

# *The Messenger*

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sep 25, 2016



## Grow. Grow. Grow.

Watching a baby learn to walk is a wonderful experience. They will crawl around the house for months as the parents encourage them to take their first steps. They will lead him around hand in hand. I think of Hosea 11:3-4 when God led Israel: "it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms... I led them with cords of human kindness.." Then, those babies move on to walking and running. The beginning of our spiritual walk is compared to the infant stage throughout the New Testament.

*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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#### ELDERS

Billy Bland

Seth Daniel

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

Paul hated the fact that some of the Christians in Corinth are still in the infant stage. *"I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. Indeed, you still are not ready. You are still worldly"* (1 Cor. 3:2-3). He goes on to say that some have a bad case of "preacheritis", idolizing either Paul, Apollos, or Cephas. Their focus is distracted from Christ and true spirituality. The baby stage is cute, but it would be a tragedy for a baby to never grow up. What percent would desire to spoon feed a child or change its diaper for the rest of its life? Maturity should be the goal of every Christian and every church leader. See Ephesians 4:14. The growth of a baby takes great effort on both the part of the parents and the child himself. One of the obstacles of an infant learning to walk is the pain of falling down. He must overcome the fear of falling. When he does fall, he must get up and try again. Every Christian must overcome the fear of falling and criticism to grow in service to Christ. The writer of Hebrews was disheartened that many of his readers were still at the infant stage. At that particular time in their lives, they should've been teaching others about Christ. Instead they were in need of a refresher course (Heb. 5:12-14). Necessary growth requires constant study, service and perseverance. Get back up and try again.

## LOCAL AREA UPCOMING EVENTS

|             |                             |                                  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Oct 2 - 5   | Hwy 77 Gospel Meeting       | <b>Gary Colley preaching</b>     |
| Oct 2 - 6   | Looxahoma Gospel Meeting    | <b>Mike Hixson preaching</b>     |
| Oct 7       | Southaven Singing           |                                  |
| Oct 9 - 12  | Nesbit Gospel Meeting       | <b>David Dixon preaching</b>     |
| Oct 16 - 19 | Spiritual Sword Lectureship |                                  |
| Nov 4 - 5   | Southaven Ladies Retreat    | <b>\$ to Jeanna before Oct 9</b> |

Most of these events have flyers, which can be found on our bulletin board, for more information.



### **PineVale Children's Home Fall Pantry Drive**

Items Needed from Coldwater

1. Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, ham, etc)
2. Peanut Butter
3. Mops (nothing special)

Items needed at building by **October 16**

### *Sermon Review*

#### **Evolution: A Lie of the Devil**

- I. Explain Evolution**
- II. Examine the Evidence**
- III. Evaluate Evolution**
- IV. Exalt *Elohim***

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**, still having complications with his right eye; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings.

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### Family & Friends

**Tim Isbell family**, Tim was a deacon at the Bay, AR congregation, he passed Friday; **Myrtis Wadsworth**, Russel's step-mother, had a heart attack Wednesday; **George Morris; Danny & Kathy Malone**, Danny is Jerry's co-worker and his son passed; **Willie Grady Family**, Willie passed last week; **Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin; **Bill Fleming; Noel Daniel; David Steward**, stroke; **Tyler Densford; Harold Russell; Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy; Myrtle McNab; Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry; **Lisa Hogan; Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **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

9/5 Jake Sutton  
9/11 Molly Ratliff  
9/12 Tren House  
9/22 Ashley Strickland  
9/26 Bren Burdsal  
9/26 Geoffrey Dunn

### Anniversaries

9/5 Jake & Milba Sutton  
9/19 Tim & Lynn Wilkes  
9/27 Wiley & Betty Tuggle

## Get Involved!

**Convalescence Center Devo — Sep 28 — 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night — Sep 28 — 7 PM**

Men, get your song selections to Clifton

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Oct 2**

Between services

**Coldwater Trade Days Booth — Oct 8**

**Providence Place Devo — Oct 9 — 2 PM**

**Coldwater Gospel Meeting — Oct 16 – 19**

**PineVale Children's Pantry Drive — Oct 16**

See inside bulletin for details

**See Inside Bulletin for Local Area Events**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 25

### Morning

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Prayer Before Class | Jared Brown     |
| Announcements       | Billy Bland     |
| Song Leader         | Andy Ratliff    |
| Lord's Supper:      |                 |
| Preside             | Jerry Davis     |
|                     | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| Assist              | Tim Meredith    |
|                     | Tim Wilkes II   |
| Opening Prayer      | Chris Martin    |
| Sermon              | Clifton Angel   |
| Closing Prayer      | Jim Jackson     |

### Afternoon

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Song Leader    | Andy Ratliff    |
| Opening Prayer | Jason Bayless   |
| Sermon         | Clifton Angel   |
| Lord's Supper  | Jerry Davis     |
|                | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| Closing Prayer | Terry Davis     |

Wednesday, September 28

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff  |
| Prayer      | Joe Owen      |
| Invitation  | Clifton Angel |
| Prayer      | Ron Johnson   |