

# *The Messenger*

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec 12, 2021



## LOVE ENDURES

Written by Clifton Angel

According to Joseph Stowell, "The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit" (*Fan the Flame*, 32). Such an accomplishment would require more time, greater tact, and different talent.

*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

Jim Jackson

### DEACONS

Jason Bayless

Jerry Davis

Jeffrey Ferrell

Andy Ratliff

Tim Wilkes, II

John Wofford

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

This runner would have to have endurance. Christians also are running a race of endurance:

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Paul tells us via his letter to the Corinthian church that love “endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:7). The word Paul used to speak of the endurance of godly love is the same word used to describe Jesus’ endurance of the cross (Hebrews 12:2) and the Christian’s endurance in the faithful race (Hebrews 12:1). Therefore, we may conclude that a person who loves like Christ (which is this love of which we speak) can endure like Christ. No matter the persecution, the tribulation, the temptation, or the situation, we can endure it if we have this kind of love. When the one you thought was a friend does something unfriendly, endure. When the love of your life ruins your night, endure. When your co-workers don’t work and rather complain, endure. When the nation crashes down town by town, ...

... endure. When your faith brings strife and even requires your life,  
endure. That's love. I will conclude with words shared by a friend:

Pressed out of measure and pressed to all length,  
Pressed so intensely it seems beyond strength.  
Pressed in the body and pressed in the soul.  
Pressed in the mind until the dark surges roll.  
Pressed by foes and pressed by friends,  
Pressure upon pressure till life nearly ends.  
Pressed into loving the staff and the rod.  
Pressed into knowing no helper but God.  
Pressed into liberty where nothing clings.  
Pressed into faith for impossible things.  
Pressed into living a life in the Lord.  
Pressed until a Christ-like life is outpoured.

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*Congratulations Cali!*  
on graduating from Freed-Hardeman University

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Cash Jackson**, broke arm Wednesday, may require surgery; **Ginna Honeycutt**, recent pneumonia; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Hannah Davis**; **Noah Davis**.

**Far East Missions**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**NetCasters**

## Family & Friends

**Tornado victims** in multiple states, especially Mayfield, KY; **Anna Warren**, recent health complications; **Brandon Archer**, and daughter Ella, bad motorcycle wreck in Coldwater; **Johnny Bayless**, recent pneumonia; **Vicki Harman**, Clifton's mom, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

## Birthdays

12/6	Sammy Williams
12/13	Michael Sykes
12/17	Kaiden Ferrell
12/22	Dalton Owen
12/24	Daniel Owen
12/30	Renee Davis

## Anniversaries

12/13	Jerry & Renee Davis
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## Get Involved!

**Secret Sister Reveal Party: Dec 12, 5 PM**

**December Youth Devo: Dec 19, 5 PM**

See Lara's post on Facebook group;  
Secret Kid Gift Exchange, Dirty Santa, &  
Service Project; We need headcount for food

**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, December 12

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Carl Honeycutt
	Jerry Davis
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Walter Warren
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Wednesday, December 15

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Billy Bland
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	