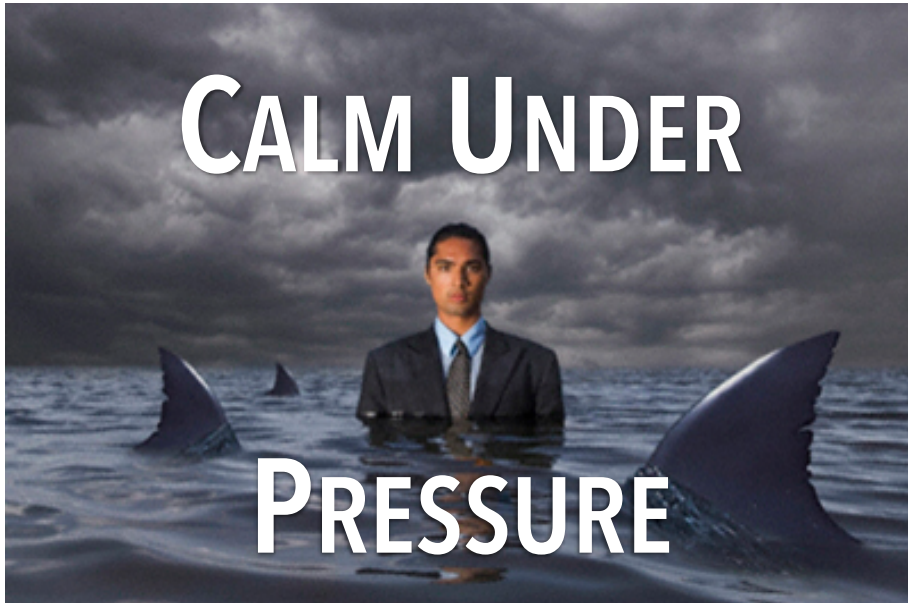


# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov 20, 2016



How can a person remain calm even when he or she is under pressure, sometimes immense pressure? Perhaps we should ask if it's even possible to remain calm in this pressure-cooker world we live in? When we view this from the spiritual perspective we can say that it not only is possible, we can even find wonderful examples of it occurring in God's word. For instance, think about the situation Joseph faced. This young man was deserted by his brothers, considered dead by his father, was removed to a foreign land and then thrown in prison for a crime he

*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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Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

didn't commit. But through it all we see a young man who handled the circumstances in a calm, even-tempered manner. How could he do this? A key is found in Genesis 39:21 where we read: "But the Lord was with Joseph..." This is a phrase repeated throughout the account detailing Joseph's life. This man put his full and complete trust in God, regardless of the situation.

How many of us have faced a man in battle who stood over nine feet tall, an individual who was a seasoned warrior, one who could likely crush our skull with a single blow from his fist? David went up against Goliath, a man who fit that description. Certainly, David's physical strength was no match for Goliath. How did he display such a calm fearlessness in that situation? The answer is found in I Samuel 17:45-46: "Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you.'" David realized that his strength was not enough; but the strength and power of God were more than enough.

The apostle Paul was a prisoner on a ship bound for Rome. A storm overtook the vessel for many days so that the people on board had given up all hope of being saved. When everyone had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up, in what appears to be a perfect state of calmness, and offered some words of encouragement. Notice what he said in Acts 27:22-25: "Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must

stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.' Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told." A trust and confidence in God provides calmness even in the face of a life-threatening storm.

Before concluding, we should also touch on the necessity of prayer. We read in Philippians 4:6-7: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Anxiety can be replaced with a calm peacefulness when we trust God, when we commune with Him in prayer on a regular basis. That undeniably produces a calmness under pressure that we all desire to possess.

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### *Sermon Review*

#### **To Be Blessed**

(Matthew 5:3–12)

- I. Misconceptions
- II. Meanings
- III. Musts

#### **A.C.T.S. — When The Devoted Disagree**

(Acts 15:36–41)

- I. Their Intention (36)
- II. Their Contention (37–38a)
- III. Their Decision (38b–41)

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Current & upcoming mission travels; Betty Duke; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Timothy Wilkes, Sr., eye.**

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### Family & Friends

**Karen Shrum family**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, passed last Sunday; funeral was Wednesday; **Bill Fleming; Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin; **Elkins' family**, in passing of Garland Elkins; **Ray Livsey**, Clifton's uncle, had a mass surgically removed; **Brandy Fleming**, Billie Martin's sister-in-law; **Stacy Family**, in the loss of their newborn daughter Juniper Wren; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, leukemia has returned; **Tim Isbell family; Myrtis Wadsworth; George Morris; Noel Daniel; David Steward**, stroke; **Tyler Densford; Harold Russell; Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy; Myrtle McNab; Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry; **Lisa Hogan; Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Judy Dowelling; Jenny Kraft; John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen; Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook; Wanda Coats; Henretta Newsom; Tammy Powell; Lawton O'Brien; Pat Hardison; Beverly Whitecotton; Peggy Hunt; Jason Spencer; Elizabeth Baker; Janie Brister; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Frankie Burfield; James Cooper; Renee Loya; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield.**

### Birthdays

11/5 Rachel Wilkes  
11/13 Danni Strickland  
11/14 Kara Johnson  
11/16 Billie Martin  
11/18 W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.  
11/25 Wiley Tuggle  
11/26 Virginia Sowell

### Anniversaries

11/8 Jeremy & Mindy Moore

## Get Involved!

**Convalescence Center Devo — Nov 23 — 10 AM**

**Coldwater Devo @ Jacksons' — Nov 26 — 5 PM**

**Coldwater Singing Night — Nov 30 — 7 PM**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Dec 4**  
Between services

**Providence Place Devo — Dec 11 — 2 PM**

**Secret Sister Reveal — Dec 12 — 5:30 PM**  
At church building, \$25 max on reveal party gift

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 20

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Seth Daniel
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	John Wofford
	Andy Ratliff
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Andy Ratliff
	John Wofford
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Wednesday, November 23

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Tim Wilkes II
Prayer	Terry Davis