

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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written by Neal Pollard

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This time of year our minds go back
To days gone by, down memory's track
Of laughter, stories, food and walks
Singing, sharing family history and talks

Some who once were in our clannish stable
Have left our banquets for the heavenly table
Childhood recollections may be larger than life
And death or loss may cut like the proverbial knife

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

Seth Daniel

Jim Jackson

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Joe Owen Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

Football played on the lawn or watched on the screen
Presents opened and distant relatives seen
For the blessed, much spiritual guidance and contemplation
And talk of our hope and our common anticipation

Do you miss those times of hearth or home?
Or revel in its prospect, when kids and kin soon will come?
Are you in the company of those Scripture upholds?
Those who desire a better country, with streets of clear gold?

Who are longing for a room in the Father's house?
To bask in the Light that no tears can ever douse?
To stroll the banks by the gentle River Of Life,
A place of happiness, joy, peace, but no strife.

A place full of family, both known or which we meet
Of those we met in Scripture or those who made our lives sweet?
Are you longing for something far better than here,
Where sight replaces faith, where peace tramples fear?

Is your life centered around new heavens, new earth
Where righteousness dwells, only those of the new birth?
Do you long for what happens after being put in the ground
The home of the soul where eternity is found?

Let's long for and live for that heavenly land
Where we'll see God's dear face and hold Jesus' hand.

A Lonely, Lonely Man

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My sons and I often say that we don't really want to know much about our favorite singers. It seems that there's always immorality and stories of their ungodliness. That's as true of many of the rock, country, and easy listening singers from decades ago as those making music today. Despite my having grown up in the south, today I was able to do something I've never gotten the opportunity to do. Kathy and I toured Graceland with our gracious hosts, Barry and Celicia Grider. We enjoyed ourselves. This tour tended to glamorize and sanitize his life and career. Elvis Presley enjoyed a meteoric rise to stardom, and he was a global icon. He made more money than he could spend, though his lavish collections of furniture, cars, instruments, clothes, and the like shows that he tried. Despite his love of gospel music and religious roots, there were the affairs, drugs, and fast living that likely contributed to his premature death at age 42. His daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, who remembers him reading often, "He had stacks next to his bed. He read all the time...Always of a spiritual nature. Always looking. Always searching for something" (from a placard in the mansion). Gospel preacher, C.W. Bradley, preached his funeral thanks to the connection of Elvis' stepmother. But there is no evidence that his search led him to obey and live the truth, and there's evidence to the contrary. He once sang a song where he said, "It's a lonely man who wanders all around, It's a lonely man who roams from town to town. Searching, always searching for something he can't find, hoping, always hoping that someday fate will be kind."

Billions never achieve the fame or wealth of Elvis, but live their lives on a similar quest. They live, always searching for something they can't find. Solomon spends so much time, with access to wisdom, wealth, wine, and women. He found, in his grand experiment, that these did not fill the void. Instead, the answer was to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecc. 12:13). This beautiful hope is shared by Jesus in the greatest sermon ever preached. He teaches, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Mat. 7:7-8). These things are written to keep mankind from duplicating the future search for purpose and meaning. It has been revealed. Let's look in the only place where loneliness is vanquished—in the presence of God!

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Seth Daniel, had knee replacement surgery Friday; **Jared Brown & family**, training in TX, then deploys overseas in January; **Wiley Tuggle & family**, in the loss of Betty; **Milba Sutton**, cancer treatments; **Several** traveling; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.

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Family & Friends**

Jeff Brister, Ruth's brother-in-law, several arteries with blockages, one operation completed, more to go; **Carolyn Odom & family**, Inez's niece whose husband died; **Fernando Casacuberta**, Jared's friend, diagnosed with MS; **Hilda Ratliff**, Andy's mother; **Macadden Easley**; **Mary Wadsworth**, Russell's mother, cancer; **Robbie Patterson**, Terry Bland's sister, cancer treatments; **Lyla Childers**, Janie Brister's great-granddaughter; **Faye Lipford**, Ruth's cousin, cancer; **Lee Davis**; **Joy Angel**; **Matt Brooks**, stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Ray Maples**; **Becky Latimer**; **Kristie Deffenbaugh**; **Lauren Ivy**; **Raleigh Wood**; **Carole Livsey**, leukemia; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**; **Sharon Brewer**; **Jenny Kraft**; **Mac Owen**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **Renee Loya**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

11/5	Rachel Wilkes
11/13	Danni Strickland
11/16	Billie Martin
11/18	Tim Wilkes Sr.
11/25	Wiley Tuggle
11/25	Ginna Honeycutt
11/26	Virginia Sowell

Anniversaries

11/8	Jeremy & Mindy Moore
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Get Involved!

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Nov 22 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Nov 29 — 7 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Dec 3
Between services

Providence Place Devo — Dec 10 — 2 PM

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Dec 27 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Dec 27 — 7 PM

5th Sunday Service — Dec 31 — 1 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 19

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Will Brooks
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Tim Meredith
	Mika Meredith
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Terry Davis

Afternoon

Song Leader	Will Brooks
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, November 22

Song Leader	Will Brooks
Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Invitation	Tim Wilkes II
Prayer	Jim Jackson

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	Chris & Billie Martin