**; **Ava Lynn family**; **Lennie & Caryn Reagan's** granddaughter; **Tabby Jenkins**, leukemia in remission; **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!

Secret Sisters Drawing: TODAY
Between services

Trunk R Treat @ Building: Oct 28, 6:30 PM

Coldwater Singing Night: Oct 31, 7 PM
5th Wednesday, get song requests to Clifton

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: Nov 4
Between services

PineVale Fall Pantry Drive: Nov 11
More details to come

Providence Place Devo: Nov 11, 2 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 28

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	John Wofford
	Kevin Dixon
Assist	Terry Davis
	Daniel Owen
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	John Wofford
	Kevin Dixon
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, October 31

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Meredith

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	John & Suzanne Wofford