

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec 27, 2015



LESSONS FROM A PATIENT INFO PACKET

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

You are probably familiar with the immense amount of paperwork required to see a doctor, or any healthcare professional. After recently filling out such paperwork, four spiritual lessons came to mind. The first two principles will be similar to our relationship with God and the last two will be the opposite of our relationship with God.

1. **You have to sign your life away.** At least, that may be what it feels like when feeling out the necessary

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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documentation for a doctor visit. They want your name, number, address, emergency contact, insurance information, social security, and signature—then repeat the same information on twelve different pages. If we desire a relationship with God, we do have to sign our life away. Jesus said to his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it (Matthew 16:24-25).

2. **You have no privacy.** Generally, there is a lengthy legal document explaining that you can refuse to allow your personal information to be shared; however, they may also refuse to see you. This same principle is a convicting fact concerning our God. God is not trying to catch us in anything; rather He is for us and wants the best for us (1 Timothy 2:4). But if we intend to do evil, we need not think we can hide from Him our words, thoughts, or actions. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD (Jeremiah 23:24).
3. **You have to give them every detail.** Generally, healthcare professionals can only know what you tell them concerning your pain and symptoms. Such is not the case with our God. He wants us to talk to Him and tell Him our pains and struggles, but He knows before we tell Him. Jesus said, Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him (Matthew 6:8). The Psalmist cried, Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book? (Psalm 56:8).

4. **You have to agree to pay in full.** It won't be long before paramedics will be required to get your insurance information before performing CPR on you. When it comes to our spiritual lives, we cannot begin to afford the cost of sin. Jesus purchased the church with his own blood (Acts 20:28). On more than one occasion, Paul told the Corinthian Christians: Ye are bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23). It is a price we owe but cannot pay.

I am not a healthcare professional, but I do want to point us all to the Great Physician, Jesus. Is your soul sick with sin? Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)? Has that faith led you to repentance (Acts 17:30)? Will you confess that faith before others (Romans 10:10)? Will you submit to the command to be immersed in water for salvation (Mark 16:16)?

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Sermon Review

When The Good News Goes Bad

(2 Corinthians 2:12–17)

- I. **Investigate the Passage of Instance.**
- II. **Contemplate the Principle of Interest.**

Christ, Christians, & Christmas

- I. **The Celebration of Christ's Birth is Not Commanded.**
- II. **The Supposed Day of Christ's Birth is Not Clear.**
- III. **The Christmas Season is Not a Time to be Contentious.**
- IV. **The Christmas Season is Not a Time to Cast Aside the Christ.**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Some traveling for holidays; **Inez Neyman; Seth & Jan Daniel; Wiley & Betty Tuggle.**

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Family & Friends

Mac Owen, Joe's father, broken hip and other health problems; **Bill Fleming**, Billie Martin's father, weak from treatments; **Blair Jefferies and family; Whitworth family; Lottie McMahan**, Betty C.'s sister in nursing home; **Tasha Higginbotham**, successful kidney transplant; **Sheila Culbreath Tubbs; Fannie Mize**, breast cancer; **Rhonda Cook**, Dana's cousin's wife; **Wanda Coats**, Rachel's aunt, breast cancer; **Henretta Newsom; Steve Angel; Tammy Powell; 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!

Coldwater Singing Night — Dec 30 — 7 PM
Men get your song choices to Clifton by Dec 27

New Year's Party @ the Martins' — Dec 31, 5PM
Bring finger foods, drinks, and games

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Jan 3
Between services

Providence Place Devo — Jan 10 — 2 PM

Bible Bowl @ Nesbit — January 16 — 4 PM
John 10 – 12

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 27

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Seth Daniel
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Assist	Dalton Owen
	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, December 30

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Chris Martin
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II