

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 26, 2016



A group of about 25 from MSOP Foundations will be conducting our service on Wednesday of this week. We also will be feeding them. Contributions toward their meal can be given to Jeanna Wadsworth or Terry Bland, today (6/26/16).

What Would Nehemiah Say about Us?

The Book of Nehemiah is one of my personal favorites in the Old Testament. It is the inspired diary of the man who oversaw the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem after the return from captivity. The rebuilding of the wall was a feat not often seen because of the ways and means by which it was accomplished. People from all walks of life were working on the project. In Chapter 3 there is an extensive list of the builders of the wall. They were rulers and common men, priests and craftsmen, people of Jerusalem and families from the outlying towns and villages, men and

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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Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

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women. All came together to work on this great project, and the whole wall was built in a mere 52 days because the people had a mind to work (Nehemiah 4:6; 6:15).

However, within that list of workers in Nehemiah 3 there is one very interesting statement made by the author. He recorded in verse 5, "And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord." Of all the people in the region, and of all of those listed as physically assisting with this project, the Tekoite nobles are the only ones stated to have refused the work of building the wall. The reasons for their actions could be many, but the excuses are not enumerated in the text. What is important is that when the time came for the work to be done, they were absent.

Seeing this particular statement causes me to consider another question. What if Nehemiah were to write about the works done in our congregations, laying out the individuals and families that were fulfilling the duties and works of the church in each location? What would he say about my family and me?

It has often been repeated that in most congregations 10% of the people do 90% of the work. While in my experience I have no doubt of the general truth of such a statement, such is not the way it should be. We have a responsibility to be working in the kingdom of the Lord (John 9:4; James 1:25). The Lord's church is not the place for the lazy or the self-absorbed, but for the servant and the workman (Matthew 20:1-16, 27-28). Therefore, it should be the case in every congregation that 100% of the work is done by 100% of the people. It is understood that there are varying degrees of ability and areas of expertise, but there is always more than enough work to go around. There is always the need for more hands and hearts willing to devote themselves to the task.

If Nehemiah were to write about your congregation and you, what would he say? Would he write of you as he did of so many in his time, how they took of

their time, energy and resources to ensure that the work was accomplished to the best of their abilities? Or, would he write of you as he did of the Tekoite nobles, that while others worked around you, you did nothing but stand back and watch?

Let us always be willing to put our hands to the task. There will never be too many workers in the kingdom of God, but there are often far less than there should be. We must respond to the Lord's tasks in the same manner that the people responded to Nehemiah. "Let us rise up and build" (Nehemiah 2:18).

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Sermon Review

I Have Not Found So Great Faith (Matthew 8:5–13; Luke 7:1–10)

- I. This Centurion's Character**
- II. This Centurion's Conviction**
- III. This Centurion's Case For Our Lives**

To Seek And To Save the Lost (Luke 19:1–27, esp. 1–10)

- I. Take a Look Around the Occasion**
- II. Take a Tour Through the Occasion**
- III. Take Some Things Home from the Occasion**

Anna Johnson told us of a family who lost everything in a house fire. The fire occurred Sat. night or Sun. morning before last. To the right is a list of clothing sizes. Anna also has been given cash to help them, and she will be sure to get any donations to the family.

Robert wears a 34/32 in pants and large shirt. 10 1/2 shoe

Matthew wears 32/32 pants and medium to large men shirts, and 10 1/2 to 11 in men's shoes.

Anna wears 1-2 in pants/shorts, small in skirts, and small women shirts, and a 7 to 7 1/2 in women shoes.

Alyssa wears 7 to a 10 in women's pants/shorts/skirts and a medium women's top and a 9 in women shoes.

April wears a small in scrubs, small to medium tops, and 7 to a 9 in pants/shorts and a 7 to 7 1/2 in shoes.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Danni Strickland, hip pain; **Marc Strickland**, been having neck spasms causing major discomfort; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings.

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Family & Friends

Zach Jackson, Jim's nephew, has now developed staph infection; **James & Rhonda Worthy**, son Luke committed suicide; **Dewayne Butler & family**, recent house fire; **Myrtle McNab**, Suzanne's mother; **Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry, stage 4 pancreatic cancer; **Bill Fleming**; **Lisa Hogan**, heart problems; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, diagnosed with cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Willie Grady**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft**; **John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen**; **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

6/3	Amanda Ferrell	6/13	Melaney Ferrell
6/6	Betty Culbreath	6/18	Grace Williams

Anniversaries

6/4	Larry & Joyce Campbell
6/5	Andy & Molly Ratliff
6/26	Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell
6/28	Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

Independence Gospel Meeting — June 26 – 29
Don Blackwell preaching; see flyer for details

Thyatira VBS — June 27 – 30 — 7 PM

Olive Branch VBS — June 27 — July 1 — 6 PM

Coldwater Singing Night — CANCELLED
MSOP Foundations will be conducting services

POWER Youth Rally — July 22 - 23

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 26

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jeffrey Ferrell
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Johnny Bayless
	Jason Bayless
Assist	Jeremy Moore
	Dillon Moore
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Joe Owen

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jeffrey Ferrell
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Johnny Bayless
	Jason Bayless
	Chris Martin
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, June 29

Song Leader	
Prayer	FOUNDATIONS
Invitation	STUDENTS
Prayer	