

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 20, 2018



JUNE 10 – 14



NOAH'S ARK

Vacation Bible School
at Coldwater Church of Christ

June 10 – 14, 6:30 nightly
Classes for ALL ages!

COME JOIN US!

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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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OPEN FEAR

BY DENNY PETRILLO

Solomon noted that while evil men may lengthen their lives by wickedness, the wise path is to “fear God, to fear Him openly” (Ecclesiastes 8:12). Fearing God “openly” means to publicly fear Him. This is fear clearly demonstrated, exposed for the entire world to see. This point offers several lessons:

First, **only “open fear” is true fear**. It is possible for one to play the game, acting like a God-fearer, but in reality for a person to be a hypocrite. He publicly acts one way, but privately he acts another way. When alone, he lives like the world, doing what faithful Christians would never do. Yet, God will bring to judgment those secret sins (Ecclesiastes 12:14) and everything done that had been hidden from the eyes of men (2 Timothy 2:24). Note, though, that nothing is hidden from the eyes of God.

Second, **only “open fear” is God approved**. God wants His people not to cower before the threats, pressures, persecutions and ridicule of men (Matthew 5:10). Instead, He wants men to “fear Him who can destroy both the body and soul in hell” (Matthew 10:28).

Those who “openly fear” God visibly love Him. They worship every Lord’s Day. They speak about God, Jesus, the Bible and the church. They boldly speak the truth, and they are not ashamed of the testimony of Christ (2 Timothy 1:8).

Third, **only “open fear” is dangerous.** Joseph of Arimathea was a disciple of Jesus, but “a secret one” (John 19:38). By not openly showing his allegiance to Jesus, Joseph bypassed persecution. It is commendable that Joseph eventually let his loyalty to Jesus be known. However, there are those who forever fail to take that bold step, cowering before the constant threat of persecution. Yet, God has no use for the coward (Revelation 21:8). He is not the source of one’s timidity (2 Timothy 1:7). If we desire to live godly in Christ Jesus, we must let our commitment to Him be known (2 Timothy 3:12).

Those who do not fear God are also quite public in their mockery. “They have set their mouth against the heavens and their tongue parades through the earth” (Psalm 73:9). If God’s people are not lights on a hill, publicly proclaiming the excellencies of God, who will be?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Sammy Williams, will be receiving treatments for prostate cancer soon; **Wiley Tuggle**, eye injections; **Tim Wilkes, Sr.**; **Dylan Moore**, recent ankle surgery; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.

**Far East Missions
Fishers of Men
NetCasters**

Family & Friends

Macadden Easley; Jeff & Janie Brister; Josephine Ray, Inez's friend on hospice; **Becky Williams**, Sammy's sister in law, health rapidly declining; **Betty Wilson family**, Tim Sr.'s aunt passed recently.

Birthdays

5/5 Tyler King 5/16 Russell Wadsworth
5/6 Dylan Moore 5/25 Jarrett Davis
5/7 Aiyanna Meredith 5/25 Davis Johnson
5/9 David Angel 5/27 Carson King
5/15 Andy Ratliff

Anniversaries

5/15 Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/17 Joe & Leigh Anne 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!

Youth Devo @ Jason & Ginger's: 5/20, 6 PM

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — May 23, 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — May 30, 7 PM
5th Wed, song requests in green box or to Clifton

Southaven VBS — June 3 – 6 — 6 PM

Cordova Vac. Bible Time: June 9, 8:30 AM

Coldwater VBS — June 10 – 14, 6:30 PM

SLCC Session 2 — June 17 – 23

Register ASAP @ sardislakechristiancamp.org

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 20

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jim Jackson
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell

Assist

Russell Wadsworth
Chris Martin
Marc Strickland
Jason Bayless
Clifton Angel
Tim Wilkes II

Opening Prayer
Sermon
Closing Prayer

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Russell Wadsworth
Closing Prayer	Billy Bland

Wednesday, May 23

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Kevin Dixon

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	Chris & Billie Martin