

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov. 8, 2020



Baptism: an immersion or submersion of an object or person. It is likened to a burial, in which one is completely covered in dirt/rock (Romans 6:3-4). However, the burial or immersion of interest for this study is in water. In the words of a friend, "What is so special about being dunked in water?" I kindly submit to you that baptism is important because God said so—not me. Let's consider some Scriptural reasons for the need to be baptized.

*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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John Wofford

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## **Baptism Stands Between the Sinner and Salvation**

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Jesus’ words are simple and “unget-around-able.” We should be able to end this article here, but for emphasis we will continue. Peter reemphasized this teaching at 1 Peter 3:21: “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (NKJV).

## **Baptism Stands Between the Sinner and Forgiveness of Sins**

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38).

## **Baptism Stands Between the Sinner and Sins Being Washed Away**

“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

## **Baptism Stands Between the Sinner and the Cleansing Blood of Jesus**

“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own

blood" (Revelation 1:5). Coupling this verse with Acts 22:16 shows that the point at which one contacts Jesus' blood is baptism.

## **Baptism stands between the sinner and addition to the Lord's church**

Reading Acts 2:37-47 is a clear foundation to seeing that those who are baptized are those who Jesus adds to His church. Why is this important? Because His church is the only body of the saved (see Ephesians 5:23; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18).

The list could continue. For, baptism stands between the sinner and being in Christ (Galatians 3:27), which leads to a host of other things the sinner lacks if he does not submit to baptism: All spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), Absence of condemnation (Romans 8:1), A real reason to rejoice (Philippians 4:4), just to name a few.

Certainly, there is the need to hear (Romans 10:17), believe (Mark 16:16), repent (Acts 2:38), and confess (Acts 8:37). Yet, if all of these be accomplished and one lacks obedience to God's command of baptism, he remains a sinner without salvation. On the other hand, if one has been immersed in water without faith, repentance, and confession, he has only gotten wet. Do we see the importance of baptism?

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Sherry Gaines**, upcoming cataract surgery; **Wiley Tuggle; Clarence & Faye Edwards;** **Tim Meredith**, cyst to be removed this month; **Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.**

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

### Family & Friends

**Wadsworth, Culbreath, & Smart families,** Russell, Betty, & Dana tested positive for coronavirus; **Joy Angel**, ongoing health problems; **Caroline Livsey**, Clifton's grandmother, coronavirus, doing well; **Vicki Harman**, Clifton's mom, good results from stress test; **Jim Woody family; Debbie Phillips**, Mischel's aunt, cancer; **Anthony Stacks; Allen Gibson family; Parrish Whalen; Ethylene Strange; Tony Parrish; Iris Casteel; Carolyn Plumley.**

### ***Birthdays***

11/5 Rachel Wilkes  
11/13 Danni Strickland  
11/25 Ginna Honeycutt  
11/25 Wiley Tuggle  
11/26 Virginia Sowell

## Get Involved!

**Coldwater Youth Devo: Nov 13, 6 PM**  
Ratliff's hosting, Youth will be making gifts

**Works Supported by Coldwater**  
New Updates & Reports on Bulletin Board

*Peace be unto you:  
as my Father hath sent me,  
even so send I you.*

— **John 20:21** —

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 8

### *Morning*

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Billy Bland

Assist

Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith
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### *Afternoon*

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Billy Bland

Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff
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Wednesday, November 11

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Marc Strickland

TECH:	Noah Davis
HALL:	