

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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HE HANGS THE EARTH UPON NOTHING

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*“He hangeth the earth upon nothing”
Job 26:7*

Job is our paramount example of when truly good and godly people suffer. In a very special instance, Job lost all of his wealth (7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and an host of servants) (Job 1:3, 1:13-17). Before Job could finish taking this all in, he was notified that he lost all of his children (7 sons and 3 daughters) (Job 1:18-19). It is said that ...

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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... among the greatest of grief that can be experienced in life on earth is the loss of a child. Job and his wife lost all of their children at once, on the same day, and on the same day that they lost all of their wealth. If that wasn't enough, Satan caused Job to be so stricken in health (Job 2:7-8) that his friends could not recognize him (Job 2:12), and his wife considered him nearly a dead man. In fact, in all of her grief, she exclaimed to her husband, "Curse God, and die" (Job 2:9). Job's three friends had come from separate places and joined together to comfort Job (Job 2:11). They sat with him for seven days and seven nights without uttering a word (Job 2:13). Then, they opened their mouths. From chapters 4 through 25 we read of discussions among Job and his three friends that seemingly only add to Job's frustration and grief. We all have friends like them. They are well-intentioned, but when they open their mouths in a time of grief, they only harm and hurt.

It is after Job's three friends cease from speaking that we read the passage containing the words, "He hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7b). In his discourse, Job is proclaiming that his friends have gotten "too big for their britches." They do not have as much knowledge and power as they claim—but God does. In a very poetic way, Job ...

... heralds the beauty of God's knowledge, power, and presence. From his speech, we can learn something from "nothing."

The pagans of old thought the earth was resting upon the back of a giant turtle or giant elephant. Job says God hangs the earth upon nothing. That which is "nothing" to God is the awesome inner force of gravity from the sun and outer centrifugal force of the earth's orbit at over 67,000 miles per hour. Meanwhile, God's "hanging" of the earth involves a continual, tilted, axial revolution at about 1,000 miles per hour, resulting in a full revolution per 24 hours (approximately). Furthermore, I believe "hangeth" denotes He keeps on hanging, or keeps it hanging, upon "nothing." God is "upholding all things by the word of his power" (Hebrews 1:3).

God "hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7b). Don't you think he can sustain us through whatever trials or forces come our way? If you are reading this article, He is still upholding us by His Word (Hebrews 1:3) and continues to be long-suffering toward us (2 Peter 3:9). Are we faithful to Him and upholding His Word?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle; Brad & Teresa Gregory; Ginger Bayless; Clarence & Faye Edwards; Hannah Davis, training at Fort Benning; **Noah Davis**, stationed in El Paso, TX; **Grace & Sammy Williams; Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold.**

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Vicki Angel, knee replacement surgery scheduled for Dec 2; **Paul Varnes family**, Sammy's uncle passed; **Randy Alderson family**, Dana's cousin passed; **Dean Bland**, Billy's brother; **Waid Wilkes family; Paul & Shirley Perkins; Kay Allison.**

Birthdays

11/5	Rachel Wilkes
11/13	Danni Strickland
11/25	Ginna Honeycutt
11/25	Wiley Tuggle

Get Involved!

Secret Sister Reveal Party: Dec 12, 5 PM

December Youth Devo: Dec 19, PM
Further details will be provided soon

Coldwater Singing Night: Dec 29, 7 PM
5th Wednesday, so anyone can request a song
Give your song requests to Clifton

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 28

Morning

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

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Wednesday, December 1

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

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	