

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov 7, 2021



## OPPORTUNITY

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Opportunity. The word comes from the Latin phrase "ob portus". "Ob" means "toward, or in the direction of." "Portus" means "port, harbor." It was a phrase used by ancient sailors who had to wait for just the right wind and tide conditions to direct their ships into the harbor. If they missed an opportune moment, it could mean a lot of waiting for the next one. *(continued inside...)*

*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

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Jason Bayless

Jerry Davis

Jeffrey Ferrell

Joe Owen

Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

John Wofford

#### PREACHER

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Paul writes, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time" (Colossians 4:5). The word translated "time" is not necessarily "clock time." It might better be translated as "opportunity" or "season." The word translated "redeem" is the idea of going into the marketplace and buying up the best deals. It makes me think of going into the store Bargain Hunt, or Essex. You're looking for the best deals you can find. It also reminds me of my wife in the Kroger clearance aisle, buying up ALL the deals (Disclaimer: My wife approved this statement of jest). The ASV has a footnote at Colossians 4:5 that says, "buying up the opportunity."

Paul, how can we be sure to take advantage of the opportunities God affords us? Paul says, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without" (Colossians 4:5). To the church in Ephesus, he said it this way: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). Furthermore, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Colossians 4:6). Therefore, if we expect to "buy up the ...

... opportunities" God gives us, we need: 1. Wisdom; 2. Preparation. Let us be growing in wisdom and preparation in our daily lives. Such requires that we rely on God and His Word. We must be praying (James 1:5; 5:16), studying (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17; James 3:17), and making application (James 1:22; 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:10). How do we speak to others? What words do we use? What do we say/share on social media platforms? Do we live in such a way that others see Christ in us, or is it difficult making distinctions between Christians and the world?

Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia, "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10).

Are we "buying up the opportunities" God gives us in our relationships with others?

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Brad & Teresa Gregory**, Teresa has broken ribs from a fall, Brad dealing with clots in leg; **Wiley Tuggle**, recovering from leg surgery; **Ginger Bayless**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Hannah Davis**, training at Fort Benning; **Noah Davis**, stationed in El Paso, TX; **Grace & Sammy Williams**; **Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold**.

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

## Family & Friends

**Waid Wilkes family**; **Nelda Boyce family**; **Michael Patterson family**; **Josh Cox family**; **Paul & Shirley Perkins**, Mischel's father and step-mother; **Kay Allison**, Molly's aunt, recent mini-stroke.

## *Birthdays*

11/5 Rachel Wilkes  
11/13 Danni Strickland  
11/25 Ginna Honeycutt  
11/25 Wiley Tuggle

## Get Involved!

**Secret Sister Exchange: Begins Nov 7**

**Providence Place Devo: Nov 14, 2 PM**

**Coldwater Singing Night: Nov 24, 7 PM**  
Song leaders, get your selections to Clifton

**See Bulletin Board for Reports  
from Supported Works**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 7

### *Morning*

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless
	Tim Meredith
Assist	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Closing Prayer	Tim Wilkes II

### *Afternoon*

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Wednesday, November 10

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Billy Bland

TECH: Dalton Owen  
HALL: