

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 16, 2013



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

We have many fathers in the congregation here. Fathers play a vital role in the home, the church, and the community. This indispensable role is characterized by strength, honor, and love. We need to celebrate such qualities in the men around us.

We should consider these things because the Bible has much to say about them. There are many responsibilities given to men to lead, provide for, and protect their families. In our society today these things tend to be seen as old fashioned and sexist, but they are not.

We need strong men today as much as we always have—maybe more than in many generations past. We are facing turmoil in the moral fabric of our national life. This turmoil is affecting the society in which we live, the church, and even the home. Men must rise to the challenge. That's what men do.

To those men who are standing for the truth and doing your best to lead your family in the truth: we salute you. May your tribe increase. May God bless you richly.

It is God who is our greatest example of a father. Our heavenly Father cares for us. He protects and nurtures us. He is firm and strong with us when we need Him to be. Those of us who are His children praise, honor, and adore His strength and might as well as His care and grace. He alone is our strength and shield. He alone is our comfort and hope.

While we rightfully honor the men in our lives, remember to put God first in that.

—*author unknown*

*adapted from the website of the Lord's church in Hope, AR*

*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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### ELDERS

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### DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

# Paul's Prescription for Peaceful Living

Would I be correct in assuming that you would rather be happy than sad? Would you rather be rejoicing than in grief? Would you rather be at peace than in pain? Among the many wondrous God-inspired passages penned by the apostle Paul, Philippians 4:4–9 certainly stands out in its positive exhortation. Almost in step-by-step fashion, Paul directs the minds of Christians in Philippi toward a life of peace and contentment. What did Paul prescribe?

1. **Be in the Lord** (4:4). The only way to get into the Lord is through baptism (Gal 3:27). And anyone who is outside of the Lord will not be saved when He returns (Eph 5:26).
2. **Rejoice in the Lord** (4:4). Once one is in Christ, he has a reason to rejoice, and rejoice again.
3. **Show gentleness to everyone** (4:5). How many does “all men” include? Does it include the person who made a snide remark to me? Does it include the person who mistreated my loved one? Does it include the person who lives selfishly and needs the love of Christ shown to them? Do we ever decide to show these types of people our meanness, boldness, and rudeness instead of realizing they, too, and especially they, need to see our gentleness?
4. **Sense the Lord's presence** (4:5). I'm not referring to an emotional feeling or excitement. I'm referring to an acknowledgment of the fact that for a person who is “in Christ,” the Lord is always near. He is not in some far away distance where we cannot reach Him—He is “at hand.”
5. **Abstain from anxiety** (4:6). Instead, cast all of your cares upon Him, for He cares for you (1 Pet 5:7).
6. **Pray** (4:6). One who is “in the Lord” has a tremendous privilege in communicating with the Father through the Lord. Ask Him. Plead with Him. Make requests. But never forget to give thanks. Giving thanks will always make the latter three better. Giving thanks will always help in abstaining from anxiety, sensing the Lord's presence, remembering to be gentle, and rejoicing in the Lord.
7. **Fill the mind with positive purity** (4:8). Those true, honest, just, pure, lovely, reputable, virtuous, praise-worthy things—meditate on those.
8. **Do** (4:9). Paul said, “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do” (Philippians 4:9). A person who is busy doing good doesn't have time for anything but peace and contentment.

When our lives are filled with positive practices, we will be recipients of the peace that passes all understanding (4:7). The God of peace will be with us (4:9). We can be content in whatever condition we find ourselves (4:12). And we can endure all things (4:13). Have you taken your prescription today?

—written by Clifton Angel

# SPECIAL THANKS

TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

How do we measure the success of a VBS? God's people were working together. God's people were teaching. God's people were fellowshiping. God's people were encouraged. God's people were studying His Word. God's people were able to reach out to people who are not God's people. God's people were able to fill with joy the hearts of innocent children. Did we follow His Word in our actions? Was His Word taught and held in truth? Special gratitude is extended to each one involved in our 2013 VBS. May God be glorified.

6-12-13

Dear Brethren at Coldwater,

Congrats on a good VBS! And thanks for allowing my class RE: Contentment. Your good encouragement is deeply appreciated. We enjoyed you.

3<sup>rd</sup> John 2,

Robert & Jane Rawson

(copied from a kind note received in the mail)

## Sermon Review

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### Evangelize

(Romans 1:14-17)

Paul evangelized because of ...

- I. His Person -- "I am debtor"
- II. His Personality -- "I am ready"
- III. His Personal Work -- "I am not ashamed"

## Congratulations to Tim Wilkes, II

on his completion of the  
Memphis School of Preaching  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Program

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Payton Jackson**, away at Governor's School  
**Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sue Cobern; Helen Bowman;**  
**Clifton Angel**, thyroid cancer, surgery will be June 19.

### **OpenDoor Ministry Fishers of Men Far East Missions**

#### Family & Friends

**Lee Otis Smith & Family**, Lee Otis Smith, Jr. (son of preacher at Central Ave.), died of heart attack Friday;  
**Ralph Thomason**, Molly's friend's father, had heart attack Wednesday; **Thomas McMullen & family**, Jason's neighbors, niece committed suicide; **Tim West & family**, Tim lost his mother and an aunt recently, his mother-in-law, Linda Perkins (Baptist Eat, Room 5240), is being treated for leukemia, she is in need of blood, you can give on her behalf at any lifeblood location using the information given above; **Curtis Cates; Mac Owen; Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant; **Jim Murrell**, successful heart transplant; **Bob Spurlin; Kam Spencer**, multiple health problems; **Andy Jones**, esophagus cancer; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Julie Jones; Sharon Free; Brad & Sheri Daniel; Annette Cates; Noah Judd; Kenneth Webb**, cancer has spread to brain; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with stage 3 cancer in liver area; **John Simpson and family; Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks; Frederick Bland; Barbara Denton**, friend of Molly, stage 3 cervical cancer. **Brigman Family; Janice Jenkins**, co-worker to Beverly Hayes, rare form of cancer. **Carla Carlson; Greg Myers; Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinsworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; David Bragg.**

#### Birthdays

6/3 Amanda Ferrell 6/6 Betty Culbreath  
6/13 Melaney Ferrell 6/22 Tammy Johnson

#### Anniversaries

6/5 Andy & Molly Ratliff  
6/8 Caleb & Elizabeth Baker  
6/26 Jeffery & Amanda Ferrell  
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

## Get Involved!

**MSOP Graduation -- TODAY**  
5 pm at Forest Hill church of Christ

**Sardis Lake Christian Camp -- June 16 -- 22**  
Apply online at [www.sardislakechristiancamp.org](http://www.sardislakechristiancamp.org)

**Thyatira VBS -- June 23 -- 27**

**Coldwater Singing Night -- June 26 -- 7PM**

**Ratliff House Warming -- June 30 -- 2:30 -- 4:30**  
See Rachel/Amanda for additional details and if you would like to donate toward a particular gift.

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, June 16

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Seth Daniel
	Joe Owen
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Dalton Owen
Closing Prayer	Jared Brown

### Wednesday, June 19

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	TBA
Prayer	Ron Johnson