

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov. 20, 2011



THANKFUL

by Michael Belcher

Two men were walking through a field one day when they spotted an enraged bull. Instantly they darted toward the nearest fence. The storming bull followed in hot pursuit, and it was soon apparent they wouldn't make it. Terrified, the one shouted to the other, "Put up a prayer, John. We're in for it!" John answered, "I can't. I've never made a public prayer in my life." "But you must!" implored his companion. The bull is catching up to us." "All right," panted John, "I'll say the only prayer I know, the one my father used to repeat at the table: 'O Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly thankful...'"

If there is one sin that is most prevalent today, it is the sin of ingratitude. God does so much for us. Our indebtedness to him is enormous and yet we rarely or at least infrequently offer thanks for what he has done. In fact, many Christians fail to offer thanks over their meals much less offer thanks over all that God does in their lives. We are much like the little boy who was given an orange by a man. The boy's mother asked, "What do you say to the nice man?" The little boy thought and handed the orange back and said, "Peel it."

For a child of God, thankfulness is not confined to a day or a season; it is an attitude that we should have every day and every hour.

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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

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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It Is Well With My Soul

Horatio Spafford

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

“Thankful” continued...

Luke 17:11-19

And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

*This message concerning the importance of **thanksgiving** has been passed along from KneEmail by Mike Benson.*

Congratulations and a Special Thanks to all who were a part of this month's Bible Bowl; especially Aemon Ratliff, who single-handedly brought home the Elementary Banner.

Sermon Review

Jesus is Better (Hebrews)

- I. Analysis of the Text
- II. Application of the Teachings

Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

- I. Some **Causes** of Worry.
- II. Some **Consequences** of Worry.
- III. Some **Cures** for Worry.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Sue Cobern had surgery Monday and came home Thursday. Let us pray for her as she recovers.

Wiley & Betty Tuggle.

Far East Missions

Open Door Ministry, Tim II, and family.

Fishers of Men

Family & Friends

Bobby Keel, husband of Becky, co-worker of Angie; Bobby has cancer and is on his death bed.

Kyle Ellis, co-worker of Andy; his wife and daughter have been in medical facilities at the same time because of serious medical problems.

Mark Wood, friend of Clifton; he is recovering from a major auto. accident; he is currently relearning to walk.

Wes, brother of Deb Peeler, has cancer; he has lost taste in his mouth and the ability to swallow.

Harvey Tuggle, brother of Wiley, in ICU.

Charlie McAllister, co-worker to Caleb Baker, has 2 brain tumors, scheduled for surgery Nov. 22, and then 4 months recovery best case scenario.

Renee Wright, daughter of Wiley, recovering from 2nd degree burns.

Luke Finchman, in loss of grandmother and other trials.

Hannah O'Brien, pregnant with twins.

Renee Loya, (cousin of Elizabeth Baker), has MS.

Norman & Brenda Mahan, tragic motorcycle accident.

Virginia Mayfield -- friend of Bren, has leukemia.

Ray Maples -- undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.

Janie Brister -- has multiple health problems.

Cathy Thompson -- has lupus.

Sowell Family; Collums/Bland Families; Carl Hounshell; Peyton Harville; Linda Lentz; Josh & Maggie Farrow; Charles Easley; Jeff Nichols; James Angel; Steve Angel; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Kelly Ann Cooper; Carla Carlson.

November Birthdays

Kara Johnson -- 11/14

Shirley Yarbro -- 11/14

Timothy Wilkes, Sr. -- 11/18

Wiley Tuggle -- 11/25

Virginia Sowell -- 11/26

November Anniversary

Jeremy & Mindy Moore -- 11/08

Get Involved!

SNFTS -- Dec. 4

Providence Place Devo -- Dec. 11 -- 2PM

Ornament Exchange -- Dec. 16 -- 6:30PM

Coldwater Youth Lock-in -- Dec. 16

Christmas Party at the Staten's
December 17 -- 6PM - 9PM -- all invited

Fishers of Men Class at Coldwater

So far, 86 studies have been recorded
as being conducted with 27 people.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 20

Morning

Prayer Before Class Jeremy Moore

Announcements Jason Baylee

Song Leader Caleb Baker

Lord's Supper:
Preside Jeffrey Ferrell

Shane Staten

Assist Jim Jackson

Ron Johnson

Opening Prayer Jared Brown

Sermon Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer Jerry Davis

Evening

Song Leader Caleb Baker

Opening Prayer Andy Ratliff

Sermon Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson

Closing Prayer Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Wednesday, November 23

Song Leader Caleb Baker

Prayer Billy Bland

Invitation Clifton Angel

Prayer Jason Bayless