

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 12, 2015



"The LORD hath taken away"

Has He? Job said He did (Job 1:21). When my dad died September 2013 at the age of 52, different people said things like, "God needed another angel," or "God must have needed him more than we do." No. God didn't do it. God did not take Job's well-being, children, or his health. God did not take my father. So very often our loving God gets blamed for things caused by Satan. The devil is the primary blame for all death, decay, and suffering (Genesis 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14). "He was a murderer from the beginning," Jesus said (John 8:44), and he has not stopped to this day. "Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:14). Considering our desires, the devil methodically (Ephesians 6:11) and relentlessly (1 Peter 5:8) entices us (James 1:14). Friends, can we stop blaming God for the damage the devil has caused?

James knew the temptation we can have to blame God for our problems. Therefore, he wrote, "Do not err, my beloved brethren" (James 1:16). This exhortation is preceded by these words: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be ...

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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tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:13-15). If you are going through troublesome times in your life (James 1:2ff), make no mistake about it (James 1:16), God did not cause them.

Instead, God provides our way out. James gives at least six tremendous characteristics of our God to encourage those who might be tempted to blame Him or doubt Him:

1. He gives liberally (1:5).
2. He does not take away (1:5).
3. He is not tempted with evil (1:13).
4. He does not tempt us with evil (1:13).
5. Anything that is truly good comes from Him (1:17).
6. He is unchanging and unwavering (1:17).

When Job exclaimed "the LORD hath taken away," he was in deep sorrow and grief (Job 1:21). Furthermore, it had not been revealed to him that it was Satan who caused his suffering. However, in his thinking that God had taken away his well-being, children, and health, he still proclaimed, "Blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21). We would all do well to adopt the mindset of Job. Even if God did cause our pain, we will still praise Him!

–written by Clifton Angel

Please join us as we SPRINKLE with love

Rachel, Tim II, & their baby girl Lily Ann Wilkes

Sunday, July 26, 2015 @ Coldwater Church of Christ
Immediately following morning worship services



Mommy and Daddy already have the big stuff but they sure could use some diapers, wipes, pacifiers, a new diaper bag, gift cards, and all of the other little one's daily necessities. If you need a specific idea they have a very small registry at Target and Walmart.

Sermon Review

Rightly Receiving, Responding, & Reflecting

James 1:19

"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath"

I. Why?

- A. Because you will go through trials (1:2).
- B. Because your faith will be tested (1:3).
- C. Because your patience will be tested (1:3).
- D. Because you will be tempted (1:14–15).
- E. Because you are not alone in your suffering (1:9–11).
- F. Because the devil will entice you (1:14).
- G. Because God is on our side (1:5, 13, 17).

II. Ways.

- A. Slow, swift, swift: the Selfish Person.
- B. Swift, slow, swift: the Storing-Up Person.
- C. Slow, swift, slow: the Unsympathetic Person.
- D. Swift, slow, slow: the Upstanding (& Sacrificial) Person.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Upcoming mission trips; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Whitney Wadsworth**, heart monitor; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

NetCasters

Fishers of Men

Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Tammy Powell, Janie Brister's daughter, in ICU with multiple health problems, including double pneumonia and possible leukemia; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister battling major nerve & mental problems; **Connie Tiller**, Wiley's niece who passed last week; **Terry Tuggle family**, Wiley's nephew who passed last week; **George Morris**, recovering from bypass procedure; **Claire Webster**, broken leg and continual complications; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Wilkes**; **Judy Mason** and family; **Elise Iglinsky**; **Doris Easley**; **Pat Hardison**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Walter Huffman**; **Coleen**, friend of **Inez**; **Rye family**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Jack Higginbotham**; **John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Peggy Hunt**; **Billie Kid**; **Andrew Jones**; **Jason Spencer**; **Joy Angel**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Paul Perkins**; **Janie Brister**; **Ray Hendrix**; **Carole Livsey**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**.

Birthdays

7/3	Ruth Brister	7/6	Cali Bayless
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/7	Aemon Ratliff
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/24	Jayce Brown

Anniversaries

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

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 2 PM

Nesbit VBS — July 13 – 17 — 7 PM nightly

Theme: Elements of Life, See flyer on bulletin board

POWER Youth Rally — July 24 & 25

See postcard on bulletin board for more info

Baby Shower for Lily Ann Wilkes — July 26

Between services, see inside bulletin for details

POWER Lectures — July 26 – 30

See flyer on bulletin board for lectureship schedule

Youth Devo @ the Johnson's — July 31

More details to come

Have a Bible Question? Submit it in the ? Box!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 12

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen
	Ron Johnson
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, July 15

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis