

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## CHRISTIANITY vs PATRIOTISM



**and the winner is...?**

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Racism. Patriotism. Football. Protests. Christianity. Maybe by now, you're all tired of the rhetoric. Some of it has been unkind, some unreasonable, and some just coarse (as heard from our President). But I hope that you will find the brief thoughts below to be none of those things, and actually helpful. Please consider:

**I am a Christian first and a Patriot second.** I long for the day when God's people can be as moved and vocal about ...

*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

Seth Daniel

Jim Jackson

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

### DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Joe Owen Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

... Jesus as they can be about the country they love. Are we as upset and vocal when the institutions and doctrines of God are disrespected as we are when our nations institutions are disrespected? Are we as willing to speak in defense of the cross as we are in defense of the flag? Friends, love your country, but don't forget your citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20).

**Freedom of Speech must be Tempered with Respect.** I am thankful for the "freedom of speech" protected by the 1st Amendment. But I must keep in mind that this great freedom must be tempered with respect. For instance, I am opposed to the practice of homosexuality, but I will not join myself to groups who share that view, when they seek to share that view in a disrespectful way, such as at a funeral. This is disrespectful. Make sure you don't negate your valid message by expressing it in a disrespectful way. Freedom of speech doesn't license us to disrespect others. How and where we exercise this freedom is important (Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3; Matthew 7:12).

**Acknowledge the Plight of the Oppressed.** We must lose the "get over it already" attitude some possess. Oppression, injustice, inequality, and discrimination still exist in our country, and to act as if they don't, because they don't happen to you, is ungodly. Godliness lifts the burden from the oppressed, rights the wrongs, and treats all men equally (Isaiah 1:17; Micah 6:8; Psalm 82:3-4; Matthew 23:23).

**Love those with whom you Disagree.** Allow people to disagree with you without expressing bitterness and malice. In fact, go a step further and open your mind to other perspectives. Not everything in life is a "heaven or hell" proposition. In matters of judgment, we have the right to hold and express differing opinions. When you hear those dissenting voices on matters of judgment, make sure you love the person expressing their dissent more than you love your opinion (John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 9:22).



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My son-in-law is color-blind. So, for his birthday this past weekend, our daughter gave him a pair of “Enchroma” glasses. For those of you who may not be familiar with these glasses, they are glasses made just for color-blind people. They look like ordinary sunglasses, but actually allow a color-blind person to see colors as we see them.

I was videoing my son-in-law as he peered through these new glasses for the first time. He looked off at the trees in his backyard, raised his glasses to get a comparison, then put them back on and said, “Wow, my world is weird..It’s actually sort of sad!”

During the past week, I’ve not been able to shake those words. The world that my son-in-law was living in was a world without color (as we know it), and as he described it, “weird and sad.”

It wasn’t a difficult jump to allegorize his words. How “weird and sad” is the world in which we once lived? A world dulled by the darkness of sin, and obscured by the gloom of the grave? Stark, hopeless, colorless, doom. But now, all of that has changed for the child of God. We see the world, not as we once saw it, but we see it through the lens of Jesus. A world that was once without eternal purpose now has purpose. A world that was once lived for self, is now lived for others.

Last weekend, I was reminded how thankful I need to be to God for allowing me to see the world through the lens of his Son, who enables me to see the brilliance of his love!

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Betty Tuggle & Wiley Tuggle; Milba Sutton;** Some traveling; **Beverly Hays; Clarence & Faye Edwards.**

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### Family & Friends

**Carolyn Odom & family,** Inez's niece's husband died, the funeral was Friday; **Fernando Casacuberta,** Jared's friend that recently visited from NJ, diagnosed with MS; **Hilda Ratliff,** Andy's mother, recovering from surgery; **Macadden Easley; Mary Wadsworth,** Russell's mother, cancer; **Robbie Patterson,** Terry Bland's sister, cancer radiation treatments; **Lyla Childers,** Janie Brister's great-granddaughter; **Faye Lipford,** Ruth's cousin, cancer; **Lee Davis; Joy Angel; Matt Brooks,** stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel; Judy Dowelling,** Joe's mother; **Ray Maples; Becky Latimer; Kristie Deffenbaugh; Lauren Ivy; Raleigh Wood; Carole Livsey,** leukemia; **Lisa Hogan; Ava Roten; Sharon Brewer; Jenny Kraft; Mac Owen; Rhonda Cook; Wanda Coats; Tammy Powell; Lawton O'Brien; Beverly Whitecotton; Peggy Hunt; Jason Spencer; Elizabeth Baker; Janie Brister; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Frankie Burfield; Renee Loya; Martha Hatfield.**

### Birthdays

11/5 Rachel Wilkes  
11/13 Danni Strickland  
11/16 Billie Martin  
11/18 Tim Wilkes Sr.  
11/25 Wiley Tuggle  
11/25 Ginna Honeycutt  
11/26 Virginia Sowell

### Anniversaries

11/8 Jeremy & Mindy Moore

## Get Involved!

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — TODAY**  
Between services

**Providence Place Devo — Nov 12 — 2 PM**

**Bible Bowl @ Looxahoma — Nov 18 — 4 PM**  
Galatians 4 – 6

**Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Nov 22 — 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night — Nov 29 — 7 PM**

*where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also*

— Matthew 6:21 —

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 5

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Noah Davis
Assist	Will Brooks
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Noah Davis
	Jason Bayless
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, November 8

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jared Brown

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	John & Suzanne Wofford