

# Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome visitors and members! January 6, 2019

Next potluck is Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Young is requesting prayers for her sister, Carol Brown. She will be having heart surgery. Please pray for Carol.

Tammie will be hosting Ladies' Life Talks at her house twice a month. This will be a time of fellowship and conversation centered on applying God's Word to our daily lives. The class begins on Feb 4, from 10:00 am-12, and will be on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. See Tammie for more information.

Illness is running through the Keith Baker household. Please pray for quick healing.

Charles is also under the weather. Please pray for him as well.

Ben will be preaching at the Steuben County Church of Christ for several months. We will miss him in Sunday's worship. David will be teaching the adult bible class in his absence.

There's still time to contribute to Zack Slomer's wedding gift. Please give any amount to Pete by next Sunday. Thanks Pete, for taking care of this.

The Food Pantry has been re-stocked. We will, however, still need items as they get used up so keep bringing food in as you can. Thanks for your quick response!



## YOUNG JESUS

Discover the hidden words.

H	B	U	O	U	I	V	E	H	D	V	M	M	T	H
J	S	E	S	Y	J	E	S	U	S	P	E	R	E	A
P	A	S	S	O	V	E	R	A	O	L	A	V	M	I
X	Z	O	X	N	K	V	D	R	A	S	Z	W	P	C
F	E	S	T	I	V	A	L	S	I	E	X	S	L	U
Y	P	T	L	E	Z	K	U	L	V	M	I	T	E	L
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J	Z	E	B	W	E	D	E	H	N	O	F	C	C	H
O	W	G	V	J	G	W	H	A	A	M	I	R	T	X
S	O	V	H	A	T	T	E	Z	Z	P	M	E	F	K
E	H	Y	J	W	L	N	P	V	S	O	R	A	W	X
P	T	E	O	P	I	S	D	X	A	A	O	T	R	N
H	V	O	A	U	F	T	O	H	Z	J	H	I	J	V
I	C	D	O	R	N	J	S	A	M	C	B	O	E	L
Y	P	L	T	X	T	G	N	E	F	B	M	H	S	M

**Word Bank**

HEART	JESUS	TEMPLE
NAZARETH	YOUNG	SLAVERY
TWELVE	MARY	PASSOVER
JERUSALEM	JOSEPH	FESTIVAL




<p><b>Today's Sermon.....</b></p> <p><b>Next Week's Sermon .....</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday Night</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday Ladies' Class...</b></p> <p><b>Sun. Adult Bible Class.....</b></p> <p><b>Sun. Night.....</b></p> <p><b>Service Times - Sunday:</b></p>	<p><b>Make Me a Servant</b></p> <p><b>A Call To Work</b></p> <p><b>Ben</b></p> <p><b>Life of Jesus</b></p> <p><b>The Church</b></p> <p><b>Cancelled</b></p> <p><b>Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Worship.....11:00 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.</b></p>
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**Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar**

*Ladies' Life Talks – beginning Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Tammy Baker's house.*

**\*\*\*Prayer List\*\*\***

Our kids!

Carol Brown – Linda's sister – heart issues

Cindy's neighbor Janet – aortic dissection

Ken – Beth's daughter Michelle's dad

Sandra's brother – tests

Joyce's nephew – cirrhosis of the liver

Loretta's brother Bob – treatment for cancer

Loretta's brother James - stroke

Cathleen – heart issues

Barb Langley – healing

Marvin Keifer

Edna Stein –pain

Wendi Baker

Shirley Ware

**TV BIBLE STUDIES:**

*Getting to Know Your Bible – on Charter*

*In Search of the Lord's Way – Charter-7:30 am-*

*Sunday-channel 357*

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**Steps of Salvation:**

Hear: Romans 10:14, 17      Believe: Acts 16:31

Repent: Acts 2:38      Confess: Acts 8:36-37

Baptism: Acts 2:38      Faithful: Matthew 7:21

**Our Elders:**      Dave Sherfield 517-677-2789

Pete Baker 677-7764      Huey Waites 639- 8390

**Insights from a Blind Man**

Burford, born on September 30, 1905, and his two siblings, Jack and Mabel, were born with the same eye condition: retinitis pigmentosa. Leonard's vision was always the poorest. When he was 14, his sight was so poor he couldn't read even large print. His mother, Mrs. J. L. Burford, located a Braille alphabet, and he taught himself to read it with a paper and punch. By the age of 28, Burford was completely blind.

He was blind but he accomplished much. After graduating from high school, he went to college at Abilene Christian College. He graduated with honors in 1925 earning a degree in education. When he received his degree, his mother was also awarded an honorary degree for her work with her son. Burford estimated that his mother did 90 percent of his reading from high school through college.

Burford's mother was also his first music teacher when he was eight-years-old. By the time he was 12, Burford was certain that he would seek a career in music. After graduating from ACC, he went on to study music at several institutions including the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York. Burford later earned his doctorate from Columbia University in 1952.

Burford's career in music education enabled him to become a member of the faculty at his alma mater at ACC in 1932. He founded the A Cappella Chorus that year. He became head of the Music Department at ACC in 1937, a position he held until his death in 1961, at the age of 55. My Dad, Glenn Sargent, was a member of the A Cappella Chorus under Burford's direction for three years.

In his life, Burford sought to help others who could not see. He compiled 86 religious songs in Braille which were printed in two volumes and were distributed by the 14th and Vine Streets Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. He also wrote articles and tracts in Braille to help those who were blind to know about Jesus and His church. He wrote a tract on church music and one on "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" that were printed in Braille. He wanted all, both blind and seeing, to be saved from their sins by obeying the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2).

Perhaps Burford's love for his Lord and his desire for others to know Christ was his motivation for writing a hymn that came to be loved by many. The hymn was "Come Unto Me," based on the beautiful invitation of Jesus in Matt. 11:28-30:

*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

That same invitation that Burford sought to highlight in his hymn continues to be offered today. The proper response is what Burford wrote about in his tract, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?".

God will save and give rest and eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Although he was blind, Leonard Burford had tremendous insight. Through his music and his life, he continues to extend the Lord's invitation: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.