

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov 10, 2019



In Memory of: W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28).

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away (1 Peter 5:2-4).

Brother Tim took seriously these commands, and for that we are so very thankful. And now, we trust he has secured that *crown of glory that fadeth to away.*

Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

—1 Samuel 20:18—

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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WE NEED A NEW GENERATION OF PHINEHASES

Written by HIRAM KEMP PART 2

Zealous for God

When God pronounced a blessing on Phinehas, He said that he was zealous or jealous for God, and this drove him to act (Numbers 25:11). Phinehas did not stand up and strike Zimri and Cozbi because he simply did not think they were a cute couple. There was something deeper and more important driving Phinehas' behavior than whether or not he thought Zimri and Cozbi should be together. He was concerned with what God thought about it. God had already shown His disdain for these types of relationships. If Phinehas was going to have God's approval, he needed to be against it too. God described his attitude as zealous. This Hebrew word in this context means to campaign for someone. Phinehas' behavior was his effort to campaign for God as he was aligning himself with the God of Heaven (Exodus 32:26).

We need to be zealous for the Lord and to be "campaigning" for him in the same way that Phinehas did in the wilderness. When God calls homosexuality an abomination, we need to say the same thing without apology as we show the world around us that we are on the side of God and what He says about sexual immorality of any kind (Romans 1:26-27; Leviticus 18:22). We should be zealous for God as we speak of the pure worship of the New Testament that is free from the doctrines and deviations of men (Matthew 15:7-9). Being zealous for God is too many times defined as simply being excited about God and having a mind that is interested in the things of God. Biblically speaking, to be zealous for God is more than just what we feel but also how we behave. It should also be noted that our zeal should be accompanied with knowledge (Romans 10:1-4). To have zeal without knowledge is to run full speed into a ditch. Yet, to have knowledge without zeal is to be stagnant and useless in the kingdom of God. Our zeal must motivate us to speak up for God and serve Him, even when it is not easy (Matthew 16:24-25). In a country where so many campaign for so many earthly causes, we need a new generation of Phinehases who will campaign for the eternal cause of Christ.

Enjoy Peace with God

God promised a covenant of peace with Phinehas as a result of the courage and ...

... conviction he showed (Numbers 25:12). It is more important to be at peace with God than to have peace with man. Maybe Phinehas doing the right thing raised some eyebrows in the Israelite camp as Phinehas killed this couple right before their eyes. Some people might have even viewed Phinehas as a troublemaker and a disrupter of the peace. The truth was that Phinehas removed God's wrath from the people, and they enjoyed true peace as a result. God calls us to be peacemakers, and that often involves engaging in conflict to accomplish peace (Matthew 5:9). God made peace through the blood of Jesus' cross (Colossians 1:20). Phinehas enjoyed peace with God, and that is what mattered the most.

We too must prioritize peace with God above peace with all others. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, but He also promised to bring division (Matthew 10:34-36). The division that Jesus brought about came as some believed in Him and others did not. Even within the same household there might be differing views of Jesus that could lead to problems within a family (Matthew 10:37). If we cherish peace with our family over peace with our God, we will forfeit the covenant of peace that we can have with the Lord. Phinehas was willing to be at odds with everyone else if it meant peace with God, and we should do the same (Romans 5:1-2).

Conclusion

The Old Testament was written and preserved so that we could learn from it (Romans 15:4). The world wants to muzzle Christians and to tie our hands, but we must resist the world (1 John 5:4). It is not enough to whisper about righteousness among ourselves. We must speak of it openly to the world. We can stand up for God and stand against sin while still being respectful and kind (2 Timothy 2:24-26). We need a new generation of Phinehases who will stand up, confront evil and enjoy God's blessing as a result.

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NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Timothy Wilkes, Sr. family; Meredith family, in loss of Tim's uncle; **Seth Daniel**, treatments; **Wiley Tuggle; Inez Neyman; Clarence & Faye Edwards, Sammy Williams; Ruth Brister; Elizabeth Baker.**

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Family & Friends

Vicki Angel, radiation treatments have been completed; **Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, battling cancer spots on ribs; **Grace Gregory family; Caroline Livsey**, Clifton's grandma; **Clair Easley; Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s mother; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, in hospice; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

Birthdays

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| 11/5 | Rachel Wilkes |
| 11/13 | Danni Strickland |
| 11/18 | Timothy Wilkes, Sr. |
| 11/25 | Ginna Honeycutt |
| 11/25 | Wiley Tuggle |
| 11/26 | Virginia Sowell |

***I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:
—2 Timothy 4:7—***

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo: TODAY, 2 PM

Bible Bowl @ Coldwater: Nov 16, 4 PM
Study chapters are 1 Samuel 25, 26 27

Youth Devo @ Coldwater: Nov 17, 4:30 PM
Ferrel's hosting, signup sheet to come

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Nov 27, 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night: Nov 27, 7 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 10

Morning

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| Prayer Before Class | Jerry Davis |
| Announcements | Billy Bland |
| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Lord's Supper: | |
| Preside | Jim Jackson |
| | Tim Meredith |
| Assist | Bodie Meredith |
| | Mika Meredith |
| Opening Prayer | John Wofford |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Closing Prayer | Russell Wadsworth |

Afternoon

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| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Opening Prayer | Billy Bland |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper | Tim Meredith |
| | Bodie Meredith |
| Closing Prayer | Marc Strickland |

Wednesday, November 13

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| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Prayer | Billy Bland |
| Invitation | Clifton Angel |
| Prayer | Noah Davis |
| TECH: | Daniel Owen |
| HALL: | Andy & Molly Ratliff |