

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Aug. 11, 2013



Special Thanks to all who worked to prepare for and operate our booth at Trade Days.



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 & Pew Packers each Sunday at 12:30

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When? Every Sunday from Sep 1 - Oct 20
[Gospel Meeting Oct 13-16]

Time? 1:00 PM

Where? Coldwater church of Christ
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A SEMINAR BY DAVE MILLER, PH.D.
BASED ON THE BOOK THE QURAN UNVEILED

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

WHY I AM A (GRATEFUL) MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Why are you a member of the church of Christ?" is a question oft asked by those around us. Peter urges us to "be ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you..." (1 Pet. 3:15). My reasons for being a member of the church of Christ are numerous. Here I share some of them.

1. I choose to be a member of the church of Christ because she seeks to follow God's Word in every aspect of her existence. Does anyone doubt that the church revealed in the New Testament is the ideal for which we should strive? We call this "restoring the church to her original state and purity."
2. Because the church of Christ is anti-denominational, I am part of her. Christ built but one church; i.e., his church (Matt. 16:18). Scripture tells us there is "one body," which is His church (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23). Paul made it clear that the practice of fracturing into parties with loyalties to men and wearing man-made names is contrary to God's will (1 Cor. 1:10-14). She has no earthly head, no pope, no president, no archbishop, and no earthly headquarters. The kingdom (church) of Christ (Matt. 16:18-19) is not of this world (John 18:36). It is unique in this respect. It is a heavenly kingdom. Her head, Jesus resides there at God's right hand (Acts 2:32-33).
3. I am a member of the church of Christ because each congregation is independent and free standing under Christ, as the one and only head of His church (Eph. 1:22-23). Each chooses her own local leadership (elders) who supervise her activities according to the Scripture. No one outside of the congregation has any say in its business or conduct. This we call local autonomy. Those elders have authority only over the congregation of which they are a part (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2). By this she avoids many pitfalls that trouble other religious bodies.
4. I choose to be a member of the church of Christ because she takes seriously the commission to preach the Gospel to lost humanity and win them for Christ (Mark 16:15-16). She actively conducts mission efforts around the world and is willing to make sacrifices to help save souls through the Gospel of Christ.
5. I serve in the church of Christ because she properly understands that saving faith is obedient faith (Gal. 5:6) and teaches that God's saving grace is conditional. Grace is God's part in our salvation; faith and obedience are our responsibility (Rom. 1:5). I stand with the church of Christ because she teaches men and women that they must obey Christ if they hope to be saved (Heb. 5:9). She reminds them it is not enough to talk about religion, we must do the will of the Father in Heaven (Matt. 7:21).
6. I am part of the church of Christ because she teaches sinners to believe in Jesus the Son of God (John 3:16), who by his sacrificial death on the cross now extends saving grace to all who are submissive to him (Eph. 2:8-9). She teaches sinners to be born again of water and Spirit (John 3:5), by being baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27) specifically **for** the forgiveness of their sins, exactly and exclusively as sacred Scriptures teach (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

7. I am thankful to be a part of Christ’s church, among those who speak as the oracles of God—those who give God glory through Jesus Christ, wearing Christ’s name without shame (1 Pet. 4:11, 16; Acts 11:26; 26:28; Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 2:1; Isa. 8:20). Christ is not a polygamist—He has only one bride, and she is not ashamed to wear her Bridegroom’s name (Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:23ff; Rev. 22:17).
8. I am a member of this church because her worship is thoroughly biblical. She offers her worship to God in spirit and truth, according to the New Testament pattern (John 4:23-24; Col. 3:17). She sings her hymns of praise as the first Christians did (Eph. 5:19). She lifts up her prayers to God, and brings Him her offerings (Eph. 5:20; 1 Cor. 16:1-2). Each Lord’s day she remembers the Lord’s death in communion (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7). She hears preaching from God’s Word (Acts 2:42). She neither adds to nor takes away from the worship set forth in the New Testament of Christ (2 Tim. 1:13; Prov. 30:6).
9. The church of Christ serves as God’s hands to minister to the poor, the suffering and those who are dying. She “remembers the poor” (Gal. 2:10). She “remembers the fatherless and widows in their affliction” (James 1:27). She does good to all men, especially those of the household of faith (Gal. 6:10).
10. I love the church of Christ because she is God’s voice, calling men to his truth, righteousness and godly conduct in the world (2 Thess. 2:14; Tit. 2:12). She is dedicated to her mission of preaching the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). Her faithful members, with their blameless and harmless lives, are lights in the world, holding forth the word of life (Phil. 2:15-16).
11. I am a member of the church of Christ because her destiny is to spend eternity with her Lord in Heaven (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23). When Christ returns in glory and power, he will raise deceased members from their graves and instantly change her living members, making them all suitable for eternal life. They will be caught up to glory and ever be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:16-17). In 1 Corinthians 15:24, Paul says when He returns, Christ will “deliver up the kingdom (i.e., his church) to God even the Father...”
12. **Because I want to be with God’s people in eternity, I choose to be with them now**, worshipping and serving Him in His spiritual family, “the church of the living God” (1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 10:25).

