

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov 6, 2016



God has always demanded that people follow His commands without alteration or deviation. The reader will recall that when Moses was leading the children of Israel through the wilderness, Moses obeyed God's command to strike the rock so it would bring forth water (Exo. 17:5-6). Moses was later instructed to speak to the rock, but instead, he struck the rock (Num. 20:7-11). Just because God had authorized him to strike the rock in the past, that did not give Moses the authority to strike the rock again. He had to obey the current command that God had given, exactly as it had

*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!

P.O. Box 321

2008 Hwy. 306

(1.2 miles east of I-55)

Coldwater, MS 38618

(662) 622-7951

[emailus@coldwatercofc.com](mailto:emailus@coldwatercofc.com)

[www.coldwatercofc.com](http://www.coldwatercofc.com)

## ELDERS

Billy Bland

Seth Daniel

Jim Jackson

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

## DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

been given, regardless of what God had commanded or authorized in the past.

Although some may try to minimize disobedience to such a command, God did not view this disobedience as something trivial. This was sin, and God said it demonstrated a lack of belief in Him: "...Because ye believed me not..." (Num. 20:12). God also said that this disobedience showed that He had not been sanctified: "...Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel..." (Num. 20:12). To disobey God is to reveal that we have not set God apart in our minds, thinking of Him in a special way, considering Him to be infinitely above us in every way, One who is worthy to be obeyed, and One who will punish the disobedient. Because of his disobedience, Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land of Canaan: "...therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them" (Num. 20:12; cf. Deut. 3:23-28; 34:1-5). Disobedience demonstrates a lack of faith and sanctification, and it also demands punishment from the Omnijust God.

Is it possible to commit a sin like this today? Under the New Testament, God has not commanded us to speak to a rock, but He has commanded us to "speak" in the music we offer Him: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19; cf. Matt. 26:30; Acts 16:25; 1 Cor. 14:15; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12; James 5:13). When we obey the command to sing, we are "speaking," and the "melody" is made in the "heart." Since God has commanded us to "speak," we are not authorized to "strike" the keys of a piano, the strings of a guitar, or the head of a

drum in worship.

Many who use mechanical instruments in worship claim that since God authorized mechanical instruments in the worship of the past (Old Testament), we can still do this with God's approval under the New Testament. The truth is that just because God may have authorized something in the past, that does not mean that He authorizes such today. Should we not have learned that lesson from Moses' disobedience and punishment? To use mechanical instruments in worship today is like Moses striking the rock after God commanded him to speak to it! It is something that is no longer authorized by God. Such disregard for God's clear commands in the New Testament demonstrates a lack of belief and sanctification of God. May we all be content with God's command to "speak" so that we may enter "the promised land" of Heaven!

Written by Jason Hilburn  
[www.TheBibleDomain.com](http://www.TheBibleDomain.com)

### *Sermon Review*

#### **A.C.T.S.—Certain Men Taught the Brethren**

(Acts 15:1–35)

- I. **B**reaking Down of the Passage
- II. **I**nteresting Details
- III. **B**inding Where God Does Not Bind
- IV. **L**oosing Where God Does Not Loose
- V. **E**xamples of Each

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Hunter Z., Sherry G.**, and others have experienced recent sickness; **Betty Duke; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**, eye.

**NetCasters \* Far East Missions \* Fishers of Men**

### Family & Friends

**Bill Fleming; Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin; **Elkins' family**, in passing of Garland Elkins; **Ray Livsey**, Clifton's uncle, had a mass surgically removed; **Karen Shrum & family**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, hospice; **Brandy Fleming**, Billie Martin's sister-in-law; **Stacy Family**, in the loss of their newborn daughter Juniper Wren; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, leukemia has returned; **Tim Isbell family; Myrtis Wadsworth; George Morris; Noel Daniel; David Steward**, stroke; **Tyler Densford; Harold Russell; Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy; Myrtle McNab; Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry; **Lisa Hogan; Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Judy Dowelling; Jenny Kraft; John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen; Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook; Wanda Coats; Henretta Newsom; Tammy Powell; Lawton O'Brien; Pat Hardison; Beverly Whitecotton; Peggy Hunt; Jason Spencer; Elizabeth Baker; Janie Brister; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Frankie Burfield; James Cooper; Renee Loya; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield.**

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

11/8 Jeremy & Mindy Moore

## Get Involved!

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Nov 6**  
Between Services

**Whitlock Bonfire & Lock-in — Nov 11**  
See flyer on bulletin for details  
Please let Clifton know TODAY if you want to go

**Secret Sister Gift Swap — Begins Nov 13**  
\$5 maximum on weekly gifts

**Providence Place Devo — Nov 13 — 2 PM**

**Bible Bowl @ Looxahoma — Nov 19 — 4 PM**  
1 Corinthians 7, 8, 9

**Convalescence Center Devo — Nov 23 — 10 AM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 6

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Marc Strickland
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jason Bayless

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Closing Prayer	Jared Brown

Wednesday, November 9

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Ron Johnson