

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov 3, 2019



**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

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Jeffrey Ferrell JoeOwen

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John Wofford

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

The children of Israel were on their way from Egypt to Canaan, but they had some hurdles to overcome along the way. They had problems with faith, food and also with foreign enemies. One of the problems that Israel faced in the wilderness was a king named Balak, who hired a prophet named Balaam to curse them. God forbid Balaam from cursing the people of Israel. He was only allowed to bless them (Numbers 23:1-12, 25-26).

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*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

Once Balaam realized he could not curse the children of Israel with his speech, he attempted to seduce them to sin with the Moabite women (Numbers 25:1). The Israelites gave in to Balaam's temptation and joined themselves to idols and displeased the Lord (Numbers 25:2-3). God had Moses kill all of those who engaged in this idolatrous behavior in order to remove the wickedness from their midst (Numbers 25:4-5; cf. Exodus 20:2-6).

After God had shown His hatred for the fornication of Israel mixed with idolatry, an Israelite man, Zimri (Numbers 25:14), marched into the camp one day with a Midianite woman, Cozbi (Numbers 25:15). Not only did the Israelite come in with the forbidden woman, but he also did it in the sight of all of the people, and no one did anything about it (Numbers 25:6). It was at this time that Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, rose up with a javelin and killed them both (Numbers 25:7-8). God blessed Phinehas and turned away from His anger toward Israel (Numbers 25:10-15). While this Old Testament account of righteous indignation and punishment may be hard for many to accept, it teaches profound truths we need to remember and practice. Phinehas sets an example that must be reproduced today as we desperately need a new generation of Phinehases.

### **Courage Not to Follow the Crowd**

As the Israelite Zimri marched into the camp with the Midianite woman, some Israelites might have whispered about how wrong it was. Perhaps some Israelites reasoned, "It was not lawful for him to have her," but no

one did anything about it (cf. Mark 6:18). Sometimes we may see things that we know are wrong, but we are afraid to speak up and do something because we are all alone. The majority is not always correct, and just because most people are silent does not mean we should be (Exodus 23:2). Most people are on the wide road that leads to destruction, and we should not expect them to speak up about unrighteousness (Matthew 7:13-14). When Phinehas saw wrong, he did not wait to get the approval of his contemporaries before he acted. Phinehas was convicted already because he knew that the fornication and idolatry of Zimri and Cozbi offended his God (Psalm 139:21-22).

We need a new generation of Phinehases who will not follow the blind culture in which we currently live, but instead will follow the New Testament of Jesus Christ (Matthew 15:14). It is possible to silently approve of the wrong of others. If we do, we will give an account (Romans 1:32). God is pleased when His people do not follow the crowd, but instead follow the way of the cross. Be like Phinehas and avoid the temptation to do what everyone else is doing. **(to be continued)**

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Tim Wilkes, II**, Philippines mission, please also pray for his family while he is away, **Wiley Tuggle**; **Seth Daniel**, treatments; **Inez Neyman**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**, **Sammy Williams**; **Elizabeth Baker**.

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## Family & Friends

**Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, breast cancer survivor, now battling cancer spots on ribs, more treatments to come; **Grace Gregory family**; **Caroline Livsey**, Clifton's grandma; **Clair Easley**; **Vicki Angel**, radiation treatment; **Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s mother; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, in hospice; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

## Birthdays

11/5	Rachel Wilkes
11/13	Danni Strickland
11/18	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
11/25	Ginna Honeycutt
11/25	Wiley Tuggle
11/26	Virginia Sowell

## Get Involved!

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: TODAY**

**Providence Place Devo: Nov 10, 2 PM**

**Bible Bowl @ Coldwater: Nov 16, 4 PM**  
Study chapters are 1 Samuel 25, 26 27

**Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Nov 27, 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night: Nov 27, 7 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 3

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Tim Meredith
Assist	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, November 6

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Marc Strickland

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Jason & Ginger Bayless