

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 16, 2015



Is the church you attend, "of Christ"? The sign may say you are "of Christ," but are you? Does the leadership structure (i.e. elders, deacons, preachers) make you "of Christ"? Does the fact that you sing without mechanical instruments make you "of Christ"? Does the fact that you fully immerse in water, those desiring to be saved, make you "of Christ"? What is the very best way to tell if a church is "of Christ"?

Of course, if a church is "of Christ," I believe the above things will be true of that church. But those things - in and of themselves - do not make a church "of Christ." In fact, a church could have elders and deacons, sing without instruments, and fully immerse people in water, but fail to truly be "of Christ."

The thing that makes a church "of Christ," is that their focus is on Christ.

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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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Jim Jackson

W. Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

If a church is "of Christ" they truly belong to Him. They talk of His love, His sacrifice, and His teachings constantly. They pattern their lives after His life. They seek to please Him in everything they do.

Because Jesus helped people, they help people. Because Jesus said to love one another, love your neighbor, and love your enemies, they are a people of love. Because Jesus told people to repent, they repent and encourage others to do the same.

Listen to the words Paul wrote to the church in Colosse (Colossians 3:1-4):

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

A church is "of Christ" when the true leadership belongs not to the members, not to the preacher, not to elders, but to Jesus Christ. A church is "of Christ" when Jesus is truly their King and they live to do His will and glorify Him.

Again, there are things that churches do if they are "of Christ," but the very best way to tell if the church you attend is "of Christ" is by asking, "Is our focus on Christ?" If not, then let the restoration begin with you. Do everything you can to help the church you attend come back to her "first love" (Revelation 2:4).

I love you and God loves you,

Wes McAdams

the
lock-in
crew



Editor's Note: I'm very thankful to know these young gentlemen and ladies.



Born: August 14, 2015; 8lb. 4oz.; 19.5 inches long

Sermon Review

Q&A: Was the Creation Week 7 Literal Days?

(Genesis 1)

- I. The Day–Age Theory.
- II. The Gap Theory.
- III. The Impotent Theory.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Lily Ann Wilkes was born Aug 14; Davis Johnson, wisdom teeth were removed Thurs; Joe Owen, scheduled to have surgery Aug 17 at Methodist Germantown; Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman; Seth & Jan Daniel; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Helen Bowman.

NetCasters

Fishers of Men

Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Steve & Brenda Angel, Clifton's uncle & aunt, Steve has lung cancer but refuses treatment, Brenda will had bypass surgery last Monday; Family of Annie Ruth Box, Grace's half-sister who passed; Family of Andrew Jones; Jillian Angel, fractured foot; Choya & Janie Harris, neighbors of Jason who are having serious complications after motorcycle accident; Corinne Elkins; Tammy Powell, Janie Brister's daughter, very sick; Sharon Brewer, Chris' sister battling major nerve & mental problems; Claire Webster; Lawton O'Brien; 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; 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.

Birthdays

8/15 Carolyn Davis	8/19 Will Brooks
8/16 Clifton Angel	8/25 Addi Bayless
8/16 Whitney Wadsworth	8/26 Jim Jackson
8/19 Ron Johnson	8/28 Jerry Davis

Anniversaries

8/2 Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/5 Tren & Toranda House
8/6 Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/18 Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

DVD Series — The Truth About Moral Issues
Continuing TODAY @ 1 PM

Redbirds Game — Aug 22 — 6:05 PM
\$12 each, stadium seats, sign-up sheet on table

Coldwater Singing Night — Aug 26
Christian men, get your song choices to Clifton ASAP

Polishing the Pulpit — Aug 21 – 27
www.polishingthepulpit.com

Coldwater Family Camping — Sept 11 – 12

Bible Bowl — Sept 19 — 4 PM
@ Independence, John 1 – 3

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

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 16

Morning

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

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	DVD, Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Wednesday, August 19

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Ron Johnson