

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec. 18, 2011



2012 Daily Bible Reading Calendar

Accept the challenge, and join us in reading through the entire Bible in the year 2012 and taking opportunities to study deeply many of the riches found therein. They have been prepared lovingly for the Coldwater congregation, and we hope that all will join in on the congregational effort of *renewing our minds*.

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rotare Teachers SNFTS Genesis 1-3	2 Genesis 4-7	3 Genesis 8-11	4 Genesis 12-15	5 Genesis 16-18	6 Genesis 19-21	7 Genesis 22-24
8 Prov. Place Devo 2PM Genesis 25-26	9 Genesis 27-29	10 Genesis 30-31	11 Genesis 32-34	12 Genesis 35-37	13 Genesis 38-40	14 Genesis 41-42
15 Genesis 43-45	16 Genesis 46-47	17 Genesis 48-50	18 Exodus 1-3	19 Exodus 4-6	20 Exodus 7-9	21 Exodus 10-12
22 Exodus 13-15	23 Exodus 16-18	24 Exodus 19-21	25 Singing Exodus 22-24	26 Exodus 25-27	27 Exodus 28-29	28 Exodus 30-32
29 5 th Sunday Singing Exodus 33-35	30 Exodus 36-38	31 Exodus 39-40				

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP
5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
on 1st & 3rd Sundays at
4:15 p.m.

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

It's Not All About the Election...

by Brad Harrub

[Editor's Note: The following material was actually a post on Facebook, which I have edited to article form for this purpose. Brother Harrub often posts very enlightening and challenging statements. CA]

Many Christians are looking toward the November 2012 elections in hopes that a conservative president is put in office who can "fix" things. Is that what the first century Christians did with the Roman government? "Oh I sure hope we get a conservative Caesar so life will be good again." No. They were a light to a very dark world. The same Christians who are waiting on the election do not realize they are wasting 11 precious months when they could be "fixing" the problem themselves. How's that, you ask?

1. We can take back our children and their minds. Do you want to affect this nation for good? Start at home, and instill godly principles in your children. Having just reviewed some of the latest public school curriculum, I assure you, parents need to wake up and look at what is contained in their children's textbooks. Teach them what is really an abomination to God. You might be surprised at just how brainwashed your child is with concepts like tolerance and diversity. Also, teach them the godly principle of work! We need to be reminded in this country that God expects men to work--not stand around waiting on handouts.

2. We can tell Hollywood enough is enough. By turning off the television and boycotting immoral movies Christians can, in essence, speak Hollywood's language--a language they might not like, but one they fully understand. And that is the language of money. Don't go complaining about how bad things are while you or your children are plugged into Glee or the Kardashians.

3. We can take our schools back. We can stop signing permission slips allowing ungodly homosexual speakers to come in and influence our kids. We can refuse to allow our elementary students to be taught sex ed, and instead preserve their innocence. We can run for the school board. We can get on the textbook committee. We can offer to help in the classroom.

4. We can set a real Christian example in the office/school. When bad language or unethical behavior is practiced, we can let people know that it is wrong and we won't just turn a blind eye (or ear). Our society has forgotten that there really is an absolute standard for right and wrong.

5. We can spread the truth in love regarding sin. Pulpits have grown cold over the reality of sin, and many of our neighbors are "comfortable" in their sinful lifestyle. We can make them uncomfortable in an effort to save their souls.
6. We can teach our friends and our neighbors the truth about when life begins. We can mail out articles to our community to try to curb abortion in our nation. Obviously, this one starts at home as well, but we can take out ads, write editorials, and remind the country that murder is wrong.
7. We can teach Bible classes on homosexuality so that church members know that it is still an abomination to God. We can hold weekend seminars free to the community that teaches the truth in a kind but yet truthful way.
8. We can join hands with other faithful congregations to try and get the truth about mankind's origins out to our community.
9. We can tell our friends about the beautiful gift of Jesus Christ on Calvary.
10. We can use our local congregations for much more than just internal edification--we can actually use it as a foundation for community outreach. In other words, we can do what we should be doing in the first place--be a light on a hill. If we really are the salt, then lets show the world.

During football games the team comes together and huddles up to call the play. How would it feel if the team called the play and then went and sat on the bench? Well, every Sunday we come together and call the play...and then, we go back and sit on the bench. It's time to execute the play and score. Christians, stop waiting on 2012 election to fix the problem. God never said let the government fix everything. He expects Christians to influence the world whether it is an election year or not. Please get busy.

Sermon Review

Judge Not?
(Matthew 7:1-6)

- I. **Actual Meaning of the Text**
- II. **Detailed Message of the Text**

The Gospel of God
(1 Corinthians 2:6-13)

- I. **The Gospel was Concealed**
- II. **The Gospel was Revealed**

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Sue Cobern is still experiencing complications following her surgery.

Wiley & Betty Tuggle.

Far East Missions

Open Door Ministry, Tim II, and family.

Fishers of Men

Family & Friends

Bobby Keel, husband of Becky, co-worker of Angie; Bobby has cancer and is on his death bed.

Kyle Ellis, co-worker of Andy; his wife and daughter have been in medical facilities at the same time because of serious medical problems.

Mark Wood, friend of Clifton; he is recovering from a major auto. accident.

Wes, brother of Deb Peeler, has cancer.

Harvey Tuggle, brother of Wiley.

Charlie McAllister, co-worker of Caleb, has a long road of recovery from brain tumors.

Renee Wright, daughter of Wiley, recovering from 2nd degree burns.

Luke Finchman, in loss of grandmother and other trials.

Renee Loya, (cousin of Elizabeth Baker), has MS.

Norman & Brenda Mahan, tragic motorcycle accident.

Virginia Mayfield -- friend of Bren, has leukemia.

Ray Maples -- undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.

Janie Brister -- has multiple health problems.

Cathy Thompson -- has lupus.

Carl Hounshell; Peyton Harville; Linda Lentz; Josh & Maggie Farrow; Charles Easley; Jeff Nichols; James Angel; Steve Angel; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Kelly Ann Cooper; Carla Carlson.

December Birthdays

Jimmy Yarbro -- 12/05

Kaiden Ferrell -- 12/17

Jeremy Moore -- 12/23

Reese Kinney -- 12/27

Renee Davis -- 12/30

December Anniversaries

Beau & Maira Davis -- 12/10

Jerry & Renee Davis -- 12/13

Get Involved!

Wednesday Night Singing -- Dec. 28

New Quarter Begins -- Jan. 1

Teacher Rotation

Sunday Night for the Savior -- Jan. 1

Providence Place Devo. -- Jan. 8 -- 2PM

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he 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).

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 18

Morning

Prayer Before Class

Caleb Baker

Announcements

Andy Ratliff

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Jeremy Moore

Assist

Jim Jackson

Assist

Shane Staten

Jeffrey Ferrell

Opening Prayer

Johnny Bayless

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer

Wiley Tuggle

Evening

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Opening Prayer

Jerry Davis

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Jim Jackson

Closing Prayer

Jeffrey Ferrell

Closing Prayer

Ron Johnson

Wednesday, December 21

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Prayer

Billy Bland

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Timothy Wilkes, Sr.