

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov 30, 2014



GOD IS COLORBLIND

Quite often, when someone learns that I am colorblind, they begin to quiz my ability to see colors. "What color is this?" "And how about this one—what color is this?" Colorblindness is not the same for every person that experiences it. For example, I know a man that is so red-green colorblind that if he were to approach a traffic light that had been turned on its side, he would not know which side was red and which side was green. While I do have some red-green colorblindness, it is not that extreme. Here is my point—I still see color. I can observe its beauty and praise God for His handiwork. But when it comes to making a distinction between two colors, there are some with which I have trouble, so I choose not to make those distinctions if I can get away with it (e.g., determining someone's eye color).

When it comes to our relationships with our fellow man, we need to develop colorblindness. A friend recently said, "Human beings are strange. We look at all the different colored flowers and say, 'how beautiful,' but our attitude changes when we look at all the different colored people ...

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

God made." We need to be able to observe the beauty of the different colors without making distinctions. I see this trait in God. "For there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11). No gender, no color, no nationality, no cultural background, nor social status can prevent a person from obeying the Gospel and becoming a child of God. Paul, by inspiration of God, put it like this: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28).

Part of me wants to marvel that the world around us is still caught up in racism (distinctions of skin colors), but I understand that division is of the devil, and as long as the world follows him, it will be present. What is astonishing is when those that are in Christ make such distinctions—such ought not to be so! God is colorblind. He delights in the beauty of colors, not the division of them. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). To God be the glory.

—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 A SAMARITAN LEPER GAVE THANKS

(Luke 17:11-19)

- I. THE INCURABLE
- II. THE HABITUAL
- III. THE ADMIRABLE

THERE IS NOTHING

1 Kings 18:43 & surrounding text

- I. OVERVIEW OF THE ACCOUNT
- II. OTHER VERSES TO ANALYZE
- III. OBSERVATIONS FOR APPLICATION

TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE
November 30, 2014

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| Clifton | -- | Hallelujah Praise Jehovah (1,3) Awesome God | #3 #38 |
| Dylan | -- | Psalm 148:1–5 | |
| Ron | -- | PRAYER | |
| Tim II | -- | Blue Skies & Rainbows (1,2,3) To God Be the Glory (1,2) | #n/a #4 |
| Dalton | -- | Psalm 19:1–6 | |
| Seth | -- | PRAYER | |
| Jason | -- | Be Still and Know (1,2) I Need Thee Every Hour (ALL 4) | #31 #837 |
| Will | -- | Psalm 46:1–10 | |
| Joe | -- | PRAYER | |
| Andy | -- | Our God, He is Alive (ALL 4) How Great Thou Art (1,2,4) | #23 #76 |
| Daniel | -- | Psalm 8:1–9 | |
| Clifton | -- | Devotional | |
| Andy | -- | There's A Fountain Free (1,3) | #909 |
| Jim, Jerry | -- | Lord's Supper | |
| Chris | -- | PRAYER | |

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Spencer, Ferrell, & Colvett families in tragic loss of Alex Spencer (11), visitation 1–3 pm, funeral 3 pm all at Pate-Jones in Senatobia Sunday 11/30/14; **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; 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; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen; Bob Spurlin; Ally Jo Kelly; Brad & Sheri Daniel.**

Birthdays

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| 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

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| 11/8 | Jeremy & Mindy Moore |
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Get Involved!

5th Sunday Service -- TODAY -- 1 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- Dec 7
Between services

Youth Devo & Tacky Santa at Angels' -- Dec 12
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.

Providence Place Devo -- Dec 14 -- 2 PM

Secret Sister Reveal Party -- Dec 18

Bible Bowl -- Jan 17, 4 PM -- Genesis 43 – 45

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 30

Morning

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| Prayer Before Class | Timothy Wilkes, Sr. |
| Announcements | Jason Bayless |
| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Lord's Supper: | |
| Preside | Jim Jackson |
| | Jerry Davis |
| Assist | Geoffrey Dunn |
| | Sammy Williams |
| Opening Prayer | Joe Owen |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Closing Prayer | Johnny Bayless |

Afternoon

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| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Opening Prayer | Ron Johnsons |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper | Jim Jackson |
| | Jerry Davis |
| Closing Prayer | Chris Martin |

Wednesday, December 3

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| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Prayer | Ron Johnson |
| Invitation | Clifton Angel |
| Prayer | Jared Brown |