

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec 3, 2017



In the opening chapter of John's gospel account, it is recorded for us, how that Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Philip immediately found Nathanael and said, "We have found the one that Moses and the prophets wrote about, Jesus of Nazareth" (paraphrased from John 1:43-45). Nathanael responded: "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46a). "Philip saith

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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unto him, Come and see" (John 1:46b). What is the significance of Jesus being from Nazareth?

First, Jesus, being from Nazareth, is a fulfillment of prophecy. In Matthew 2, we learn how that Herod declared a genocide on all children ages 2 and under in Judea, in hopes that he would kill the child Jesus. Because of this, an angel informed Joseph to flee into Egypt with Jesus and Mary until further notice from the angel. Read Matthew 2:19-23. This is just one of the numerous prophecies fulfilled in the life of Jesus.

Furthermore, Jesus, being from Nazareth, is an example of His paradox. A paradox is something that appears to be a contradiction, but is not a contradiction. Jesus was a walking paradox. God taking on flesh is a paradox. God tasting of death is a paradox. God choosing to be a servant is a paradox. Yet, all of these were fulfilled in the Person of Jesus. Likewise, Jesus being from Nazareth is a paradox. According to Paul N. Anderson (www.huffingtonpost.com): (1) Nazareth was very small in population during the days of Jesus; (2) "Following the death of Herod the Great in 4 BC, the Roman armory in Sepphoris (four miles from Nazareth) was robbed, and the Romans retaliated by crucifying 2,000 Jews as a disincentive to such revolts. Sepphoris was burned to the ground, and its inhabitants were sold into slavery;" (3) "Less than a decade later, when Jesus was just a boy, Judas the Galilean instituted a tax revolt, evoking another ...

... crackdown by the Romans in which many were also crucified." Therefore, in the minds of the Jews and Romans at that time, Nazareth was an unpopular location. While Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of David, he was mostly associated with Nazareth. Nazareth was not a royal city, but a wasteland. Nazareth was not a beloved city, but a despised place among the Jews and Romans. This better helps us understand the Nathanael's question to Philip: "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Finally, Jesus, being from Nazareth is a picture of His power. Being from Nazareth, Jesus came from a place associated with oppression, slavery, and crucifixion. Furthermore, while He deserved none of it, He subjected himself to oppression, slavery, and crucifixion, so that we might go to a place of joy, liberty, and eternal life. I am reminded of the wasteland that was the earth at the Noahic flood, and yet the beauty that we see today is the aftermath. What a wonderful picture of the power of our Savior! This same power can be seen in our lives. If you will allow Him, if you will obey Him, Jesus can transform your life from wasteland to worthiness.

"Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Like Philip, I invite you to, "Come and see." Subject yourself to faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, and begin walking with Jesus, so that you might know the BEST thing that came out of Nazareth.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Sutton family; Wadsworth family; Jared Brown; Seth Daniel;; Wiley Tuggle & family; Several traveling; Clarence & Faye Edwards.

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Family & Friends

Amber King family, Tyler's aunt passed; **Faye Lipford family**, Ruth's cousin passed; **S.J. Edwards' family**, Andy & Whitney's friend, 26, died of heart attack; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's sister, had successful kidney surgery, at home recovering; **Darrell Martin**, Chris' father, leukemia; **Marci Cox**, Dana's cousin; **Jeff Brister**, Ruth's brother-in-law; **Fernando Casacuberta**, Jared's friend, diagnosed with MS; **Macadden Easley; Robbie Patterson**, Terry Bland's sister; **Lyla Childers; Lee Davis; Matt Brooks**, stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel; Judy Dowelling; Ray Maples; Becky Latimer; Kristie Deffenbaugh; Raleigh Wood; Carole Livsey; Lisa Hogan; Ava Roten; Sharon Brewer; Mac Owen; Rhonda Cook; Wanda Coats; Tammy Powell; Lawton O'Brien; Beverly Whitecotton; Peggy Hunt; Jason Spencer; Elizabeth Baker; Janie Brister; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Frankie Burfield; Renee Loya; Martha Hatfield.**

Birthdays

12/03	Kevin Miller
12/06	Sammy Williams
12/17	Kaiden Ferrell
12/22	Dalton Owen
12/23	Jeremy Moore
12/24	Daniel Owen
12/30	Renee Davis
12/31	Eli Martin

Anniversaries

12/13	Jerry & Renee Davis
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Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior – TODAY
Between services

Providence Place Devo – Dec 10 – 2 PM

Secret Sisters Reveal Party – Dec 10 – 6 PM
Bring finger foods and Dirty Santa gift

Youth Devo & Christmas Party – Dec 16, 6 PM

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo – Dec 27 – 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night – Dec 27 – 7 PM

5th Sunday Service – Dec 31 – 1 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 3

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, December 6

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Meredith

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell