

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov 15, 2015



# FATHER

*May these words be received in the same spirit of love  
in which they were written.*

There is "One ... Father" (Ephesians 4:6). Spiritual unity can only be obtained by submitting ourselves to the will of the One Father of Heaven (Matthew 7:21). Sadly, many call Jesus their Lord but do not do the Father's will.

Some claim Jesus as their Lord but follow the will of their earthly father. Obedience to parents is a command from God (Ephesians 6:1). Family allegiance is natural and important. However, when a person places their earthly father's will above their Heavenly Father's will, God is not obeyed and God is not pleased. Many do this by choosing a church because their family went there, instead of it being a choice based upon Biblical conviction. Many do ...

*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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Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

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this by avoiding the church because their family never went to church. Many do this by refusing the truth, because it would mean their family before them was wrong. Earthly fathers are important and needed; yet, they are not to be placed above our Heavenly Father. Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).

Some claim Jesus as their Lord but follow a spiritual father upon this earth. Spiritual leadership is so important. Growing Christians need guidance and support, like that which Paul provided Timothy (1 Timothy 1:2). Sadly many leaders are leading their "sons" in a faith which is not God's. One of the most explicit examples would be Catholicism. For, the adherents even call their spiritual leaders "father." Unfortunately, they may be the closest thing to a modern-day sect of Pharisees. Jesus said of the Pharisees, "all their works they do for to be seen of men" (Matthew 23:5). It is apparent that they taught their followers to refer to them as "fathers," for Jesus plainly rebuked them: "call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven" (Matthew 23:9). Others in the religious world have spiritual "fathers," whom they may not refer to as father, that lead them contrary to the will of our Heavenly Father. Oftentimes, they refer to them as "my pastor," or "my preacher." If ever a spiritual "father" is made one's sole authority for what one believes, said follower is in tremendous danger.

Some claim Jesus as their Lord but follow their father the devil. The latter two scenarios are both under the umbrella of this fatherhood. Jesus plainly said to the Pharisees, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44). Those who make the devil their father are those who ...

love the world. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16).

Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Who's your Father?

*Clifton Angel*

# PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

### *Sermon Review*

#### **77 Questions to Consider Before Questioning God**

(Job 38–42)

##### **I. Questions concerning Mastery.**

- A. Inanimate (38:1–38).
- B. Animate (38:39–39:30).
- C. Answer #1 from Job (40:1–5).

##### **II. Questions concerning Magnitude.**

- A. Authority & Ability (40:6–14).
- B. Behemoth (40:15–24).
- C. Leviathan (41:1–34).
- D. Answer #2 from Job (42:1–6).

#### **Q&A: The "Them" of Acts 2:41?**

- I. Some Possibilities**
- II. The Answer: No One**
- III. A New Question**

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Inez Neyman**, hospital visit due to diabetes complications; Multiple mission trips involving some of our members; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman family**.

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

## Family & Friends

**Mac Owen**, Joe's father, hospital; **Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, will have to have treatments for breast cancer; **Ron Hendrix**; **Bill Fleming**, Billie Martin's father; **Ashley Hendrix-Sanders family**; **Henretta Newsom**, Toranda's mother; **Pat Neal**, Clifton's neighbor, recovering from spinal neck surgery; **Jackie Kalback**; **Family of Connie Whitt**; **Steve Angel**; **Tammy Powell**, Janie Brister's daughter; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Claire Webster**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Doris Easley**; **Pat Hardison**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Walter Huffman**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Jack Higginbotham**; **John & Anita Simpson and family**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Billie Kid**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Paul Perkins**; **Janie Brister**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Ava Roten**; **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Bob Spurlin**.

## Birthdays

11/5 Rachel Wilkes  
11/14 Shirley Yarbro  
11/14 Kara Johnson  
11/16 Billie Martin  
11/18 Timothy Wilkes, Sr.  
11/25 Wiley Tuggle  
11/26 Virginia Sowell

## Anniversaries

11/8 Jeremy & Mindy Moore

## Get Involved!

**Area-Wide Youth Devo — Nov 16 — 7 PM**  
@ Olive Branch church of Christ

**Help Websters in Moving Process — Nov 17–18**  
Anytime these two days would be appreciated

**Bible Bowl — Nov 21 — 4 PM — Looxahoma**  
John 7 – 9

**Thanksgiving-themed Meal — Nov 22**  
See signup sheet on table in foyer for details

**Convalescence Center Devo — Nov 25 — 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night — Nov 25 — 7 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 15

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Joe Owen
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Ron Johnson
	Marc Strickland
Assist	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Seth Daniel
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Ron Johnson
	Marc Strickland
	Jared Brown
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, November 18

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis