

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 8, 2016



## MARK THESE PEOPLE

Quickly now - What type of people are to be marked by Christians according to the scriptures? Those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to Christ's doctrines? Yes, for so we are taught in Romans 16:17.

There is another type of person to be marked, however. "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample" (Philippians 3:17 KJV). The word "mark" is not synonymous with the word "withdraw." According to W.E. Vine, the word means "to look at, behold, watch, contemplate." Those who are evil, then, are to be marked and avoided; while those who walk in God's way are to be marked and followed.

*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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#### ELDERS

Billy Bland

Seth Daniel

Jim Jackson

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#### DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

#### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

Godly elders should be marked. Elders are to be examples to the flock (1 Peter 5:3). They are to be men whose character is above reproach, who rule their own house well, who are hospitable, and whose sound teaching can convict the gainsayers. We know such elders, and their example is priceless. Even after such men have passed on, they are to be remembered: "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow (a similar word to mark-BH), considering the outcome of their conduct" (Hebrews 13:7). Thank God for godly elders; mark them and follow their good example.

Godly women should be marked. If there are women in the congregation who stand out for their piety and humility, whose major attractiveness is their "meek and quiet spirit," who have adorned themselves with good works, who love their husband and children, who find joy and contentment in being a wife and mother and keeper at home, who feel no resentment toward their position of subjection to man, who have devoted their lives to doing God's will - and there are such women in every congregation - then mark these godly women and follow their example. In these days when the women's liberation movement is affecting so many and actually intimidating many women who want to do right, it is wonderful to have godly women in the church who are able to lead the way and provide a role model for other women who are Christians. Thank God for godly women; mark them and follow their example.

Godly preachers should be marked. Not all preachers are godly, but most of the gospel preachers of our acquaintance are godly men whose lives speak as effectively as do their lips. They do their work, not as hirelings, but as men concerned for the truth and the souls of men and women. Mark such men and follow their example!

Godly parents, godly young people, godly older people, godly suffering people, godly dying people - the godly faithful! How sad that some are so blinded by the faults of the few that they cannot see the virtues of the many. Good people are all around us. Let's look for them, contemplate their good qualities, mark them, and follow their example.

Written by Bill Hall  
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## **“Remember Now”**

*by Clifton Angel*

When I'm 20 years old,  
And looking back on my teens,  
Will I smile on my past,  
Or be ashamed of what I've seen?

When I'm 30 years old,  
Looking back on the last nine,  
Did I give glory to God,  
Or make it all mine?

Once I've reached 40,  
And making my trek through life,  
Have I left a trail of blessings,  
Or caused a myriad of strife?

When I'm 50 years old,  
Looking back on the years,  
Will I grin of the godly joy,  
Or frown on the painful tears?

When I'm 60 years old,  
And time is fleeting by,  
Would I enjoy another forty,  
Or would I rather die?

When 70 has come so quickly,  
And my body is quite frail,  
Have I prepared my spirit for Heaven,  
Or am I still on the path to Hell?

When 80 is here at the drop of a hat,  
But my mind is not at all,  
Will my grandchildren know of the great life I led,  
Or will they look at my life in appall?

If God provides that I reach 90,  
And my life withers like a clover,  
Will I thank Him for my longevity of life,  
Or would I rather just start over?

When I'm 100 years old,  
And the young stand amazed at my age,  
Will I even have my memory,  
While God remembers all the mistakes I've made?

Will you take heed to these words,  
My dear and precious friends,  
And begin preparing now,  
For what your life will be in the end?

“Remember now your Creator  
In the days of your youth,”  
Such powerful words from the Spirit,  
Who has provided all Truth.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Lara Angel & Baby David**, Arrival anytime, induction scheduled for May 9; **Inez Neyman; Tim II & family**, Kenya mission; **Tim & Lynn Wilkes**, Samoa mission; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings.

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

## Family & Friends

**Bill Fleming**, returned to hospital Tues; **Henry Wadsworth**, Russell's father, had surgery for ablation and pacemaker Wed. night; **Lisa Hogan**, heart problems; **Jeremy & Sandra Hulsey family**, minister and wife killed; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharol Brown**, Jared's mother; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, diagnosed with cancer; **Bob Spurlin family**, brother Spurlin passed on April 7th; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Willie Grady; Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft; Deborah Williams**, Betty Duke's daughter; **Carl Zluticky; John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen; Johnny & Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook; Wanda Coats; Henretta Newsom; Tammy Powell; Lawton O'Brien; Pat Hardison; Beverly Whitecotton; Peggy Hunt; Jason Spencer; Elizabeth Baker; Janie Brister; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Frankie Burfield; James Cooper; Renee Loya; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield.**

## Birthdays

5/6	Dylan Moore	5/16	Russell Wadsworth
5/7	Rebecca Brown	5/24	Anna Johnson
5/15	Andy Ratliff	5/25	Davis Johnson

## Anniversaries

5/15	Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/17	Joe & Leigh Owen
5/19	Seth & Jan Daniel
5/23	Johnny & Stephanie Bayless
5/23	Russell & Jeanna Wadsworth
5/26	Jimmy & Virginia Sowell
5/31	Billy & Terry Bland

## Get Involved!

**Mass Mailing Prep — TODAY — 12:20**

**Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 2 PM**

**Celebrate Grads: Hannah Davis & Hunter Baker**  
May 15, money tree for each, \$ for Hannah goes to Jeanna, \$ for Hunter goes to Terry B.

**Coldwater Camping Trip — May 19 – 21**

**Convalescence Center Devo — May 25 — 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night — May 25 — 7 PM**

**Looxahoma Gospel Meeting — June 3 – 5**

**Coldwater VBS — June 12 – 16**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 8

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Seth Daniel
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Assist	Will Brooks
	Davis Johnson
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Terry Davis

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Wednesday, May 11

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Ron Johnson