

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Becoming More Spiritual

by Clifton Angel

It is a temptation of all to avoid and/or forget about the spiritual. It is especially a temptation for Christians because the devil is constantly working to divert our minds from the spiritual. On the other hand, it is a temptation for some to associate anything emotional with the spiritual, and thus *feel* that they are closer to God or more spiritual because of a *feeling* they have. Becoming more spiritual is important, but what can we do in an effort to become more spiritual? I have no magic words; only the basic and the true.

First, we must **think about God**. *God is spirit* (John 4:24); therefore, if we want become more spiritual, we must meditate up Him and His ways. How often, when we are making daily decisions, do we think about God? How often do we ponder how God would have us to make such decisions? Concerning proper thinking and meditation, the great apostle and proclaimer, Paul, wrote to Philippi:

*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things* (Phil. 4:8).

If we are going to become more spiritual, we need to **think about God**.

Second, we must **hear from God**. *Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God* (Rom. 10:17). The Psalmist exclaimed to God, *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path* (Ps. 119:105). Sometimes at night, as I walk through my house turning off lights as I go, I am left in complete darkness. Although I have walked the same path to my bed hundreds of times, I become very susceptible to running into a wall or some other obstacle. Some today may say, "I know what...

*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

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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...the Bible says, so I do not need to look at it anymore,” in essence saying, “I can walk this path just fine without light.” We must have the attitude of the Psalmist and proclaim: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path* (Ps. 119:105). *Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee* (Ps. 119:11). If we are going to become more spiritual, we need to **hear from God**.

Next, we must **pray to God**. In praying to God, we recognize that we cannot go through this life successfully, facing various trials, all on our own. In praying to God, we also recognize that the spiritual is greater than the physical. Concerning prayer in our approach with life, the exemplary, prayerful Paul wrote to Philippi: *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus* (Phil. 4:6, 7). He also wrote to the church in Thessalonica with the exhortation, *Pray without ceasing* (1 Thess. 5:17). If we are going to become more spiritual, we need to **pray to God**.

Also, we must **sing of God**. *Is any merry? Let him sing psalms* (James 5:13b). There are days when I have a spiritual song (or songs) in my heart, and there are days when I do not. Sometimes, it can be very helpful to us physically, mentally, emotionally, and *spiritually*, if we purposely put a spiritual song on our heart on those days that there is not one. It will cause us to focus more on God, focus more on the spiritual, be reminded of God’s many blessings, and uplift our attitudes. *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name* (Heb. 13:15). If we are going to become more spiritual, we need to **sing of God**.

Jesus left the glories of Heaven, came to earth, lived a perfect life, gave that life because of our sins, He was buried, He arose from the dead on the third day, and now reigns in Heaven at the right hand of the Father--all so that we can **think about God, hear from God, pray to God, and sing of God**. Becoming more spiritual needs to be a primary focus in the life of every person. Finally, another way that we can become more spiritual is to teach others how to become more spiritual; **teach others about God**. We must teach them of the spiritual blessings that are found only *in Christ* (Eph. 1:3). We must teach them that in order to be *in Christ*, each must first hear that He is the Christ (Rom. 10:17), believe that He is the Christ (John 8:24), repent in order that we may follow the Christ (Acts 17:30), confess that He is the Christ (Acts 8:37), and then be baptized *into Christ* by being immersed in water for the forgiveness of our sins (Gal. 3:27). After...

...obeying God's commandments required to get *into* Christ, we must continue to live a life in Christ with Christ living in us (Gal. 2:20). Are we living our lives *in* Christ? Are we **thinking about God**? Are we **hearing from God**? Are we **praying to God**? Are we **singing of God**? Are we **teaching others about God**? Are we *becoming more spiritual*?

