

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec 13, 2015



**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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PREACHER

Clifton Angel

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

*May these words be received in the same spirit of love
in which they were written.*

I recently had the blessed opportunity to address a question from one of our little children: "How does the devil get inside of you?" I was certain to point out that the devil does not have magical powers to literally take control of you or get inside of you, like we may see on TV or in video games. However, he is methodical and tricky (Ephesians 6:11), he is a lying, murdering enemy (John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8), and he is trying to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8). I pointed out that he primarily gets inside of us through our eyes—the things we see, watch, or read—and our ears—the things we listen to and hear. James said, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). It is

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

a powerful method of resisting him that I wanted to note in this article—**prayer**.

We sometimes sing a song during our VBS that goes like this: "Oh, be careful little eyes what you see. Oh, be careful little eyes what you see. For, the Father up above is looking down in love. So, be careful little eyes what you see." The song repeats the same teaching concerning what our ears hear, what our mouths say, what our hands touch, and where our feet go. If only adults and children alike would adhere to the song's teachings! What does this have to do with prayer? Everything. You see, when we take a posture of prayer similar to that so often taught to children, it will help us obey the song's teachings and resist the devil.

First, we are not commanded a particular posture in prayer to our Father; however, a traditional posture taught to children is quite interesting. Children are taught to kneel on their knees, clasp their hands together, bow their heads, close their eyes, and talk to God. Think about this posture in relation to the song above. If I am kneeling on my knees, I cannot run swiftly to a place where evil abides. If am clasping my hands, I cannot be quick to touch that which incites the lusts of the flesh. If my eyes are closed, I force myself to refuse all sights of wickedness. If I'm talking to God, my mouth is being used for pure purposes, and my ears only hear spotless sounds.

Prayer. It is one of the most powerful weapons we have against Satan. So often, we look at the armor of God of Ephesians 6:10-17 and we leave off verse 18. According to verse 18, Paul said "Praying always with all prayer and supplication." Our ability in this spiritual warfare will wane if we do not beseech our Father in prayer.

Have you, in penitent faith (Acts 2:38; Hebrews 11:6), confessed Jesus as the Son of God (Romans 10:10) and been baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). At that point, you are saved (Mark 16:16), the Lord adds you to His church (Acts 2:47), you contact the blood of Christ (Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16), and Jesus becomes your Mediator to the Father (1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:6). Then, in the "Sweet Hour of Prayer," you can "resist the devil" that he might "flee from you."

Clifton Angel

HE SHALL RECEIVE
AN HUNDREDFOLD
NOW IN THIS TIME

MARK 10:30

Sermon Review

There Is Water in the Plan

- I. **The Significance of Water For Creation**
- II. **The Significance of Water For Civilization**
- III. **The Significance of Water For the Church**

Q & A — "How Does the Devil Get Inside of You?"

- I. **Through Your Eyes**
- II. **Through Your Ears**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Betty Tuggle, recovery from eye procedure; **Inez Neyman**; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Wiley Tuggle**.

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Family & Friends

Whitworth family, in loss of 2-yr-old son Daniel; **Lottie McMahan**, Betty C.'s sister in nursing home with degrading health; **Tasha Higginbotham**, successful kidney transplant; **Sheila Culbreath Tubbs**, Jeanna's cousin, complications with treatments; **Fannie Mize**, breast cancer; **Rhonda Cook**, Dana's cousin's wife; **Mac Owen**, Joe's father, hospital; **Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, breast cancer; **Bill Fleming**, Billie Martin's father; **Ashley Hendrix-Sanders family**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Pat Neal**; **Steve Angel**; **Tammy Powell**, Janie Brister's daughter; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Doris Easley**; **Pat Hardison**; **Walter Huffman**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Jack Higginbotham**; **John & Anita Simpson and family**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Paul Perkins**; **Janie Brister**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Ava Roten**; **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Bob Spurlin**.

Birthdays

12/6 Sammy Williams
12/17 Kaiden Ferrell
12/22 Dalton Owen
12/24 Daniel Owen
12/30 Renee Davis
12/31 Eli Martin

Anniversaries

12/13 Jerry & Renee Davis

Get Involved!

Gift Cards for 3 Precious Families — TODAY
Please give \$\$ to Ginger toward gift cards; cutoff is today! See her or Jason for inquiry about families.

Fruit Basket Preparation — TODAY
Between services

Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 2 PM

Convalescence Center Devo — Dec 23 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Dec 23 — 7 PM

New Year's Party @ the Martins' — Dec 31

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 13

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Chris Martin
	Will Brooks
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jason Bayless

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Seth Daniel
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Davis Johnson
	Jerry Davis
	Ron Johnson
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, December 16

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis