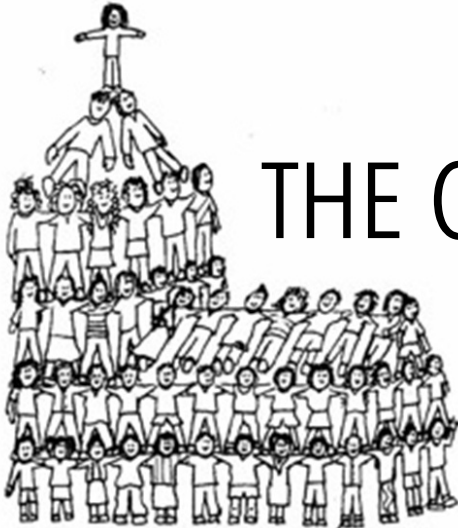


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec 25, 2016



THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT

The church of Christ is not a physical building nor is it a denomination. It is the blood-bought body of Christ. Paul wrote by inspiration of God, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27) At the end of time the church which is the kingdom of God will be delivered up to God, the father. "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet." (1 Corinthians 15:24-25) If you will do what the Bible teaches, the Lord will save you and add you to His church.

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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The church Jesus built is made up of saved people. (Matthew 16:18-19) Jesus did not build a denomination. His interest is not in a physical building. The church of Christ is a living organism. It is composed of people saved by the blood of Jesus. If you have read your Bible you have read about the church of Christ. The church of Christ exists anywhere people follow the Bible and the Bible only. (Acts 2:38-47)

The church Jesus built is God's promised kingdom. (Daniel 2:44-45) The church is that kingdom which shall stand forever. The eternal kingdom was established in the days of the Roman kings. This was during the lifetime of some who heard Jesus speak. "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." (Mark 9:1)

The church Jesus built wears a Bible name which honors Him. (Romans 16:16) The name "church of Christ" is a Bible name and it is a name big enough to embrace all the saved. The Bible gives no specific name for the church. It does, however, identify the church with several Bible expressions. The members of this body are known simply as Christians. (1 Peter 4:15-16)

The church Jesus built worships according to the New Testament pattern. (Acts 2:42) The day of worship is the first day of the week. (Acts 20:7) On each Sunday we sing (Ephesians 5:19), study God's word (Acts 20:7), pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18), give (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), and observe the Lord's Supper. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) Only these Bible things are done in worship! We cannot conclude our discussion of New Testament worship without looking at Paul's warning to the Colossians. The apostle warns them not to be beguiled by religious ordinances which are merely "the commandments and doctrines of men." He cautions that such ordinances "have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body, not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh." (Colossians 2:18-22)

The church Jesus built has no religious guide but the Bible. (John 17:17) Churches of Christ have no "creed books", "manuals", or "confessions of faith". Our only rule of faith is the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Wise men and women learn to obey God, and leave all the consequences to Him. There is nothing more important in life than following the teachings of the Bible and trusting God to care for your needs.

It is in harmony with the Bible to use the name church of Christ, to call yourself a Christian and to accept Jesus as the only head of the church. It is scriptural to accept

the Bible as your only rule of faith, to plead for unity in Jesus and to follow the Bible pattern in worship. Those who follow the Bible are Christians, members of the church of Christ. Will you be baptized into Christ to put on Christ so that your sins can be forgiven by His blood? "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:26-27) Believers contact Christ's saving blood by being baptized into His death. John said, "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:11-12) We join with Paul in saying, "To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:21) Are you a faithful member of the church of Christ?

Written by Charles Box

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Sermon Review

The Reason for the Season

(Jesus is the Reason for Every Season)

- I. **He is the Creator** (John 1:1–3; Genesis 1:1ff)
- II. **He is the Creator of Light** (Genesis 1:1–5, 14–19)
- III. **He is the Light of Creation** (John 1:4–5; 8:12; 11:25)

When Our King Gave Thanks — He Instituted the Lord's Supper

(Matthew 26:26–29; Mark 14:22–25; Luke 22:14–19)

- I. **The Food That We Eat**
- II. **The First Day Of The Week**
- III. **The Frequency With Which We Eat**

Send a card/note of encouragement to Molly's nephew, Macadden:

Macadden Easley
New Beginnings Recovery Center
1649 Linwood Loop
Opelousas, LA 70570



NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Billy Bland; Betty Duke, will be in Oklahoma with daughter for some time; **Upcoming mission travels.**

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Family & Friends

Cameron Tuggle family, Wiley's grandson who died at 21 from life-long heart problems, funeral yesterday; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother, stroke; **James Cooper family; Mike Ratliff**, Andy's father; **Dominic Rosado**, Monica's uncle, needs heart surgery but having major kidney issues; **George Morris**, Lynn's father; **Robert Day family; Macadden Easley**, Molly's nephew; **Bill Fleming**, Billie's father; **Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin; **Brandy Fleming**, Billie Martin's sister-in-law; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, leukemia; **Myrtis Wadsworth; Noel Daniel; David Steward; Tyler Densford; Harold Russell; Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy; Myrtle McNab; Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry; **Lisa Hogan; Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Jenny Kraft; John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen; Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook; Wanda Coats; Henretta Newsom; Tammy Powell; Lawton O'Brien; Pat Hardison; Beverly Whitecotton; Peggy Hunt; Jason Spencer; Elizabeth Baker; Janie Brister; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Frankie Burfield; Renee Loya; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield.**

Birthdays

12/6 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

Get Involved!

Convalescence Center Devo — Dec 28 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Dec 28 — 7 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Jan 1
Between services

Elders & Deacons Meeting — Jan 8

Providence Place Devo — Jan 8 — 2 PM

Bible Bowl @ Olive Branch — Jan 21 — 4 PM
1 Corinthians 10, 11, 12

Fishers of Men @ Coldwater — Feb 5
Please sign up on bulletin board in foyer!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 25

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes Sr.
	Tim Wilkes II
Assist	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Billy Bland
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Ron John
Sermon	Tim Wilkes II
Lord's Supper	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Wednesday, December 28

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Chris Martin