

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NOTHING IMP²SSIBLE

“Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief” (Mark 9:24). What a tremendous attitude—he recognized his unbelief and desired to grow in his faith. Jesus’ disciples had to be told why they could not cast out the demon possessing this man’s son. Jesus said, “Because of your unbelief” (Matthew 17:20). But that was not all that Jesus instructed his disciples on this occasion. He continued, “If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you” (Matt 17:20). Therefore, there is “nothing impossible” for the faithful follower of Jesus.

Why “faith as a grain of mustard seed?” The mustard seed is used proverbially for being among the smallest of seeds that grows into a tree. First, I believe Jesus was . . .

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 & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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PREACHER

Clifton Angel

. . . rebuking their lack of faith. By saying they need to have “faith as a grain of mustard seed,” Jesus was implying that their faith was even smaller than the mustard seed. Second, I believe Jesus was encouraging a faith that is alive and growing. For, the mustard seed begins small, but it grows into a large, beautiful, and flourishing tree. For this reason, Jesus used the mustard seed in a parable about the church (Matthew 13:31-32). How is our faith? Is it even as large as a mustard seed? Is it alive and growing? Jesus said, there is “nothing impossible” for His faithful followers.

So, did the disciples move mountains? There is never an instance recorded in the New Testament in which Jesus and His disciples ever moved a literal mountain. This also was a proverbial phrase used to illustrate the great tasks that could be accomplished with a living and growing faith. Paul also used this phraseology in discussing godly love: “And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:2). If it was needed for the purpose of confirming God’s revelation, Jesus and His apostles certainly could have had access to the miraculous power of moving an actual mountain. However, the phrase was used figuratively, and its principle carries even into today when men are not given miraculous capabilities. The principle is this: With a living and growing faith, Christians can accomplish even the largest of spiritual responsibilities and tasks. You see, there is “nothing impossible” for the faithful followers of Jesus.

Jesus was constantly pointing his followers to spiritual things over physical things. Many may be tempted to think there is nothing impossible physically for followers of Jesus. This simply is not true. Even if I have a living and growing faith, it does not mean I will always have physical health, wealth, ... and well-being. However, I can have spiritual health, wealth, and well-being. Drug addicts can be clean. Murderers can find life. The sexually immoral can repent and refrain. Liars can learn the truth. The fatherless can have a family. The homeless can have a home. The diseased can be made well. There is **nothing spiritually impossible** for what God has called upon Christians to do.

–written by Clifton Angel

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

1. Dec 12: Youth Devo & Tacky Santa @ Angels'
6 pm, wear tacky Christmas apparel, bring a gag gift that cost less than \$10, and bring a finger food! All invited, including younger children.
2. Jan 17: Bible Bowl @ Independence
4 pm, Genesis 43–45

REMEMBER NOW THY
CREATOR Ecclesiastes 12:1

Sermon Review

WHEN ANNA GAVE THANKS

(Luke 2:36–38)

- I. HER CONTEXT
- II. HER CHARACTERISTICS
- III. HER CONDUCT

THEY CAUGHT NOTHING

John 21:1–19

- I. LEADERS MAY FALL
- II. LEADERS MIGHT FORGET
- III. LEADERS MUST FOLLOW

*The effectual fervent prayer
of a righteous man availeth much.
Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and
he prayed earnestly
that it might not rain: and it rained not on the
earth by the space of three years and six months.
And he prayed again,
and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.*

James 5:16–18

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Molly Ratliff, having tests done, pray that the results are favorable; **Several** of our number traveling; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

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Family & Friends

Janet Colvett, receiving treatment, but doctor suspects it is not working; **Bill Fleming**, Billie Martin's father, at home, but weak; **Vallie Ann Reecer**, friend to Lara, breast cancer; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**, Grace's brother-in-law, colon cancer; **Andrew Jones**, friend to Weslyn, battling cancer; **Elizabeth Baker**; **John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Janie Brister**; **Jason Spencer**, several serious health problems; **Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma; **Trent Childers**; **Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Andy's grandmother**; **Carla Carlson**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **Jack Higginbotham**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Lauren Harrell**, breast cancer treatments; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**; **Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams**; **Roy Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**.

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!

Convalescence Center Devo -- Nov 26 -- 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night -- Nov 26 -- 7 PM

5th Sunday Service -- Nov 30 -- 1 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- Dec 7

Youth Devo & Tacky Santa at Angels' -- Dec 12
6 pm, wear tacky Christmas apparel, bring a gag gift that cost less than \$10 to , and bring a finger food! All invited, including younger children.

Providence Place Devo -- Dec 14 -- 2 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 23

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Chris Martin
	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Assist	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Will Brooks
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Wednesday, November 26

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Chris Martin
Prayer	Joe Owen