

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## LOVE REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

The world today uses a very different definition for love than that is portrayed in the Bible. Then, the world tries to apply their differing definition to the text of the Bible. This produces contradictions in God's Word, which simply is not the case. The world teaches us that we must be accepting and tolerant of others' actions, no matter if those actions are in opposition to the truth of God's teachings. Furthermore, according to the world, if we do the latter, we are being loving. Friends, that is far from the definition of love we find in the Bible.

Paul wrote, Love "rejoiceth with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6, ASV). Let us note 5 reasons that love rejoices with the truth.

1. **Love rejoices with the truth because the truth can be known:** *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).*

*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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Clifton Angel

2. **Love rejoices with the truth because the truth has been delivered by the Holy Spirit**: *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come"* (John 16:13).



3. **Love rejoices with the truth because the truth is manifested in the Person of Jesus**: *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6).

4. **Love rejoices with the truth because the truth is the Father's Word**: *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth* (John 17:17).

5. **Love rejoices with the truth because the truth is from heaven, and the truth leads one to heaven**: *Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth* (1 Timothy 2:4). *Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins* (James 5:19-20).

Love rejoices with the truth. The truth can be known, but knowing it requires diligence—continual effort. Peter wrote to Christians, “*ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth*” (1 Peter 1:22). The truth teaches us to believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24). The truth teaches us to repent of living in sin (Acts 17:30). The truth teaches us to confess our faith in Christ (Acts 8:37). The truth teaches us to be immersed for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Have you purified your soul in obeying the truth? If you have purified your soul in obeying the truth, take note and make sure to apply the full statement of Peter: “*Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently*” (1 Peter 1:22).

—written by Clifton Angel



## Sermon Review

### The Way of Salvation

(Acts 16:17; Titus 3:1–8)

- I. The Departure
- II. The Destination
- III. The Directions

### DVD SERIES

*America's Most Press Concern*  
Lesson 7 - "Founding Fathers & Deism"

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Wiley Tuggle**, having recurring esophagus/stomach problems; **Jerry Davis**, recovering from hip surgery; **Jared Brown** and family; **Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

**Far East Missions**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**NetCasters**

## Family & Friends

**Trixie Savage**, Lara's grandmother, rare skin cancer, scheduled to have removed Mar 27; **Janet Colvett**; **Jack Higginbotham**; **Laura Swayne**, Patrick Swayne's mother, uterine cancer; **Barry Hatcher**; **Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant, now on donor list; **Steve Geeslin**, brain tumor; **Jason Spencer**, health complications; **Lauren Harrell**, young mother with breast cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**, Ashby Johnson's mother, cancer; **Frederick Bland**; **Renee Loya**, Ruth's niece, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Charles Savage**, prostate cancer; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Eli Williams**, cancer returned, receiving chemo treatments; **Vicki Angel**; **Ray Maples**; **John & Anita Simpson** & family; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, stage 4 cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, stage 4 lung cancer; **Joy Angel**, various health problems; **Linda Perkins**, leukemia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**, in efforts of adoption of baby Faith; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Carla Carlson**.

## Birthdays

3/9 Jan Daniel  
3/9 Ginger Bayless  
3/18 Betty Duke  
3/21 Ella Brown  
3/24 Johnny Bayless  
3/29 Payton Jackson  
3/31 Beverly Hayes

## Get Involved!

**DVD Series -- Lesson 8 -- TODAY -- 1 PM**  
*America's Most Pressing Concern*, Dave Miller

**Singing Night -- March 26 -- 7 PM**  
Song leaders, please get songs to Clifton ASAP

**Southaven Youth Visiting -- March 30 -- 1 PM**  
They will be leading the 1 PM worship service

**Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship**  
March 30 – April 2, see flyer on bulletin board

**New Quarter Begins April 6 -- Teachers Needed**  
See Jeffrey to reserve your teaching position

**April Bible Bowl -- Apr 19 -- Gen 31 – 33**  
5 PM at Independence, Potluck style meal

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, March 23

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeremy Moore
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Assist	Ron Johnson
	Tren House
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Ben Grady
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	DVD/Dalton Owen
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Ron Johnson
Closing Prayer	Seth Daniel

### Wednesday, March 26

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jim Jackson