

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Feb 7, 2016



WALKING ON THIN ICE

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

Recent weather (a little more than two weeks ago now) has me thinking about ice. Our area was not affected too negatively. However, my wife's family in North Middle Tennessee received at least twelve to thirteen inches of snow and ice, and we've been able to observe some effects of it via text messages, socialmedia, and phone conversations. With ice on my mind, I thought about the misconception many have of

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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our God—the misconception that everyone is "walking on thin ice" in His eyes. I am sure you are familiar with this common phrase which gives the image of a person having to "tread lightly" for fear of breaking the surface layer of ice and drowning in a freezing body of water. Friends, a faithful child of God is not "walking on thin ice" in the eyes of God.

God wants every soul that exists to be saved. Paul wrote to Timothy that God "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). That is God's desire. He has gone to tremendous lengths to save mankind (cf. the entire Bible). John writes, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16-17). He continues to go to great lengths to save mankind, upholding the existence of the universe by His power (Hebrews 1:1-3), allowing time to continue for men to repent (2 Peter 3:9-10), and sending out His servants to convert the lost (Matthew 28:18-20). Unfortunately, many will not accept the truth, and many will not be saved (Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23). God will remain just and loving, and the fault is their own.

The immersed believer (Mark 16:16) whose heart is penitent (Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30) and whose mouth continually confesses Jesus as God's Son (Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37) is the person who recognizes God's desire to save him from sin (Romans 6:23) and desires to be saved. If he walks ...

... faithfully in the light of God (1 John 1:7), he still most likely will sin, but he will repent and confess, and he will be forgiven (1 John 1:9). There is no need for him to feel he is "walking on thin ice" in the eyes of God. Furthermore, he will know his confidence in God's salvation is not a license to sin (Romans 6:1-2; 1 John 2:1-2).

Friends, a faithful child of God is not "walking on thin ice" in the eyes of God, and no one is slipping into Heaven "by the skin of his teeth." For, Peter wrote, "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:10-11).

Written by Clifton Angel

Sermon Review

Isaac: A Son of Promise

(Genesis 26)

- I. **The Prosperity of Isaac.**
- II. **The Peace of Isaac.**
- III. **Some Pictures from Isaac.**

A.C.T.S. — A Collection in Antioch

(Acts 11:27-31)

- I. **The Disciples' Faith.**
- II. **The Disciples' Benevolence.**
- III. **Some Demonstrative Implications.**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Inez Neyman, in hospital this past week for stomach complications; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**.

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Family & Friends

Jack Higginbotham, pneumonia & leukemia, will be in isolated treatment for 2-4 weeks; **Fannie Mize family**, she passed last week, funeral was Friday; **Doris Swinney family**; **Jack Ray family**; **Bill Fleming**; **Carl Zluticky**; **TJ, Tabitha, & Aaron Johnson**, Aaron is Weslyn's boyfriend, all 3 recently baptized; **Linda McDonald**, friend of Sherry; **John Simpson** and family; **Charli Kate Rhodes**, daughter of Jared & Anna at OBCOC; **Dana's friend Jimmi**, recent divorce and loss of father; **Vern Schrimsher**; **Weber Ferguson family**; **Cherie Zimmerschied & family**; **Mac Owen**; **Bill Fleming**, very weak from treatments; **Johnny & Joy Angel**, health problems; **Whitworth family**; **Lottie McMahan**; **Sheila Culbreath Tubbs**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Steve Angel**; **Tammy Powell**; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Doris Easley**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Bob Spurlin**.

Birthdays

2/2	Joyce Campbell	2/13	Tim Wilkes II
2/7	Abigail Wilkes	2/25	Betty Tuggle
2/8	Leigh Anne Owen	2/27	Sherry Gaines
2/12	Terry Bland		

Get Involved!

Fishers of Men at GBN – Fridays – 1 PM

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior – TODAY
Between services

Devo, Super Bowl, Games @ Martin's – TODAY
4:30 PM, Bring finger foods & games, Paper products & drinks provided

Young at Heart Banquet – Feb 13,
Jeanna is collecting money for food

Bible Bowl – Feb 20, 4 PM @ Thyatira
John 13 – 15

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 7

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Ron Johnson
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Geoffrey Dunn
	Sammy Dunn
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Ron Johnson
	Russell Wadsworth
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

Wednesday, February 10

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.