## Sermon Review

### The Beginning to the Best Life

*The beginning to the best life  
requires that we learn of the...*

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|-------------|-----------------|
| I. STANDARD | IV. SAVING BODY |
| II. SIN     | V. SALVATION    |
| III. SAVIOR |                 |

### The Book of Numbers

(Introduction & Overview)

- I. ENUMERATION
- II. EXCITEMENT
- III. EXAMPLES
- IV. EXHORTATION

### This Week's Daily Bible Reading:

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| Sunday:    | Numbers 18-20 |
| Monday:    | Numbers 21-22 |
| Tuesday:   | Numbers 23-25 |
| Wednesday: | Numbers 26-27 |
| Thursday:  | Numbers 28-30 |
| Friday:    | Numbers 31-32 |
| Saturday:  | Numbers 33-34 |

### WANT TO STUDY THE BIBLE?

We offer multiple avenues:

1. We can study with you in your home!
2. We have a postal correspondence course  
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3. You can study the Bible via an online course.  
Visit [www.ucanbsure.org](http://www.ucanbsure.org).

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Cold/Sinus symptoms seem to be going around:

**Jerry Davis** has been battling it, and stayed home Wed.

**The Moore Family** has been experiencing illnesses this past week also.

**Abigail Lynn Wilkes** arrived at 9:54 PM on 2/7/12, weighing 7 lbs 1oz, and measuring 19 inches long. All are doing well!

**Sue Cobern**, pancreatitis, and other complications.

**Wiley Tuggle & Betty Tuggle.**

**Far East Missions**, Billy continues to make necessary correspondence for the great works in the Far East, and is aiding in the publishing of a book for China.

**OpenDoor Ministry**, Tim II is planning a trip overseas in the very near future.

**Fishers of Men**, Tim, Sr. is currently teaching 3 courses.

## Family & Friends

**Daniel & Dalton Owens** have both been ill within the past week. **Aubrey Harris**, daughter of co-worker of Molly, has been in ICU but is now at home; she has to be taken to the doctor every day as she has a feeding tube.

**Chuck Tharp**, prostate cancer. **Gene & Lajuan Collums**, in their recovering from recent ailments. **Eli Williams**, and his chemo therapy; He and his family need our continual prayers. **Missy Kelsay**, battling cancer. **Kyle Ellis**, co-worker of Andy; and his family. **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, has cancer. **Renee Loya**, (cousin of Elizabeth Baker), has MS. **Ray Maples** undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia. **Janie Brister** has multiple health problems. **Cathy Thompson** has lupus.

**Larry Morgan; Michael Bray; Leon Going; McElroy Family; Harvey Tuggle; Charlie McAllister; Virginia Mayfield; Norman & Brenda Mahan; Peyton Harville; Charles Easley; James Angel; Steve Angel; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

## February Birthdays

2/11 -- Sydney Thompson

2/11 -- Jackson Staten

2/12 -- Terry Bland

2/13 -- Ashby Johnson

2/14 -- Eric Jackson

2/21 -- Cathy Thompson

2/25 -- Betty Tuggle

## Get Involved!

### **Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012**

Let's continue to read and study together!!

### **E3 Fellowship & Early Service -- TODAY**

PM Service will be at 1PM today.

### **Sunday Night for the Savior -- March 4**

Contacts & Finger Foods.

### **March Bible Bowl -- March 10**

10:30AM @ Looxahoma -- Acts 17-19

### **Providence Place Devo -- March 11, 2PM**

### **MSOP Lectures -- March 25 - 29**

Theme: "In God We Trust"

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, February 19

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class

Billy Bland

Announcements

Jason Bayless

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Jerry Davis

Assist

Andy Ratliff

Assist

Jeremy Moore

Opening Prayer

Johnny Bayless

Sermon

Wiley Tuggle

Closing Prayer

Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer

Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

#### Evening

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Opening Prayer

Jared Brown

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Andy Ratliff

Jeremy Moore

Closing Prayer

Ron Johnson

### Wednesday, February 22

Song Leader

Caleb Baker

Prayer

Jim Jackson

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Jerry Davis