

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov 24, 2019



## PAUL'S PRAYER FOR TWO CHURCHES PART 2

Written by J.W. McGarvey

I will next call your attention to his prayer for another church which had been established by other hands than his. He tells the Romans that he had had for many years a longing desire to visit them and be among them. I expect some of you young preachers would like to go to New York City, or to Boston, or over to Chicago, to serve some great church with its great building, its great organ and choir, and great men sitting there to hear you. Well, why? Curious ambition,

*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  
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or what motive? Certainly the apostle Paul's desire to visit Rome was not of that kind. He tells them that he has desired to visit them for many years in order that he may impart to them some spiritual gift; not in order that he might say, as some now do, I have preached in Rome, or Boston, or New York, or Chicago, but that he might impart unto them some spiritual gift, and that he might enjoy for a time their fellowship and that they might enjoy his. Now that is a pure and noble purpose. When he said I am not ashamed of the gospel, and I am ready to preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome, he does not mean that he is such a good preacher that he is not ashamed to preach in Rome; but he says, "I am a debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome."

But notice his prayer in regard to them. "For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered by the will of God to come unto you." Notice that. "I make mention of you always in my prayers." Not praying God's blessing, as sometimes is said, upon all for whom it is our duty or privilege to pray, the world over; but mentioning unceasingly the church of Rome; not because they were in the midst of any great persecution, but because, situated where they were, their fame as disciples of Christ had spread abroad over the whole earth. "First, I thank. my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the ...

... whole world." Everywhere this church had become known and was spoken of. Their faith was published. He thanks God for that and then he, unceasingly in all of his prayers, prays God that he may come to them and impart to them some gift of the Spirit. That was constant.

These prayers were offered in Corinth, where he labored for eighteen months.

There is another noble expression of the apostle at the close of this epistle-a doxology. "Now to him that is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal, but now is manifested and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the nations unto obedience of faith : to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen."

**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)**



# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Several seasonal illnesses; Leah Angel, to get tubes in ears Wed; Betty Culbreath, arm injury from fall, no surgery; Seth Daniel, treatments; China & Singapore Mission; Timothy Wilkes, Sr. family; Wiley Tuggle; Inez Neyman; Clarence & Faye Edwards, Sammy Williams; Ruth Brister; Elizabeth Baker.

## Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

### Family & Friends

**Charles Savage**, Lara's father, heart cath last Thursday, received 1 stint and another area stretched with balloon; **Mike Ratliff**, Andy's father, recovering from recent surgery; **Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, battling cancer spots on ribs; **Waid & Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s parents, ongoing health problems; **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!

**Coldwater Singing Night: Nov 27, 7 PM**  
**Sunday Afternoon For the Savior: Dec 1**  
**Providence Place Devo: Dec 8, 2:00 PM**  
**Secret Sisters Reveal: Dec 10, 6:30 PM**  
**Coldwater Youth Devo: December 14**  
More details to come  
**Coldwater Singing Night: Dec 25, 7 PM**  
**5th Sunday Service: Dec 29, 1 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 24

### Morning

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Prayer Before Class | Jerry Davis     |
| Announcements       | Jim Jackson     |
| Song Leader         | Jason Bayless   |
| Lord's Supper:      |                 |
| Preside             | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| Assist              | Andy Ratliff    |
|                     | Carl Honeycutt  |
|                     | Noah Davis      |
| Opening Prayer      | Tim Wilkes, II  |
| Sermon              | Clifton Angel   |
| Closing Prayer      | Tim Meredith    |

### Afternoon

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Song Leader    | Jason Bayless   |
| Opening Prayer | John Wofford    |
| Sermon         | Clifton Angel   |
| Lord's Supper  | Jeffrey Ferrell |
|                | Andy Ratliff    |
| Closing Prayer | Marc Strickland |

Wednesday, November 27

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| Song Leader | Jason Bayless |
| Prayer      | Jim Jackson   |
| Invitation  | Noah Davis    |
| Prayer      | Jerry Davis   |

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| TECH: | Daniel Owen              |
| HALL: | Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell |