

# The Messenger

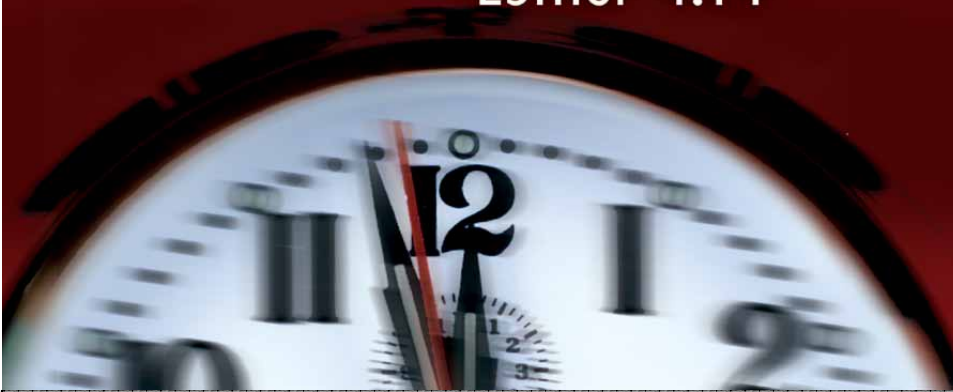
COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 4, 2015



## A NEW THEME FOR 2015

FOR SUCH A  
TIME  
AS THIS  
Esther 4:14



Join us in our journey of doing what we can with the time and opportunities given to us by God. Our responsibility is to the world, and our motivation is the blood of Christ!

*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 & Pew Packers  
each Sunday at 12:30

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### ELDERS

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Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel



“I don’t go to church because everyone there is a hypocrite!” Truly, hypocrisy is a great danger to the life of any Christian and is very harmful to the Lord’s church; however, Jesus died for the hypocritical. Furthermore,

there is a great difference between a Christian who sins and admits it and a child of God who sins and will not admit it. A primary example we have in Scripture of hypocrisy is that of the Pharisees, chief priests, and scribes of the first century.

They were supposed to be God’s elite—or at least that’s what they wanted everyone to believe. Jesus said, “All their works they do for to be seen of men” (Matthew 23:5). For this reason, Jesus justly pronounced them, “Hypocrites!” (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16; 15:7; 16:3; 22:18; 23:13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29). They were supposed to be teachers and representatives of the law of Moses, yet they denied the very One to whom the law of Moses pointed. Jesus said to them, “Ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life” (John 5:38-40).

Their hypocrisy culminated at the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. John tells us, “Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from **the**

**chief priests and Pharisees**, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am” (John 18:3-5). Continuing down a few verses, we find an explicit example of their hypocrisy: “Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover” (John 18:28). The fact that they took a man to trial at night was contrary to the law of Moses; yet, they would not dare be considered “defiled” and not be able to eat the passover. They were already defiled, and their greatest passover lamb was the One they slaughtered on the cross, but they would not see it. The verses following John 18:28 show even more evidence of their being steeped in hypocrisy. However, Jesus died for them.

If you do not think Jesus died for the hypocritical, ask Paul, formerly called Saul (Acts 23:6; 26:5; Philippians 3:5). The difference between Saul and his fellow Pharisees: he repented and followed Jesus. You may be living a life of hypocrisy, but you can repent and follow Jesus. Will you follow Him?

*–written by Clifton Angel*

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

1. Jan 17: Bible Bowl @ Independence  
4 pm, Genesis 43–45

REMEMBER NOW THY  
**CREATOR** Ecclesiastes 12:1

### *Sermon Review*

#### **Annual Theme Transition**

- I. Growing Together (2 Peter 3:18)
- II. For Such A Time As This (Esther 4:14)

#### ***IT IS NOTHING WITH THEE TO HELP*** (2 Chronicles 14)

- I. Asa Moved Out Error (1–5)
- II. Asa Multiplied Strength (6–8)
- III. Asa’s Motivation? (9–15, esp. 11)

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Seth & Jan Daniel** have been sick; **Browns** have stomach flu; **Whitney Wadsworth & Chris Martin**, both have come forward recently and desire our prayers; **Several** traveling; Upcoming mission trips; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Helen Bowman.**

NetCasters  
Fishers of Men  
Far East Missions

### Family & Friends

**Randy Sanders family**, Clifton's cousin died of cancer last week, funeral was Saturday (1/4/15); **Steve Bayless family**, Johnny's brother passed away. **Jimmy Colvett**, in loss of Janet; **Tyler Smart; Jason Spencer**, several serious health problems & loss of wife and son this year; **Bill Fleming**, Billie Martin's father; **Joy Angel; John Smith**, Grace's brother-in-law, colon cancer; **Andrew Jones**, friend to Wesley, battling cancer; **Elizabeth Baker; John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Janie Brister; Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma; **Trent Childers; Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Andy's grandmother; Carla Carlson; Ava Roten; Brett Rutherford; Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **Jack Higginbotham; Tasha Higginbotham; James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims; Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen; Bob Spurlin; Ally Jo Kelly; Brad & Sheri Daniel.**

### Birthdays

1/4	Milba Sutton
1/5	Cash Jackson
1/6	Mindy Moore
1/7	Tucker Johnson
1/9	Claire Easley
1/10	Elizabeth Baker
1/23	Lara Angel
1/25	Jeffrey Ferrell
1/30	Stephanie Bayless

## Get Involved!

**New Quarter Beginning — TODAY**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — TODAY**

**Providence Place Devo — Jan 11 — 2 PM**

**Bible Bowl — Jan 17 — 4 PM**

At Independence, Genesis 43 – 45

**Nesbit Lectureship — Jan 23 – 25**

See flyer for details

**Convalescence Center Devo — Jan 28 — 10 AM**

**Singing Night — Jan 28 — 7 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 4

### Morning

Prayer Before Class

Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Announcements

Jerry Davis

Song Leader

Andy Ratliff

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Jim Jackson

Chris Martin

Assist

Payton Jackson

Will Brooks

Opening Prayer

Andy Ratliff

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer

Joe Owen

### Afternoon

Song Leader

Andy Ratliff

Opening Prayer

Jason Bayless

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Jim Jackson

Chris Martin

Closing Prayer

Jeremy Moore

Wednesday, January 7

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Prayer

Jerry Davis

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Ron Johnson