

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Dec. 16, 2018



## HOW TO FACE YOUR GOLGOTHA

PART 1

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Jesus faced the greatest test of faith in His life. He did not look forward to the events that would culminate in His own funeral.

He knew exactly what was coming. Betrayal. Shame. Torture. Trauma. Thirst. Loneliness. Death. How could He look at that and not flinch?

How do we handle the great challenges to our faith—our “Golgothas”? What happens when:

- The doctor says, “Three months, tops.”
- The dean says, “I’m sorry, but you can’t graduate till you take this course over.”

*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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Jason Bayless Jerry Davis

Jeffrey Ferrell Chris Martin

Joe Owen Andy Ratliff

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### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

- The law intern hears, "I'm sorry, since you didn't pass the bar we can't use you."
- The trooper reports, "You'll have to wait till bail is set to get him out."
- The funeral home phones, "When could we work out a time for you to view the body?"
- Your unwed daughter says, "My baby's due in seven months."
- Your boss says, "I'm sorry, but business has been off, and we have to downsize somewhere."
- Your wife says, "I just don't love you anymore"?

Where do we turn when there's nowhere to turn? Where do we put our feet when the rug has been jerked from under us?

Jesus left us an example the night He faced Golgotha (cf. 1 Peter 2:21-22).

## **JESUS SOUGHT A PLACE TO BE ALONE**

Jesus was in great demand. It seemed He could never shake the crowd, for there were many coming and going. On some occasions, He could not find "time to eat" (Mark 6:31). He never complained and always offered a hand to the helpless.

Still, on this night, the Great Physician's office was closed. Publicans and sinners would have to come back tomorrow. He stepped out of the limelight and into the moonlight to address the deep concerns in His own heart. He got out of eyesight of the multitudes and earshot of His disciples so He could get in touch with His Father.

He went deep into the bowels of Gethsemane to gather His thoughts, wrestle with God's purpose for His life, and summon the strength to face the inevitable.

What is the message for today's sufferers? Take some time away from doctor's offices, business meetings, and family gatherings. Find a place to sort things

out in your own mind. Spend some time in separation, meditation, and contemplation.

The first thing God told a depressed Elijah to do was to eat a good meal and get some sleep (1 Kings 19:5-8). Often, things do not look as daunting after a good night's sleep as they did after a long day's turmoil. We can handle things better if our minds and bodies are well rested.

Jesus emphasized rest—both spiritual (mental) and physical. He invited sinners to come to Him and rest (Matthew 11:28), and insisted that the harried band, “come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). One day He will come back and grant us eternal rest (2 Thessalonians 1:7; Hebrews 4:9; Revelation 14:13).

Lesson #1: Facing Golgotha? Spend some time in Gethsemane.

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Tim Wilkes, II is collecting funds to provide the children of Skinner's Garden in India with some imminent needs: shoes, socks, and backpacks. The total cost will be approximately \$900. There are other needs, but these are the most imminent.

To help, see Tim II ASAP. The trip is less than 1 mo. away.

(Pictured: children of Skinner's Garden being silly for a "selfie" in front of my phone camera, in January 2018).

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Inez Neyman; Aemon Ratliff; Sarah Norris; Sammy Williams; Stephanie Bayless; Timothy Wilkes, Sr; Wiley Tuggle; Caleb & Elizabeth Baker; Clarence & Faye Edwards.**

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## Family & Friends

**Becky Fleming**, Billie Martin's mom, 2 back surgeries this past week; **Devin Dickey**, aneurysm that previously appeared in scan has disappeared and confirmed by several doctors—this is great news!; **Elizabeth King**, Tyler's grandmother; **Joy Angel**, recovering from surgery; **Paul Meacham, Jr. family; Brinson family; Dan Talley; Darrell Martin**, Chris' dad, leukemia treatment.

## Birthdays

12/3	Kevin Miller
12/6	Sammy Williams
12/13	Michael Sykes
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

12/2	Andy & Whitney Acklin
12/13	Jerry & Renee Davis

## Get Involved!

**Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Dec 26, 10 AM**  
Jeremy Thornton preaching

**Coldwater Singing Night: Dec 26, 7 PM**

**5th Sunday Service: Dec 30, 1 PM**

**Note: No Fellowship Meal Dec 30**

You are welcome to bring food and eat at building, go out to eat, go home and eat, but we will still assemble again at 1 PM.

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 16

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Seth Daniel
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Wednesday, December 19

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	Jim & Mischel Jackson