

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mar. 3, 2013



## Baptism Now Saves You

Sin is a person's greatest problem. Salvation is a person's greatest need. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Men crucified Him, God raised Him up! Why? So that we might be saved. One of the messages of Peter, according to 1 Peter 3:21, is the message of the above title: "Baptism now saves you."

Peter uses the word "now" in contrast to a previous time. When was that time? "When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah" (1 Peter 3:20). What relation does baptism and our salvation "now" have to do in relation to "the days of Noah"? He says, "eight souls were saved by water," and the fact that "baptism doth also now save us" is "the like figure" corresponding to the salvation of Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives.

Perhaps, you are thinking: "The water did not save Noah's family! The ark did!" Consider with me how the water saved those eight souls and how being immersed in water "now" saves us. Noah and his family were living in a world where "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). Had Noah not "found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Genesis 6:8), he would have remained in that world of unrighteousness until God destroyed it. Rather, God had a plan of redemption for Noah and his family. God designed the plan, communicated the plan, and Noah and his family obeyed the plan. God's plan was to purge or cleanse the earth of evil in the days of Noah. "Now," God has designed a plan, He has communicated the plan, and we are to obey the plan if we desire to be cleansed from the evil of this world. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Baptism, immersion in water, is "not the putting away of the filth of the flesh" (1 Peter 3:21). Rather, it is the point at which you "wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16).

How important is baptism to you? Peter says, "baptism now saves you." Have you been immersed in water in order to be cleansed from your sins? To God be the glory!

**-written by Clifton Angel**

*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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## FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

MARCH 31 - APRIL 4, 2013

GENERAL THEME:

# "A NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN"

## MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013

9:30-10:20 A.M. "Jesus Christ: The Object Of The Christian's Faith" .....David Sain  
 10:30-11:30 A.M. "Why I Am A Christian" .....Barry Grider  
 5:30-6:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
 6:00-7:00 P.M. "Contends For The Faith" .....Paul Sain

### MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: "The Church Of Christ Is Well And Alive Because Of Its Daily Discipleship" .....Steven Ford  
 9:00-9:50 A.M. "Understands Restoration" .....Matthew Martin  
 10:00-10:50 A.M. "Forgives Without Grudging" .....Scott Cain  
 LADIES\*\* "Christian Woman: In The Home" (Women Only) .....Celicia Grider  
 11:00-11:50 A.M. "Can I Know I Am Saved?" .....Larry Acuff  
 CLASS\* "Supports World Missions" .....Ray W. Peters  
 LUNCH "Honors God In His Home" .....Kelvin Pugh  
 1:30-2:20 P.M. "Is A Serious Bible Student" (Women Only) .....Jane McWhorter  
 LADIES\*\* "Becomes God's Friend" .....Jonathan Jenkins  
 2:30-3:20 P.M. CLASS\* "Is A Joyful Person" .....Kyle Wadley  
 3:30-4:15 P.M. "Lives A Pure Life" .....Michael Bates  
 4:15-6:30 P.M. APPRECIATION DINNER - BOBBY & JOAN LIDDELL  
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
 7:00-8:00 P.M. "Believes The Simple Plan Of Salvation" .....Dan Winkler

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: "The Church Of Christ Is Well And Alive Because Of Its Missionary Spirit" .....Josue Castorena  
 9:00-9:50 A.M. "Trusts The Grace Of God" .....Glenn Colley  
 10:00-10:50 A.M. "Worships In Spirit And In Truth" .....Cliff Goodwin  
 LADIES\*\* "Learns From Phoebe: How To Serve" (Women Only) .....Cindy Colley  
 11:00-11:50 A.M. "Guards His Tongue" .....Sam Willcutt  
 CLASS\* "Loves Young People" .....Brad McNutt  
 LUNCH "Respects The Authority Of Elders" .....Joe W. Nichols  
 1:30-2:20 P.M. "Christian Women: In the Workplace" (Women Only) .....Jeanny Gilpin  
 LADIES\*\* "Understands Prophecy" .....Billy Bland  
 2:30-3:20 P.M. "Has Been Baptized For The Remission Of Sins" .....Tim Alsop  
 CLASS\* SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS (MSOP CHAPEL)  
 3:30-4:15 P.M. "Loves The Brotherhood" .....Eddy Gilpin  
 4:15-6:30 P.M. ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER (FELLOWSHIP HALL)  
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
 7:00-8:00 P.M. "The Church To Which A Christian Is Added" .....Tom Holland

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: "The Church Of Christ Is Well And Alive Because Of Its Plea" .....Kaleb Hall  
 9:00-9:50 A.M. "Trusts In The Blood Of Jesus" .....Tom House  
 10:00-10:50 A.M. "Believes In The Place Called Hell" .....Jim Dearman  
 LADIES\*\* "Learns From Dorcas: How To Be A Caregiver" (Women Only) .....Racine Wilder  
 11:00-11:50 A.M. "Is A Good Citizen" .....T. J. Clarke  
 CLASS\* "Cares For The Aged" .....Lee Davis  
 LUNCH "Makes Other Christians" .....Patrick Gray  
 1:30-2:20 P.M. "Lessons From Lydia: Hospitality" (Women Only) .....Rhonda Jones  
 LADIES\*\* "Helps His Neighbor" .....Tim Burroughs  
 2:30-3:20 P.M. CLASS\* "Never Stops Growing" .....Patrick Harper  
 3:30-4:15 P.M. "Works At His Marriage" .....Sam Jones  
 4:15-6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION  
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
 7:00-8:00 P.M. "Trusts The Word Of God" .....John DeBerry

