

# *The Messenger*

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 17, 2016



# JESUS IS LORD

## *A Controversial Phrase*

Christians love to say and sing the words "Jesus is Lord," because the phrase is a summary statement of biblical faith. It affirms not only that there is a God, but that the Person of Christ, has visited Earth as Jesus, the Son of Man, and has sacrificed Himself for the sins of the world (John 3:16-17). "Jesus is Lord" is also a basic affirmation of Christ's exclusive authority over all things on Earth, as He affirmed: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18; cf. Philippians 2:9-11). To say that "Jesus is Lord" is to imply that Hindu and Buddhist gods have no authority, that Muhammed has no authority, and that no other supposed gods have authority.

"Jesus is Lord" is a short, simple, beautiful phrase. It contains the basic content of the confession that everyone makes in obeying the gospel (Romans 1:9; cf. 1 Cor. 12:3).

*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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### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

And yet, this phrase is becoming more controversial.

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that the student union of the University of Sydney, in Australia, has threatened to revoke its recognition from one particular religious student group, because the religious group centers around Jesus. Since 1998, the religious group has required its members to sign that they believe "Jesus is Lord." This policy has offended the student union, which now threatens to deprive the religious group of access to university facilities and membership fees. Ironically, the union is using anti-discrimination policies



in order to discriminate against the more than 200 students who require belief in Jesus for membership in their religious group.

In the early Christian centuries, many lost their lives because they were committed to the reality that "Jesus is Lord." Stephen, the first Christian martyr, accused the murderous Jews of killing "The Righteous One," Jesus, and they stoned him for it (Acts 7:52-60). Polycarp, a personal friend and pupil of the apostle John, was martyred after refusing to deny Christ. He famously said, "Eighty-six years have I have served him, and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?" (Christian History Institute; Schaff, History, 2:52).

As culture becomes more secular, it will be more controversial to sweeten our lips with the name of Christ. Nevertheless, we will never stop confessing our Savior (Matthew 10:32-33).

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**Great Job, Bible Bowlers! Congrats to our high school group in bringing home the banner! Special thanks to all who attended and assisted in making it a successful event!**



### *Sermon Review*

#### **YOUR LIFE'S VISION**

- I. Does Your Life's Vision Include Faith?**
- II. Does Your Life's Vision Include Faith?**
- III. Does Your Life's Vision Include Faith?**

#### **Selected Lessons from Our Bible Bowl Passages — John 19 – 21**

- I. The Gospel Event (John 19–21)**
- II. The Prophecies Fulfilled (John 19:23–24, 31–37)**
- III. The Gatherer of Evidence (John 20:26–29)**
- IV. The Good Example (John 21:2–3, 15–19; 1 Pet 5:1–4)**

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Inez Neyman**, in ICU step-down at Baptist Desoto; **Aemon Ratliff**, shoulder pain, will have physical therapy 2x per week; **Sammy & Grace Williams**, recent illness; **Tim & Lynn Wilkes**, traveling; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Several** traveling, some daily/weekly; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings; **Wiley Tuggle**.

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### Family & Friends

**Bob Spurlin family**, brother Spurlin passed on April 7th; **Sharol Brown**, Jared's mother, had successful surgery Thursday; **Jo Smith**, Jerry's aunt, cancer-free!; **Bill Fleming**, cancer in remission, but still receiving treatments and therapy; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Virginia Johnson family**; **Willie Grady**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft**; **Deborah Williams**, Betty Duke's daughter, major eye complications; **Carl Zluticky**; **Linda McDonald**, friend of Sherry; **John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen**; **Johnny & Joy Angel**, health problems; **Lottie McMahan**; **Sheila Culbreath Tubbs**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**.

### Birthdays

4/1 Joe Owen  
4/6 Ainsley Moore  
4/18 Jeanna Wadsworth  
4/20 Aubrey Ratliff  
4/22 Chris Martin

## Get Involved!

**Youth Devo @ Tim & Rachel's — TODAY — 6 PM**

Hoagie sandwiches will be provided;  
Please bring chips, drinks, and desserts

**Southaven Gospel Meeting — April 17 — 21**

See flyer on bulletin board for details

**Coldwater Campout — April 21–23**

@ Sardis Lake campground, nights of 21st & 22nd

Meeting about details TODAY between services

**Southaven Girl's Day, Lock-in — Apr 22 — 7 PM**

See flyer in foyer for details

**Convalescence Center Devo — Apr 27 — 10 AM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, April 17

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	John Wofford
	Ron Johnson
Assist	Sammy Williams
	Johnny Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	John Wofford
	Ron Johnson
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff

Wednesday, April 20

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II