

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct 17, 2021



SING

Written by Clifton Angel

I recall as a child giving my mom my burger order in the Drive-Thru of McDonalds. To be satisfied, I wanted it to be a cheeseburger with mustard and ketchup only. I did not want pickles on it. I did not want lettuce on it. I did not want sliced tomato on it. I did not want onions on it. There was nothing inherently wrong or harmful about these unwanted ingredients. It was simply that I did not desire them on my burger, and I did not authorize them. On more than one occasion, I remember biting into my burger before checking it, only to be disgusted by the fact that an ingredient(s) had been added that I

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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Tim Wilkes, II

John Wofford

PREACHER

Clifton Angel

... did not authorize. I believe this is a very simple principle to which we can all relate as consumers. Do we have the same simple understanding when considering the Scriptures?

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). This is one passage for how God desires us to musically worship Him. First, Paul says our praise is to be reciprocal: "speaking to yourselves." This phrase implies an assembly where the worshippers' melodious words are to another. Therefore, each worshipper is to participate. The words spoken are qualified by "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." Two instruments are to be employed for this musical praise to God: (1) The vocal cords, and (2) The heart. We know the vocal cords because Paul says "singing." We know the heart because Paul says "and making melody in your heart." All of these details are employed in musical praise "to the Lord." But, that's not all.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16). This passage helps us to further understand what God ...

... desires of our musical worship to Him. He desires that we teach and admonish with the songs that we sing. This eliminates humming, whistling, beat-boxing, and hand-clapping as these actions do not speak, teach, or admonish. Also, this further confirms for us that God does not desire mechanical instruments of music; for, they do not speak, teach, or admonish. Furthermore, this detail shows the importance of avoiding false doctrines in our songs.

Numerous Bible examples teach us that God is serious about the details of our worship toward Him (See Genesis 4, Leviticus 10, 2 Samuel 6, et al.). God is seeking true worshippers (John 4:23-24). If we have been adding ingredient(s) beyond what God has authorized, let us repent and begin worshipping Him in spirit and truth. While we may be very musically talented, and there is nothing inherently wrong or harmful about the additions we want to add, God does not desire them. So, let's not disgust Him.

Congratulations
to Hannah Davis

on her graduation from Basic Training

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Several traveling; **Wiley Tuggle**, several ailments; **Ginger Bayless**, physical therapy to recover from knee surgery; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Noah Davis**, stationed in El Paso, TX; **Grace & Sammy Williams**; **Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold**.

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Family & Friends

Josh Cox, Dana's cousin, at home with oxygen; **Cassandra Wright**, Janice's sister, neuromuscular disorder affecting her speech; **Jennifer O'Neal**, breast cancer.

Birthdays

10/3	Mischel Jackson
10/5	Lynn Wilkes
10/15	Georgia Bayless
10/16	Titus Wilkes
10/19	Hunter Zluticky
10/31	Billy Bland

Anniversaries

10/7	Kevin & Janice Dixon
10/27	Marc & Ashley Strickland

Get Involved!

Getwell Lectures: Oct 17 – 21

See flyer on bulletin board

Coldwater Singing Night: Oct 27, 7 PM

Song leaders, get your selections to Clifton

Fifth Sunday Service: Oct 31, 1 PM

Also, contribution proceeds beyond budget go directly to building fund on fifth Sunday

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 17

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
	Walter Warren
Closing Prayer	

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, October 20

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	