

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov 27, 2016



MUST I ATTEND EVERY

WORSHIP SERVICE?

This is a question that has been asked many times over. To answer this we need to go to the Bible to find the answer. **"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. God seeks true and faithful worshippers"** (John 4:23-24). What then does it mean to worship God in spirit and truth. We worship God because we desire to do so and in accordance to how God wants us to worship Him. **"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of**

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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ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25). The Hebrew writer clearly states we are not to forsake, that is miss, the assembling, that is the coming together of the saints to worship. One who desires to worship God will avail themselves of every opportunity to assemble with other saints to worship. God seeks your worship. **"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"** (Psalm 122:1).

The elders of the congregation are commanded to feed the flock. **"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood"** (Acts 20:28). **"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away"** (1 Peter 5:2-4). The Lord has charged the elders with the grave responsibility of feeding the flock. They have set certain times for worshippers to come together and worship the Father of us all. The flock, members of that congregation are obliged to assemble. **"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you"** (Hebrews 13:17). When one forsakes the assembling of themselves with the saints simply because they are able but unwilling to do so, they have violated God's law not man's to worship Him.

Each individual christian has a duty to worship God. As members of the body of Christ we are to worship God in spirit and in truth. We are not to forsake the assembling of the saints. Within the confines of worship, we partake of the Lord's supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), we are to give of our means (1 Corinthians 16:2), we are to pray and sing (Acts 16:25; 1

Corinthians 14:15; Hebrews 2:12). In our assembling we praise and glorify God the Father through Jesus the Son. We encourage one another to faithfulness and patience. We learn what God wants from us by the preaching and teaching of the word. This is how the Christian matures. **"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil"** (Hebrews 4:12-14). As sons and daughters of the Creator we should want to attend each worship service provided, not compelled. God wants volunteers and not draftees. When one is sick, incapacitated, or employed during the time of worship, God knows the heart of the individual; however, God does expect our very best. When the Lord comes again, where will you be ?

Written by Seth Daniel

Sermon Review

Christian Communication

(Colossians 4:6)

- I. The Subject**
- II. The Stipulations**
- III. The Solution**

Lessons From Our Bible Bowl Passages — 1 Corinthians 7–9

(1 Corinthians 7–9)

- I. Questions About Marriage (1 Corinthians 7)**
- II. Questions About Meat (1 Corinthians 8)**
- III. Questions About Money (1 Corinthians 9)**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Several holiday travels; **Several** of our number who have been subject to illness; **Current mission** travels; **Betty Duke**; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**, eye.

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Family & Friends

Karen Shrum family; **Bill Fleming**; **Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin; **Elkins' family**, in passing of Garland Elkins; **Ray Livsey**, Clifton's uncle; **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!

Coldwater Singing Night — Nov 30 — 7 PM

Grief Seminar @ Looxahoma, K. Mosher, Dec 3,4
Please RSVP, Begins 9 AM on Sat.

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

Bible Bowl @ Olive Branch — Jan 21 — 4 PM
1 Corinthians 10, 11, 12

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 27

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis
	Ron Johnson
Assist	Davis Johnson
	Will Brooks
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
	Chris Martin
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, November 30

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jared Brown
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	John Wofford