—*Author Anonymous; Edited by Jason Hilburn*

Sermon Review	
Church Growth: God’s Way (Acts 1:8)	God’s People: Called to be Committed (Malachi 2:10–16)
I. WHO?	I. ONE CREATOR
II. HOW?	II. ONE COMMUNITY
III. WHERE?	III. ONE COVENANT
	IV. ONE COMPLETION

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Geoffrey Dunn, traveling with family; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**, have had very rough days lately; **Sue Cobern**; **Helen Bowman**; **Clifton Angel**, absent today because of radioactive treatment.

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Family & Friends

Andy Jones, had surgery to remove cancer from esophagus and stomach last week, recovering in ICU at Baptist Desoto; **Haley Coe**, Geoffrey's niece, head injury; **LaJuan Collums**, Billy's sister, cancer returned, receiving treatments, battles other health problems also; **Steve Angel**, was able to go home; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's older sister, battling various health problems; **John Simpson**, was able to go home; **Roy Cobern**, Sue's brother-in-law, broken face bones, wrist, and 8 ribs, at the Med; **Raleigh Wooten**, at home; **JoAnn Prestage**, Sara Norris' sister, cancer; **Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant, also has cataracts, and other health problems; **Curtis Cates**; **Linda Perkins**, Tim West's mother-in-law, leukemia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Kam Spencer**; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**; **Noah Judd**; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks**; **Frederick Bland**; **Barbara Denton**; **Brigman Family**; **Janice Jenkins**; **Carla Carlson**; **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Wayne Collinsworth**; **Andrew Hagewood**; **Janie Brister**; **Chuck Tharp**; **Renee Loya**; **Aubree Harris**; **Virginia Mayfield**; **Peyton Harville**; **David Bragg**

Birthdays

8/10	Caleb Baker	8/19	Ron Johnson
8/15	Carolyn Davis	8/21	Sue Cobern
8/16	Clifton Angel	8/25	Addi Bayless
8/16	Alianna Davis	8/26	Jim Jackson
8/19	Helen Bowman	8/28	Jerry Davis

Anniversaries

8/2	--	Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/6	--	Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/6	--	Tren & Toranda House
8/18	--	Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo -- TODAY -- 2 PM

Coldwater Lock-in -- August 16

1st Annual Men's Fellowship -- August 17
at Looxahoma; BJ Clarke to speak; lunch provided

Tate County Adopt - A - Mom

See Lynn, Jan, or Amanda for details
Give donation money to Jan or Amanda

Islam DVD Series -- Begins Sept 1 -- 1 PM

1 Lesson per Sunday through Oct 20
8 Lessons Total, Gospel Meeting Oct 13 week

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 11

Morning

Prayer Before Class
Announcements
Song Leader
Lord's Supper:
Preside

Assist

Opening Prayer
Sermon
Closing Prayer

Afternoon

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Sermon
Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer

Joe Owen
Andy Ratliff
Jason Bayless

Jeremy Moore
Jim Jackson
Jerry Davis
Payton Jackson
Jeffrey Ferrell
Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Jared Brown

Jason Bayless
Billy Bland
Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Jim Jackson
Payton Jackson
Ron Johnson

Wednesday, August 14

Song Leader
Prayer
Invitation
Prayer

Jason Bayless
Jerry Davis
Clifton Angel
Seth Daniel