

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov. 4, 2018



Worshiping God

by Seth Daniel

What is worship? The *Easton's Illustrated Dictionary* defines it, "Homage rendered to God which it is sinful (idolatry) to render to any created being (Ex 34:14; Isa 2:8). Such worship was refused by Peter (Acts 10:25, 26) and by an angel (Rev 22:8, 9). "The *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* gives this definition: "Term used to refer to the act or action associated with attributing honor, reverence, or worth to that which is considered to be divine by religious adherents. Christian worship is often defined as the ascription of worth or honor to the triune."

Our God has always wanted mankind to worship Him. In the beginning of time God expected His creation to worship Him and Him alone. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which 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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... obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:4). Worship must be according to God's will, not man's.

Not all of life is worship as some contend, but it is what we, as the creation, do to reverence and honor our Creator. "And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you" (Genesis 22:5). Abraham and Isaac went to the place of worship. David said "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

What is our attitude to be when we come to worship? "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24). God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth. We are to worship Him with awe and reverence (great fear and humble submission). We owe Him great honor and respect. Therefore, when we come to the assembly of the saints we come into the presence of our Creator, our Lord and Savior. We are to present to Him our love and devotion by worshiping Him in truth. God has always let us know what He wants in worship to Him. "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker" (Psalm 95:6). "The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Revelation 4:10-11).

God is to be the center of our worship—not man. God wants us to worship Him in truth. We are to assemble together on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). We are to encourage one another, study God's word, sing make melody in our hearts, (Ephesians 5:19) pray and partake of the Lord's supper and give as we have prospered (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

It is a time for personal introspection, self examination, with a contrite spirit and a broken heart. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

Worship is personal as well as communal. We worship together as the body of Christ. We are not to forsake the coming together of the saints. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins (Hebrews 10:25-26). Worship is not just one act, such as coming to take the Lord's supper and to hear a sermon, but singing, praying, giving, encouraging, and teaching are all important parts of the devotion and glory we present to our Creator. We should exercise sober reverence when we come before the throne of God. So many seem to take such a privilege very lightly, not reflecting on the great love and sacrifice made on our behalf. Too many distractions seem to take us away from what is truly the reason for us to assemble. Worship God in spirit and in truth.

Edited & adapted, CRA



2018 Fall Food Drive

Items Due Sunday, November 11

Canned Chicken

Macaroni & Cheese

Dry Seasoning Packets
(Spaghetti, chili, taco, meatloaf,
gravy mix, etc.)

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Weslyn Talley & Katherine King, came forward Wednesday in need of our prayers; **Sammy Williams**, cancer treatments; **Wilkes II family**, upcoming India trip; **Billy Bland**, upcoming China/Singapore trip; **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

Vicie Ruff family, graveside service today 11/4 at 2pm; **Marla Davis**, Terry & Dana's niece, major infection affecting colon & kidneys, more surgery to come; currently on ventilator; **Devin Dickey**, aneurysm that will require surgery; **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; **Tabby Jenkins**.

Birthdays

11/5	Rachel Wilkes
11/13	Danni Strickland
11/14	Kara Johnson
11/16	Billie Martin
11/18	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
11/25	Ginna Honeycutt
11/25	Wiley Tuggle
11/26	Virginia Sowell

Anniversaries

11/8	Jeremy & Mindy Moore
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Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: TODAY
Between services

Nesbit Gospel Meeting: Nov 11 – 14
Don Blackwell preaching, see flyer for details

PineVale Pantry Drive: Items due Nov 11
See inside for details

Providence Place Devo: Nov 11, 2 PM

Coldwater Singing Night: Nov 28, 7 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 4

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Tim Wilkes II
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Tim Meredith
Assist	Mika Meredith
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Tim Meredith
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Wednesday, November 7

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Chris Martin

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Marc & Ashley Strickland