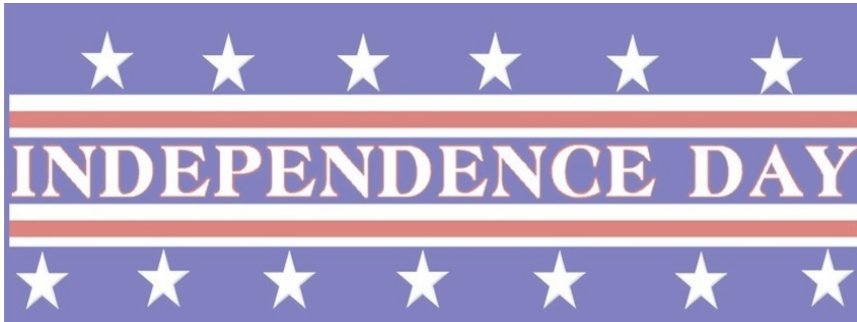


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 3, 2016



Upon us is the day on which we commemorate our independence as a nation. 240 years. How much longer will we maintain our independence from the control of another nation? I do not know. God does. And that fact brings up three things I DO know.

First, **I know that no nation can stand independent of God.** In one of his dreams, King Nebuchadnezzar was told by one from heaven, "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Daniel 4:17). Paul wrote, "There is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1). Every nation in the world would do well to know that, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). How many citizens of the United States of America believe this?

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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Second, **I know that no home can stand independent of God.** The philosopher Confucius, who lived about 2500 years ago, is credited with this statement: "The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home." Such a conclusion could be derived from God's revelation years before Confucius said it. God revealed through David to his son Solomon, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Psalm 127:1). A home without God as its foundation will eventually crumble, and crumbling homes lead to a crumbling nation.

Third, **I know that no person can stand independent of God.** "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1:1-6).

I am able to know these three things because God revealed them in His Word. As we continue to celebrate and enjoy national independence, let us never forget we are still dependent. Without God, we are nothing and we have nothing. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 33:12). To Him be the glory!

Written by Clifton Angel

A Nation's Strength

William Ralph Emerson

What makes a nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
Go down in battle shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.



Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away;
The blood has turned their stones to rust,
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown
Has seemed to nations sweet;
But God has struck its luster down
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly...
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

Sermon Review

The Greatest Disappointment (Mark 11:11–26)

- I. A Fig Tree Without Figs**
- II. A Place of Worship without True Worship**
- III. This Centurion's Case For Our Lives**

Work, According to the Book of Wisdom (Proverbs)

- I. Work Earnestly**
- II. Work Honestly**
- III. Work Modestly**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Danni Strickland; Marc Strickland; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell, routine cancer screenings.

**NetCasters
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Family & Friends

Harold Russell, Dana's cousin, 5 heart bypasses last Monday; **Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy**, son Luke committed suicide; **Myrtle McNab; 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

7/3	Ruth Brister	7/9	Olivia Wofford
7/3	Marc Strickland	7/13	Seth Daniel
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/19	Toranda House
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/24	Jayce Brown
7/6	Cali Bayless	7/31	Porter Ferrell
7/7	Aemon Ratliff		

Anniversaries

7/3	Sammy & Grace Williams
7/11	Chris & Billie Martin
7/14	Clifton & Lara Angel

Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon For the Savior — TODAY
Between Services

Providence Place Devo — July 10 — 2 PM

Convalescence Center Devo — July 27 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — July 27 — 7 PM

5th Sunday Service — July 31 — 1 PM

POWER Youth Rally — July 22 - 23 — See card

POWER Lectureship — July 24 - 28 — See flyer

Polishing The Pulpit — August 19 - 25
Early bird registration discount ended July 1

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 3

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Joe Owen
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Payton Jackson
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Ron Johnson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Terry Davis

Wednesday, July 6

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis