

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ACTS

Active Church Training Series

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

1. This book begins with the ascension of Jesus and his instructions for the apostles to go into Jerusalem and to wait from the power on high (Acts 1:4,5).
2. It continues by showing us the establishment of the church and the subsequent spread of the church (From Acts 2 on).
3. The book gives us the early persecution against the church and depicts for us the boldness of the early church (cf. Acts 4:29).
4. We find in this book the first Gentile to be converted and the taking of the gospel into Asia Minor and Europe, as well as some of the islands of the Mediterranean.
5. Acts 2 is sometimes referred to as the "hub of the Bible". Everything prior to Acts 2 points to the coming establishment of the church. Everything after Acts 2 points back to the establishment of the church.
6. Acts teaches us how the church is to grow. It grew both numerically and spiritually by the teaching of the word throughout the world (Acts 16:4,5). Some "ideas" you will not find in the book of Acts pertaining to church growth: a. Drama Teams, b. Skits, c. Games, d. Specials, e. Preachers to cover various groups of people (The preachers in Acts served all the people.)

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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THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK

1. The book is addressed to Theopolis (Acts 1:1), as is the book of Luke (Lk 1:3).
2. The book of Luke ends with Christ after his resurrection prior to his ascension. The book of Acts begins in the same manner.
3. The writer references his first work about the life of Christ (Acts 1:1).
4. The author was a companion with Paul for a good portion of his journeys (Acts 16:10, notice the word “we” that is now used).
5. The books of Luke and Acts were written by the same person. As early as 160 A.D., the Muratorian Fragment attributed the work to Luke. Irenaeus also attests to Luke’s authorship around 180 A.D. No one has successfully challenged either the authenticity of this book or its author.
6. Luke is known as “the beloved physician” (Col. 4:14), and is with Paul during Paul’s last imprisonment (2 Tim. 4:11).

THE DATE OF THE WRITING

1. The book of Acts opens with the story of the ascension of Christ, which would place the first part of the book around 33 A.D.
2. The book ends with Paul under Roman guard (Acts 28:30,31), which would have been around 62 A.D.
3. Because of the abrupt ending of the book, with no explanation about the outcome of Paul’s trial, it is believed the book was written shortly after this date.
4. The book of Acts gives us a look at the first 30 years of the growth of the church.

OUTLINES OF THE BOOK

1. From Acts 1:8
 - a. To teach in Jerusalem and Judea (Acts 1-7)
 - b. To teach in Samaria (Acts 8)
 - c. To teach in the uttermost parts of the world (Acts 9-28)
2. By two major characters
 - a. Peter (Acts 1-12)
 - b. Paul (Acts 13-28)
3. A larger outline
 - a. The beginning of the church (Acts 1,2)
 - b. The first persecution (Acts 3-5)
 - c. Stephen’s defense (Acts 6,7)

- d. Early conversions (Acts 8,9)
- e. Peter and Cornelius (Acts 1,11)
- f. Death of James and Peter's imprisonment (Acts 12)
- g. First missionary journey (Acts 13:1 - 15:35)
- h. Second missionary journey (Acts 15:36 - 18:22)
- i. Third missionary journey (Acts 18:23 - 21:26)
- j. The arrest and trials of Paul (Acts 21:27 - 26:32)
- k. Paul's journey to Rome (Acts 27:1 - 28:31)

... MORE TO COME...

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"The Book of Acts"

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Adapted & Edited, CRA

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen **Acts 1.1-2**

Sermon Review

Out With the Old, In With the New?

- Let's be sure not to throw out our ...
- I. Necessary Standard (Ps 119:105)
 - II. Active Faith (James 2:14-26)
 - III. Needful Relationships (Eph5,6;Heb13:5)

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

REMEMBER NOW THY
CREATOR Ecclesiastes 12:1

Why Study ACTS?

- I. Its Author
- II. Its Aim
- III. Its Advantages
- IV. Its Audience

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Several traveling; Upcoming mission trips; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

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Family & Friends

Barbara Bulla-Hunter, Rebecca's sister, her vehicle was hit by drunk driver—thankfully, she only suffered mild injuries; **Andrew Jones**, friend to Weslyn, battling cancer, had bone marrow transplant last week and all went well; **Randy Sanders family**; **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; **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!

Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 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
If you are available, join brother Seth as he leads the residents in a devotional

Singing Night — Jan 28 — 7 PM
Men, get your song choices to Jeffrey Ferrell

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 11

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Wiley Tuggle
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, January 14

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Chris Martin
Prayer	Jared Brown