

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)

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Johnny Downs
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SUNDAY SERVICE

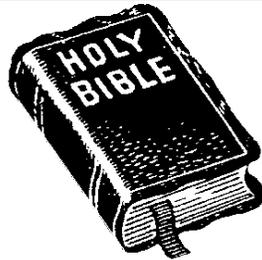
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesdays: 10:00am



A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.



THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Kevin Smith
Mitchell Smith
Bradley Smith
Chris Smith

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Wesley and Whitney

Greeters (West)

Kyle and Tiffany

LESSONS

AM: Bill Vincent is giving budget report
Scripture reading:
2 Corinthians 9:5-10

PM: Sheep Among
Wolves

Scripture reading:
Matthew 10:5-16

SO LONG AS HE IS HONEST *By: Gayle Oler*

“It makes no difference what a man believes if he is honest”

The sincerity of a man does not make a wrong thing right when he believes it. No one thinks that a doctor, though honestly mistaken, will do his patient as much good treating him for pneumonia when the person has acute appendicitis. No one thinks a man can open his safe with the wrong combination though he honestly thinks he has the right one. Nearly everyone has found by experience that being honestly mistaken as to the way to a certain place will not make the wrong way right. He must find out his error, recognize it, get on the right way and follow it.

But in religion men think differently. Often we hear, “It makes no difference what a man believes, if he is honest.” Why do they think so in religion if not in other things?

God will not excuse ignorance, though it be honest ignorance. “The times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30). He demands that people study and learn, and he promises that “If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine” (John 7:17).

The apostle Paul, before his conversion, consented to Stephen’s death (Acts 8:1), and even made havoc of the church (Acts 8:3), and persecuted Jesus (Acts 9:4-5). And all the time Paul was ignorant of his mistake, and just as honestly mistaken as anyone ever was (1 Timothy 1:13). Even at this time he maintained a conscience void of offence (Acts 23:1). In all good conscience he opposed the truth, the church, the Christ.

It is the doctrine of demons that honesty alone will do, and that sincerity will compensate for errors in belief. Many Jews are honestly mistaken about faith in Christ. They just don’t believe in him. But Jesus said, “Except ye believe that I am he ye shall die in your sins.” Every disbeliever will be damned, whether honestly mistaken or otherwise. Jesus declared, “He that disbelieveth shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16).

Some good people have been led to honestly believe that they were saved before and without baptism, and that baptism had nothing to do with it. They are caused to think that baptism is not for the remission of sins. They are honestly confident that one can enter into the kingdom of God without birth of water and Spirit. But Jesus plainly said, “Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

If a man, though sincerely mistaught, is not thus born of water and the Spirit, the law prohibiting his entrance into the kingdom still stands. Peter said, “Be baptized for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38), and sincerity and honesty do not and cannot set aside the law.

Paul, before his conversion, was wrong about the church and thought he should do many things to oppose it. For this honest mistake he branded himself as the “chief of sinners.”

Remember this: the honesty of a person does not mitigate the baleful effects of a false belief when it is acted upon. A loaded gun will shoot just as hard whether one believes it is loaded or not. As in everything else, ignorance and stupidity can never be so safe as intelligent investigation and accurate information. And hell will be populated with people, many of whom thought they were right, but failed to check up while they could.

It is significantly stated for all to know that the Bereans were more noble than they of Thessalonica, in that they “searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11). “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,” and it is under this process that truth has any opportunity in saving men.”

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (3rd)
- ⇒ Ethan Hobbs (3rd)
- ⇒ Linda Jones (6th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Acts
- ⇒ **Team: Team 1 meets today**
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available. Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Workday:** Thanks to all who helped at the work day.
- ⇒ **Senior Appreciation Dinner:** Will be Sunday 2-15 after morning service.
- ⇒ **New Directory Pages:** Info for the Hobbs', Hutchison's, and new birthday pages are available. Please see Luke or Amber to pick these up so you can add them to your directory.
- ⇒ **Bible Bowl:** Will be Saturday 3-14 at the Green Plain church building. All ages from K-12th grade participate. The study is over the book of James. If interested, see Wesley for more info.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Pickles

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Teri Hale (Reagan's mother having tests run)
- ⇒ Rachel Adams
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge—Sick with an ear infection
- ