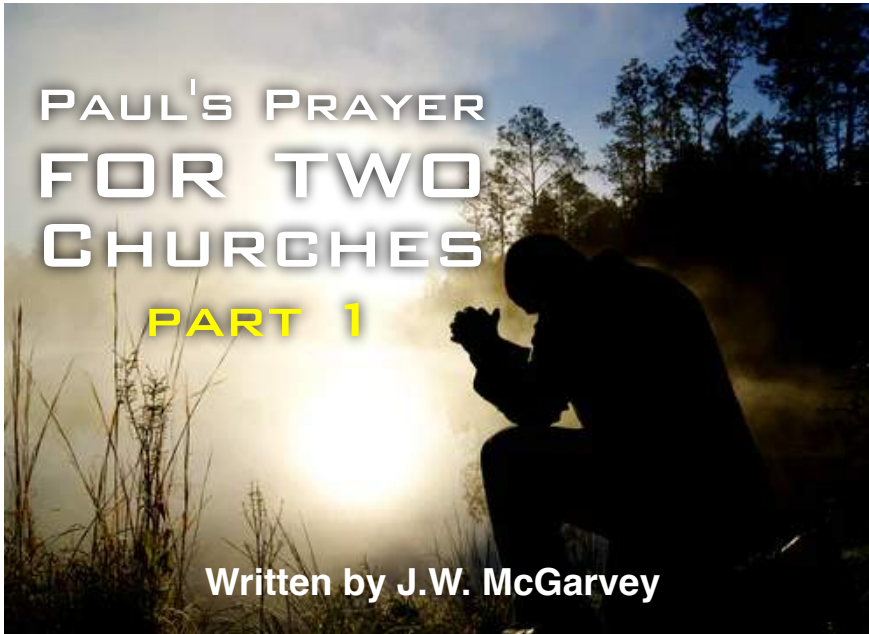


# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov 17, 2019



## PAUL'S PRAYER FOR TWO CHURCHES PART 1

Written by J.W. McGarvey

Now on leaving Thessalonica he left the church which they had planted there under the persecution that followed the trouble stirred up by those foreign Jews. In writing to them afterwards he said, "You have heard what things the church in Jerusalem suffered at the hands of the Jews," and he draws a parallel between their own sufferings and those which caused the church at Jerusalem to be dispersed. A report of this reached him at Athens, and he said, "I have desired again and again to come to you, but Satan hindered." It is a remarkable declaration-that the devil hindered him from returning to Thessalonica. I presume that it was because the devil kept up that persecution and would have stirred up the people to greater violence and cruelty if Paul had gone back there. So, not

*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

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daring to do this, on account of the evil it would bring upon the disciples, he sent Timothy back there and he remained in Athens until Timothy returned. Timothy went to "establish them and strengthen them in the faith and comfort them". Now that brings us the subject of his prayer.

In the beginning of the epistle he says, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." This shows that in all of his prayers he made mention of that body of disciples, with thanks to God always for you all making mention of you in our prayers"; showing that in every prayer that he offered he had remembrance of that church. What an earnest, devoted man he was. How deep his sympathies for his brethren in their suffering. And how earnestly he plead with God on their behalf. Here is an example for every preacher. It does good, or else the inspired apostle would not have engaged in it. If you know of a single disciple who is suffering at the hands of the enemies of God, there is an example for you. He tells them, farther on, what he particularly prayed for when he was remembering them in his prayers and giving thanks to God for them. "Now may our God and father himself direct our way to you and remove Satan out of the place where he is hindering us from coming to you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men." That "all men" included those persecuting Jews; and his prayer is, that the disciples may abound and increase in love not only toward one another, but toward "all men", including those who were persecuting them. "Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus, direct our way unto you: and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you; to the end he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all of his saints". The expression, "All of his saints" includes those who had departed to where Jesus is. And as the word

saints means holy ones, he probably refers to the coming of the holy angels; and his prayer is that the Thessalonian saints may be established in holiness.



Then he has another prayer for them which he mentions. "And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." He next shows his faith in prayer, not only in his own prayers, but in those of others, by adding, "Brethren, pray for us." What was the use of their praying for him? There was a use for it. There was something good in it. He expected as a result of their praying for him that blessings would come to him which he would not otherwise receive.

**Article divided and shortened for space purposes; Original can be found at [https://www.therestorationmovement.com/\\_states/kentucky/chapeltalks.htm#8](https://www.therestorationmovement.com/_states/kentucky/chapeltalks.htm#8)**

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**We miss W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr., but the Fishers of Men Ministry will continue!**

You can access a memorial at [www.fishersofmen.net](http://www.fishersofmen.net) and read an urgent update letter to supporters on the bulletin board. Please continue to support this good work!

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Fishers of Men Ministry

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or, online (<https://www.fishersofmen.net/donate.html>),

Please use our General Fund and note In Memory of Tim Wilkes, Sr.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Betty Culbreath**, broken arm from fall; **Seth Daniel**, treatments; **China & Singapore Mission**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr. family**; **Meredith family**, in loss of Tim's uncle; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Inez Neyman**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**, **Sammy Williams**; **Ruth Brister**; **Elizabeth Baker**.

## Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

### Family & Friends

**Mike Ratliff**, Andy's father, recovering from recent surgery; **Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, battling cancer spots on ribs; **Clair Easley**; **Waid & Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s parents, ongoing health problems; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, in hospice; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

### Birthdays

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

## Get Involved!

**Youth Devo @ Coldwater: TODAY, 4:30 PM**

Soups, sandwiches, & sides, signup on FB group

Bring your favorite board/card games!

**NO ELECTRONIC GAMES, PLEASE**

**Bible Bowl @ Coldwater: Nov 23, 4 PM**

Study chapters are 1 Samuel 25, 26 27

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

**Coldwater Singing Night: Nov 27, 7 PM**

**Secret Sisters Reveal: Dec 10, 6:30 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 17

### Morning

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

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Wednesday, November 20

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	Jason & Ginger Bayless