

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct 29, 2017



# Are you alone?

# You should be!

written by David Gulledge

If you were to ask me, "David, why do you hunt?" or "Why do you enjoy the outdoors?" I would give you multiple answers. But if I had to narrow it down and give you one main reason why I love the outdoors, I would tell you, "because it revives me. After a long week of work and labor, stress and pain, worry and fear, I desperately need to get away. Away from civilization, away from the community, away from the telephone, appointments, deadlines and, well, everything that comes with life. Hunting and fishing, you could say, resurrects my working body." For me to spend a day in a tree stand in the woods, a duck blind in a field or on a boat at the lake does wonders for my aching body and my weary mind. For that one day a week, usually a Saturday, everything disappears. Finally, I'm alone with God and His creation.

I truly believe that every person needs a place to get away to. Life is hard, stressful, and brings us down; and so we need something that revives our energy. Perhaps,

*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

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Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Joe Owen Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

... you find this working under the hood of a car, on a basketball court, on a mountain running the trails or in a quiet place reading a book. I sincerely enjoy all of the above; but once hunting and fishing season opens, you know where to find me. Hunting and fishing is much more than just bringing home a trophy buck or bass, but it's about me bringing back to life the man that the work force has suffocated all week long.

When we turn our attention to the inward man, we also need a regular revival. It's true that the Christian receives several blessings within the Lord's church when we become weary:

- Assembling with the saints should exhort us (Heb. 10:25).
- Singing spiritual songs should admonish us (Col. 3:16).
- Christians should be edifying one another (Rom. 14:19; 1 Thess. 5:11).
- The word of God builds us up (Acts 20:32).
- Christians bear each others burdens (Gal. 6:2).
- When sin weighs us down, the church prays for us so that we may be healed (James 5:16).

But this is not enough. Man needs to be alone! Well, alone with his Creator. We see this example with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So for the remainder of this article, I want us to notice His example.

Jesus was a busy man. His schedule was comprised of healing the sick (Matt. 14:14), the deaf, and mute (Matt. 7:32-37), the blind (John 9:1ff), the diseased (Matt. 8:1-4), and the lame (Matt. 9:1-8). Jesus fed the multitudes (Mark 6:30-44), raised the dead (Matt. 9:18-26), calmed the sea (Matt. 8:23-27), cast out demons (Matt. 8:28-34), and preached the gospel (Matt. 4:23-25, 5-7). Yet, we still see Him taking time to be alone. Notice a couple of examples.

First, in Mark 1:35 Jesus woke up early in the morning and went to a solitary place in order to pray. When those who were with Him woke up they searched for Him. I truly believe the reason Jesus woke up early was so that He could be alone and pray to His Heavenly Father. This was our Lord's time to be alone, away from humanity. While others slept, Jesus prayed. Maybe we should do the same. Maybe we should wake early before it is day so that we can study and pray. There is not the question of finding the time, but rather making the time.

On a second occasion, after Jesus fed the five-thousand men plus women and children, He would travel up a mountain to pray (Matt. 14:23). The text tells us that, "He was alone there." With a busy life, Jesus made the time to get away. We all need this. We need to be alone. I believe this was on our Lord's mind when He commanded, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6). My closet is the woods, field and water. It's my place to go and pray in order to revive my spiritual man. In order to be a godly man or woman, you need to be alone so that you can develop and grow your relationship with God. Are you taking time to be alone? You need to be!

# Fifth Sunday

October 29, 2017

Clifton Angel	—	<b>Announcements/Introduction</b>	
Jason Bayless	<b>300</b>	"Praise Him! Praise Him!"	(1,2,3)
Davis Johnson	—	<b>Read:</b>	<b>Psalm 46:1 – 3</b>
Jeffrey Ferrell	—	PRAYER	
Jeffrey Ferrell	<b>414</b>	"Anywhere With Jesus"	(1,2,3)
	<b>837</b>	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	(1,2,3,4)
Noah Davis	—	<b>Read:</b>	<b>Psalm 46:4 – 7</b>
Tim Wilkes II	<b>490</b>	"It Is Well With My Soul"	(1,2,3)
	<b>538</b>	"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"	(1,2,3)
Daniel Owen	—	<b>Read:</b>	<b>Psalm 46:8 – 11</b>
Jared Brown	<b>31</b>	"Be Still and Know"	(1,2)
	<b>778</b>	"Be With Me Lord"	(1,2,3,4)
Dalton Owen	—	<b>Read:</b>	<b>Psalm 145:17 – 20</b>
Jason Bayless	<b>560</b>	"Living By Faith"	(1,2,3)
Clifton Angel	—	<b>Devotional &amp; Invitation</b>	
Jason Bayless	<b>909</b>	"There's A Fountain Free"	(1,3)
Jim J. & Russell W.	—	Lord's Supper	
Andy Ratliff	—	PRAYER	

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Betty Tuggle & Wiley Tuggle; Milba Sutton;  
Beverly Hays; Clarence & Faye Edwards.

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### Family & Friends

**Hilda Ratliff**, Andy's mother, had surgery Tuesday to remove cyst, doing well; **Macadden Easley**; **Mary Wadsworth**, Russell's mother, lung cancer that has spread to brain; **Robbie Patterson**, Terry Bland's sister, cancer radiation treatments; **Lyla Childers**, Janie Brister's great-granddaughter; **Faye Lipford**, Ruth's cousin, cancer; **Lee Davis**, health has improved some; **Joy Angel**, having seizures again related to brain disease; **Matt Brooks**, stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Ray Maples**; **Becky Latimer**; **Kristie Deffenbaugh**; **Lauren Ivy**; **Raleigh Wood**; **Carole Livsey**, leukemia; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**; **Sharon Brewer**; **Jenny Kraft**; **Mac Owen**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **Renee Loya**; **Martha Hatfield**.

### Birthdays

10/3	Mischel Jackson	10/17	Abby Haynes
10/5	Lynn Wilkes	10/19	Hunter Zluticky
10/15	Georgia Bayless	10/20	Sarah Norris
10/16	Jared Brown	10/31	Billy Bland
10/16	Titus Wilkes		

### Anniversaries

10/16	Kevin & Melanie Miller
10/27	Marc & Ashley Strickland

## Get Involved!

**Cedar Hill Farms, TODAY**, after PM worship

**Coldwater 5th Sunday Service — TODAY — 1 pm**

**Southaven Ladies Night Out — Nov 3**

**Looxahoma Area-Wide Singing — Nov 4, 5 PM**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Nov 6**  
Between services

**Providence Place Devo — Nov 13 — 2 PM**

**Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Nov 22 — 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night — Nov 29 — 7 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 29

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Assist	Marc Strickland
	Tim Meredith
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Billy Bland

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff

Wednesday, November 1

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jared Brown

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	Tim & Rachel Wilkes