

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov. 11, 2012



## THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

*By Bill Laird*

The Old Testament comes to a close when God in Malachi 4:5-6 promised that “He would send Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord, and Elijah would turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers.” The New Testament begins with God sending the angel Gabriel to speak to Zacharias a priest while he was performing his duties. The angel in Luke 1:13-17 tells Zacharias that his wife Elizabeth would have a son and he was to name the child John. The angel said the child would be great, would drink neither wine nor strong drink, and that he would go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah. John would also turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers.

These two scriptures are sometimes referred to as the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. The Elijah to whom God referred was in reality John the Baptist. However, when some priests in John 1:19-21 asked John if he was Elijah, he said no. Because of the Old Testament scriptures, for hundreds of years the Israelites had been looking for three individuals. They were looking for the prophet of whom Moses spoke in Deuteronomy 18:15 when he said “Some day God would raise up a prophet like him and...

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*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

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**VISITORS,  
WELCOME!**

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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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Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

...everyone that would not listen to THAT PROPHET would be cut off from his people.” They were also looking for the fulfillment of Second Samuel 7:12-17, when God told David that “After he was sleeping with his fathers, He would raise up one of his descendants who would build God a house, would be given the throne of David, and he would reign over the house of Jacob forever. This son of David would also be called the Son of God. They knew this would be the Messiah (Hebrew) Christ (Greek) or King or anointed one (English). Finally, the Israelites were looking for Elijah whom God had promised to send.

Even though John told the priests in John chapter one that he was not Elijah, Jesus said he was. In Matthew 11:14 when Jesus spoke to a multitude concerning John’s greatness, he said, “If you care to accept it, he himself is the Elijah that was to come. After the transfiguration of Jesus in Matthew 17:1-5, Jesus told Peter, James, and John not to tell anyone what happened that day until He had been raised from the dead. The Apostles then asked Him why the scriptures said that Elijah must first come. In Matthew 17:11-12, Jesus told the Apostles that “Elijah was coming and would restore all things, but He said that Elijah had come already and they did not recognize him and did to him whatever they wished, so also the Son of Man was going to suffer at their hands.” In verse thirteen the Bible says the disciples then understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist. Therefore Malachi 4:5-6 and Luke 1:13-17 truly is the bridge between the Old and New Testaments.

*“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5-6).*

*“But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:13-17).*

## ***Congrats and Good Job to our Bible Bowlers!***

The Coldwater Junior High kept the banner at home with their second consecutive win. The other teams did well also, but Thyatira won from the Elementary groups, Looxahoma won from the Senior High groups, and Independence won the Overall. Good job to everyone! Keep up the good work!

## ***Special Thanks to the Jackson's***

Thank you for your preparation and hospitality in the providing for great Christian fellowship and fun at the bonfire and hayride. All that were able to be present made for a great time of enjoyment.

### **This Week's Daily Bible Reading:**

Sunday:	John 16 — 18
Monday:	John 19 — 21
Tuesday:	Acts 1 — 3
Wednesday:	Acts 4 — 6
Thursday:	Acts 7 — 8
Friday:	Acts 9 — 10
Saturday:	Acts 11 — 13

### *Sermon Review*

#### **Are You a Patriot?**

(The "fatherland" [Father's land] is the church)

- I. One Who is Devoted
- II. One Who is Defending
- III. One Who is Displaying

#### **3 Things That are Not Up for Debate**

(Take from Glenn Colley's "7 Things...")

- I. They that will not work, should not eat.
- II. Homosexuality is a vile affection.
- III. Elective Abortion is murder.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Andy Ratliff**, has been feeling terrible, battling sinus symptoms (migraines, etc.).

**Nora Boling, Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Sara Norris; Herbert & Helen Bowman; Sue Cobern**

**OpenDoor Ministry  
Fishers of Men  
Far East Missions**

## Family & Friends

**Carla Carlson** and her battle with cancer. **Chris Howell family**, a friend of Sheila Angel (Clifton's aunt), was found dead in bed Saturday morning, not sure of cause of death. **Butch Stone family**, uncle of David Angel, died of massive heart attack Thursday.

**David Angel**, Clifton's dad, in the discovery of a hole in his heart, operation to come soon. **Gema Winchester** and her battle with stomach cancer. **Matthew Canada**, young boy who has down syndrome and acute lymphoblastic leukemia. **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Herman King; Easley Family, esp. Doris; Tate Williams' Family; Curtis A. Cates; Frederick Bland; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinsworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

## November Birthdays

11/05 Rachel Wilkes  
11/14 Shirley Yarbro  
11/14 Kara Johnson  
11/18 Timothy Wilkes, Sr.  
11/25 Wiley Tuggle  
11/26 Virginia Sowell

## November Anniversaries

11/8 Jeremy & Mindy Moore

## Get Involved!

### **Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012**

Let's continue to read and study together!!

**Brief Meeting for Creation Museum Trip**  
TODAY, 12:30 PM

**Providence Place Devo -- TODAY -- 2 PM**

**Wednesday Night Singing -- Nov. 28 -- 7 PM**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- Dec. 2**

**Providence Place Devo -- Dec. 9 -- 2 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, November 11

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Wiley Tuggle
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Timothy Wilkes, Sr. Jim Jackson
Assist	Payton Jackson Jeffrey Ferrell
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Seth Daniel

#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Joe Owen

### Wednesday, November 14

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.