

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 19, 2011



“Lord, Give Us Godly Men!”

by Mike Riley

On this Father’s Day, we don’t need more lords, masters, kings or bosses. Rather, we need godly men in homes — not shouting directions from their recliners or cell phones, but godly fathers who are willing to take an active part in the training of their children (cf. Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4).

We need godly men who are compassionate, insightful, and personally involved in relationships with God’s people (cf. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10).

We need godly men who take the initiative, being good examples of what they teach (cf. 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8), establishing spiritual values that take priority over prosperity, recreation, entertainment, and yes, even secular education (cf. Matthew 6:33; 1 Timothy 4:8).

We need men who want to lead in the marriage relationship (Ephesians 5:25-33). A husband who doesn’t lead in the marriage, forces the wife to take the lead — and that comes at a price — for both the man and the woman. If a father won’t take the lead in the family, it forces the mother to shoulder extra work and reflects on the father in the eyes of the children.

If men do not take the lead in the congregation of the Lord’s people, it either goes without direction or women take the lead — confusion, strife, division or spiritual death is most often the consequence. In every instance, it is to the shame and disgrace of the man!

We need young men who are preparing to be good husbands, fathers, preachers and elders. Let us pray that God will give us men who will “act like men” (1 Corinthians 16:13 ESV).

On this Father’s Day (and every day) — “Lord, give us godly men!”

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

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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What Did My Children Learn From Me Today?

by Mike Riley

A Christian lady by the name of Julie Creasy, from Hendersonville, Tennessee, composed the following poem. Let's allocate a few moments of time, focusing on what her poem is teaching us about our children as we daily relate to them:

“Did they learn how to stop and take time to pray,
Or to eat on the run and hurry to play?

Did they learn to be patient, understanding and kind,
Or to jump to conclusions, pass judgment so blind.

Did they learn to tell friends of God's love for all,
Or to pass on the rumor they heard in the hall?

Did they learn to trust God — their troubles to bear,
Or to needlessly worry and fret without prayer?

Did they learn to be helpful, considerate and content,
Or to constantly complain and waste their time spent?

Did they see me open my Bible to read,
Or was the newspaper all that I seemed to need?

Did they learn by my example to live God's way?
Just what did my children learn from me today?”

Brethren and friends, one of our greatest responsibilities that God has given us, is to teach our children and grandchildren His inspired word (Deuteronomy 6:1-2; Psalms 78:1-11). We cannot abdicate that responsibility, giving it to someone else (Ephesians 6:4; cf. Genesis 18:16-19; Deuteronomy 4:9-10; Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

The results of faithfully teaching God's word to our children by our manner of life and living, is clearly evident (cf. 1 Timothy 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 1:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:10-15).

A Special Thanks to All Who Helped with Vacation Bible School!

FOR THE RECORD:

Sunday Night Attendance	85
Monday Night Attendance	88
Tuesday Night Attendance	113
Wednesday Night Attendance	89
Thursday Night Attendance	95

LOOK FOR THESE RECORDED LESSONS TO BE

ON OUR WEBSITE SOON:

Chance Steen	“God Sends Fire From the Sky” (1 Kings 18)
Dan Cates	“God Gives Heroic Victories” (2 Samuel 23)
Jason Hilburn	“God Makes Bones Come to Life” (Ezekiel 37)
Will Anderson	“God Conquers an Enemy Camp” (Judges 7)
Lee Otis Smith	“God Makes a Donkey Speak” (Numbers 22)

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Sermon Review

“THE GREATEST CHAPTER ON LOVE”

(1 Corinthians 13)

- I. ...IS FOUND IN THE MIDST OF A LETTER WRITTEN TO A PROBLEMATIC CONGREGATION.
- II. ...PROVIDES THE ANSWER TO MANY PROBLEMS (in the church and in life).
- III. ...CONFIRMS THAT THE WORD OF GOD IS POWERFUL AND PERFECT.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Nora Boling came home Friday. Let's pray for her strength, health, and recovery.

Rebecca Brown & family, in the loss of and in traveling for the funeral of Margaret Row.

Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Chris Holmes.

Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes with full time mission work.

Family & Friends

David Leonard, Sr.--Dave's father, passed away last Saturday.

Luke Cantrell--Andy's cousin, had a serious car accident, and is not doing well.

Andy's grandmother--had bypass surgery and doing well

Lajuan Collums--Billy Bland's sister, had a scan Friday to determine if any cancer has returned.

Janie Brister--Ruth's sister-in-law, has requested our prayers. She has multiple health problems.

Wiley's Cousins--suffered a house fire, and have some injuries as a result. They are out of the hospital.

Victims of recent storms.

Ray Maples--undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.

James Angel--Clifton's uncle; his cancer is back, and he is receiving radiation and chemo therapy again.

Carla Carlson--member at Nesbit, has requested prayers.

Scott McNeer; Trey Hanks; Waid Wilkes; Jimmy

Young; Gloria Angel; Richard & Pat Allen; Margie

Verrell; Wilton Wooten; Clay Collums; Bob Spurlin;

David Bragg; Brianna Edwards; Steve Angel

Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.

June Anniversaries

Andy & Molly Ratliff	6/5
Caleb & Elizabeth Baker	6/8
Adam & Claire Sowell	6/25
Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell	6/26
Jim & Mischel Jackson	6/28

June Birthdays

Amanda Ferrell	6/3	Shane Staten	6/17
Melaney Ferrell	6/13	Emily Staten	6/20
Claire Sowell	6/15	Tammy Johnson	6/22
Henry Sowell	6/27		

Get Involved!

SLCC--June 19-25--Session 2

June 19--E3 Fellowship Sunday!

Potluck Fellowship Meal following AM Service.
PM Service at 1PM, no 5PM service.

June 19--MSOP Graduation

5PM--Forest Hill Church of Christ

Thyatira VBS--June 19-22

7:00 - 8:30 PM Each Night

Independence VBS--June 27-29

7:00-8:30PM Each Night, All Ages.

Looxahoma VBS--July 11-13

9 - 11:30 AM, Ages 4 yrs - 6th grade.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 19

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Caleb Baker
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeremy Moore
	Johnny Bayless
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Payton Jackson
Opening Prayer	Wiley Tuggle
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jared Brown

Evening

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeremy Moore
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Shane Staten

Wednesday, June 22

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Adam Sowell