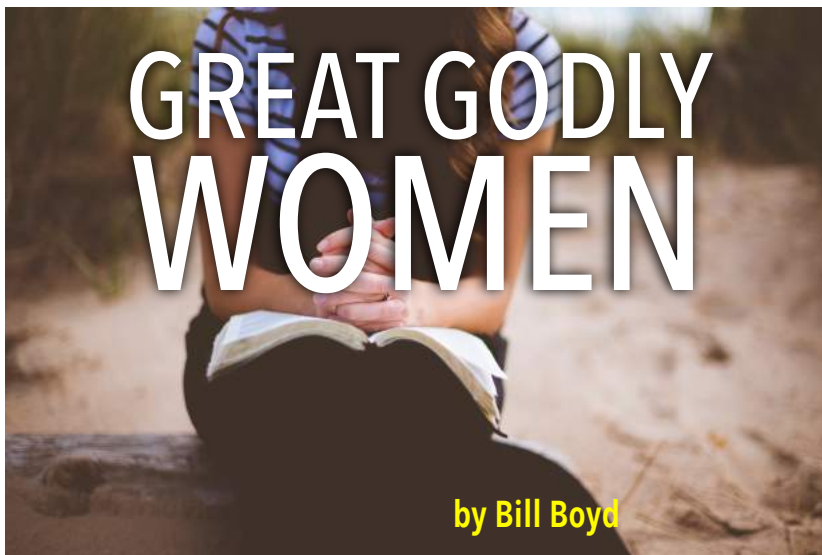


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec 17, 2017



GREAT GODLY WOMEN

by Bill Boyd

There were many great women in the New Testament church. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is mentioned for the last time in Acts 1:14 and with her were other women who were important in the life of Jesus. In Acts 2 Peter quotes Joel reminding us that "daughters" and "handmaidens" would receive gifts of the Spirit, and we see this in the four daughters of Philip in Acts 21:9. Acts 5:14 says "believers were the more added to the Lord, both men and women," and when Philip went down to Samaria they were baptized "both men and women" (Acts 8:12). Acts 8:3 and Acts 9:2 tells us that women in the church endured persecutions along with the men. Dorcas was distinguished for her good works and almsdeeds, and Peter raised her from the dead (Acts 9:36-42). John Mark's mother, Mary, hosted a prayer meeting in

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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in her home in Acts 12:12- 17 and at that gathering was a damsel named Rhoda. Acts 16:1 and 2 Timothy 1:5 honors Lois and Eunice, the grandmother and mother of Timothy, both for their faith and how they passed their faith on to Timothy. Acts 16:14 tells of Lydia, a business woman, and a worshiper of God, who with the women with her were the first to receive the Gospel in Europe during Paul's second missionary journey, and of her hospitality in hosting Paul and his company in Philippi. When Paul preached in Thessalonica those who believed included "chief women not a few" (Acts 17:4), and among the believers in Berea were "honorable women which were Greeks" (Acts 17:12). Most mocked Paul when he preached in Athens, but among those who heard was "a woman named Damaris." From Corinth, to Ephesus, to Rome among Paul's fellow laborers were Priscilla and her husband Aquila (Acts 18:18,26, and Rom. 16:3). The mothers of Tyre brought their children to see Paul in Acts 21:4. There are many women commended by name in the epistles.

Some search the Scriptures for women preachers (Philip's daughters in Acts 21:9?), women deacons (Phoebe in Rom. 16:1?), and even women apostles (Junia in Rom. 16:7?), but it is not possible to demonstrate that women in the New Testament church filled the roles they filled in the same manner as men. Paul clearly distinguished between the role of men and women in the assemblies and in the positional leadership of the church in 1 Timothy 2:8-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:34-35.

Those who honor Paul's distinctions are accused of relegating women second class citizens in the kingdom and demeaning their potential contributions, but far to the contrary, God honors women who serve with modesty, reverence, purity, reserve, and inward quietness (1 Tim. 2:9-11, 1 Peter 3:1-4). Men with titles and public roles receive a lot of attention, but God sees not as man sees and in God's eyes the "greatest among you will be your servant" (Matt. 23:11).

I am convinced that faithful godly women have always been among the greatest in the church. You may not find them in the history books, but what of that, their names are written in heaven.

PHILIPPINES: This mission included 2 locations: Nangapugan and Lupao. The Nangapugan goal: Encourage a congregation that has had a difficult time and help evangelize the community. Individuals from Coldwater donated to help them build a small meeting place. The Lupao goal: Plant a new congregation in this city of 30,000, where no congregation was meeting in town. A Christian family from outside of town had been meeting in their home since July, and they were a great help in making contacts for Bible studies in the area. Several Bible studies were conducted. Numerous contacts were made at a daycare feeding program they conducted. A rented meeting place was secured in town, and the church met there for the first time on Dec. 10 with 46 people present. Daniel Beronilla is working with them.



1. Tim Sr. teaches Bible class at the Nangapugan congregation.
2. Daniel signs as they agree to terms to rent a building for the church to use.
3. Tim II conducting a Bible study. Daniel translates.
4. Tim II teaching a Bible class with some of the youth at Lupo.
5. One of the young men obeying the Gospel at Lupao after studying with the team.
6. One of the young ladies obeying the Gospel at Nangapugan after studying with the team.
7. Tim II addressing the group as they conducted a feeding program at a daycare.
8. Tim Sr. conducts a Bible study in Lupao.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Upcoming India mission; Jared Brown; Seth Daniel; Sutton family; Wadsworth family; Wiley Tuggle & family; Clarence & Faye Edwards.

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Family & Friends

Wayne Cooper family, Jan's brother died; **Marilyn Walker**, Inez's daughter, torn cartilage in leg; **Amber King family**, Tyler's aunt that 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 & Janie Brister**; **Fernando Casacuberta**, Jared's friend, 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**; **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!

Coldwater Singing Night — Dec 27 — 7 PM

5th Sunday Service — Dec 31 — 1 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Jan 7
Between services

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Jan 24 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Jan 31 — 7 PM

Nesbit Lectureship — Jan 26 – 28

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 17

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis
Assist	Davis Johnson
	Russell Wadsworth
	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, December 20

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	Will Brooks
HALL:	Andy & Molly Ratliff