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013

8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL: "The Church Of Christ Is Well And Alive Because Of Its Mission" .....William Abram  
 9:00-9:50 A.M. "Trusts In Prayer" .....John Barcus  
 10:00-10:50 A.M. "Knows How To Study The Bible" .....B. J. Clarke  
 LADIES\*\* "Learns From Mary And Martha: How To Be Spiritual" (Women Only) .....Tanya Silcox  
 11:00-11:50 A.M. "Believes In Reverence For God" .....Preston Silcox  
 CLASS\* "Accepts The Genesis Record" .....Dan Cates  
 LUNCH "Seeks To Be Balanced" .....David Lemmons  
 1:30-2:20 P.M. "Women In The Book Of Revelation" (Women Only) .....Irene Taylor  
 LADIES\*\* "Knows The Difference Between The Testaments" .....Neil Richey  
 2:30-3:20 P.M. CLASS\* "Is Humble" .....Tim Hayes  
 3:30-4:15 P.M. "Longs For Heaven" .....Hugh Fulford  
 4:15-6:30 P.M. INTERMISSION  
 6:30-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
 7:00-8:00 P.M. "Is Just Like Paul" .....Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

\* For all Classes meet in the School Building, Room 405  
 \*\* Ladies Classes meet in the FELLOWSHIP HALL.



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Rhonda Jones



Sam Jones



David Lemmons



Matthew Martin



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Racine Wilder



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# Just One Piece of Chicken

The story is told of an old governor of Massachusetts that was so busy “chasing votes” one day that he missed lunch. As he went along his way in the late afternoon, he happened upon a community barbecue. He entered the serving line and held out his plate to the woman serving the chicken. She placed a piece on his plate, and in urgent kindness he asked, “Excuse me, could I have another piece of chicken?” She replied, “Sorry. I was instructed to give one piece to each person.” He pled with a disgruntled face, “But I’m starving,” to which she responded, “I’m sorry—one piece per person.” As the story goes, he was a very modest man, but on this occasion, he thought he might try to sway the woman. “Do you know who I am?” he asked firmly. “I am the governor of this state.” “Do you know who I am?” the woman replied. “I’m the lady in charge of the chicken.”

Authority—it is so important for this subject to be understood and respected. In order to have true happiness, joy, and peace, one must recognize the authorities in his life and then obey them, with God as his ultimate authority. It needs to be respected in our homes, in our jobs, in our communities, in our state, in our nation, in the world. If we read our Bibles, we will understand that God has all authority. He has authority over everything that is physical and spiritual. Might I suggest that the very word “God” denotes that authority. I’ve mentioned before that “God” is not His name; it is His nature. He is above all else. So, if He is in authority, where do we find the guidelines for our lives? Generally, authorities must disclose in some fashion their guidelines for those under them. For example, an employer in authority over his employees must disclose guidelines for them to follow. This requires effort on the part of the employee if he is to do his job properly. Is it not logical that our loving God would disclose such guidelines for our lives? He has. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16–17). God’s Word must guide our steps (Jeremiah 10:23). It must be the light to our path (Psalm 119:105). It is complete (Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3) and it makes us complete (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Is the Bible the authority for your everyday decisions? For how you worship? For how you are saved? For how you direct your marriage? For how you rear your children? For how you treat those around you? Who or what is your authority? To God be the glory!

-written by Clifton Angel

## *Sermon Review*

### **The Greatest Marriage**

- I. IS NOT...
- II. IS...

### **Jesus, the Chosen Stone**

(1 Peter 2:4-7)

- I. The Living Stone
- II. The Rejected Stone
- III. The Corner Stone
- IV. The Precious Stone

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Bayless Family**, Jason having sinus complications, Georgia and Addi have stomach virus.

**Renee Davis; Helen Bowman**

**Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sue Cobern**

**OpenDoor Ministry**

**Fishers of Men**

**Far East Missions**

## Family & Friends

**Jerry Price**, husband of Molly's assistant, terminal brain cancer, nothing else they can do; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with stage 3 cancer in liver area, inoperable, will be receiving chemo; **Clyde Pruiett**, Jeffrey's grandfather is doing better, received a good report from the doctor; **Greg Myers**, Krystal's father, improving seemingly well after back surgery; **John Simpson and family**, paralyzed from stroke, has been bed-ridden for about two years, lives in Barr area; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, Christian residents at Providence Place, they have also requested prayers for their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks; Winchester family; Frederick Bland; Kenneth Webb**, Krystal's grandfather, melanoma; **Terry Hawkins; Barbara Denton**, friend of Molly, stage 3 cervical cancer. **Brigman Family; Janice Jenkins**, co-worker to Beverly Hayes, rare form of cancer. **Carla Carlson** and her battle with cancer; **Matthew Canada; Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley; Curtis A. Cates; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinsworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

## March Birthdays

3/9	Ginger Bayless
3/9	Janice Daniel
3/14	Brianna Davis
3/18	Betty Duke
3/21	Ella Brown
3/24	Johnny Bayless
3/30	Joe Davis
3/30	Beau Davis
3/31	Beverly Hayes

## Get Involved!

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- TODAY**

**Bible Bowl -- March 9 -- Genesis 10 -- 12**

10:30 AM at Looxahoma building

**Providence Place Devo -- March 10 -- 2 PM**

**Roller Skating -- March 16 -- 12:30 - 2:30**

Skatetasia in Sardis; ~\$8/skater, drinks included

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lectureship at  
Memphis School of Preaching**

March 31 -- April 4

All invited! See Schedule on previous page

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, March 3

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Joe Owen
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Andy Ratliff
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Payton Jackson
Opening Prayer	Wiley Tuggle
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
	Jeremy Moore
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, March 6

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Seth Daniel