

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec 11, 2016



When Christians think about everything that God has done for us, everything He does for us now, and everything He has promised to do in the future, we may wonder if we will ever fully comprehend how much God loves us. Paul encouraged the Christians at Ephesus to think about how they should love and how much they were loved: *"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesia-*

*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

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Jim Jackson

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## DEACONS

Jason Bayless Jared Brown

Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

## PREACHER

Clifton Angel

-ns 3:17-19). The love of God "passes knowledge," and can never truly be measured, but perhaps we could describe it in the following ways:

**THE BREADTH** - God's love has been extended worldwide to all men of all ages: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16); *"Jesus Christ the righteous...is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world"* (1 John 2:1, 2); *"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28); *"...whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely"* (Revelation 22:17; cf. Hebrews 2:9).

**THE LENGTH** - Notice what lengths God would go to for our salvation: *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13); *"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..."* (1 John 3:16); *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8; cf. Philippians 2:5-8).

**THE DEPTH** - No matter how deep in sin one may be, God's love and mercy is available to all those who will repent and faithfully follow Him: *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief"* (1 Timothy 1:15).

**THE HEIGHT** - God's love reaches from Heaven all the way down to Earth! He loves us so much that He wants us to be with Him eternally in Heaven after we leave this Earth! *"But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city"* (Hebrews 11:16); *"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also"* (John 14:2, 3; cf. John 3:13).

There is no greater love than the love God has for us!

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### *Sermon Review*

#### **What I Really Miss When I Miss Assembling with the Church — Pt 2**

(Hebrews 10:24–25)

- I. **An Opportunity to be an Example.**
- II. **An Opportunity to Execute God's Will.**
- III. **An Opportunity to Enter into Heaven.**

#### **When Our King Gave Thanks — The Good News Was Being Spread**

(Matthew 11:25–30; Luke 10:17–24)

- I. **The Restriction of God's Revelation** (Matt 11:25a)
- II. **The Recipients of God's Revelation** (Matthew 11:25b–26).
- III. **The Rudiments of God's Revelation** (Matthew 11:27–30).

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Several of our number who have been subject to illness; **Betty Duke**, will be living with daughter in Oklahoma for some time; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**, eye.

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**Dominic Rosado**, Monica's uncle, needs heart surgery but having major kidney issues; **George Morris**, recent falls, possible strokes again; **Robert Day family**, Grace's brother-in-law who recently passed; **MacAdden Easley**, Molly's nephew; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer, health declining quickly; **Bill Fleming**; **Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin; **Ray Livsey**, Clifton's uncle; **Brandy Fleming**, Billie Martin's sister-in-law; **Stacy Family**; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, leukemia; **Tim Isbell family**; **Myrtis Wadsworth**; **Noel Daniel**; **David Steward**; **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; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Judy Dowelling**; **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**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**.

### Birthdays

12/6 Sammy Williams  
12/17 Kaiden Ferrell  
12/22 Dalton Owen  
12/23 Jeremy Moore  
12/24 Daniel Owen  
12/30 Renee Davis  
12/31 Eli Martin

### Anniversaries

12/13 Jerry & Renee Davis

## Get Involved!

**Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 2 PM**

**Childrens' Paint Party — TODAY**  
After PM services, \$5 for pizza and supplies

**Secret Sister Reveal — Dec 12 — 5:30 PM**  
At church building, \$25 max on reveal party gift  
Sign up sheet in auditorium

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

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

**Bible Bowl @ Olive Branch — Jan 21 — 4 PM**  
1 Corinthians 10, 11, 12

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 11

### Morning

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Prayer Before Class | Jeffrey Ferrell   |
| Announcements       | Billy Bland       |
| Song Leader         | Jared Brown       |
| Lord's Supper:      |                   |
| Preside             | Jerry Davis       |
|                     | Chris Martin      |
| Assist              | Russell Wadsworth |
|                     | Will Brooks       |
| Opening Prayer      | Andy Ratliff      |
| Sermon              | Clifton Angel     |
| Closing Prayer      | Ron Johnson       |

### Afternoon

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Song Leader    | Jared Brown   |
| Opening Prayer | Jason Bayless |
| Sermon         | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper  | Chris Martin  |
|                | Will Brooks   |
|                | Terry Davis   |
| Closing Prayer |               |

Wednesday, December 14

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| Song Leader | Jared Brown   |
| Prayer      | John Wofford  |
| Invitation  | Clifton Angel |
| Prayer      | Tim Meredith  |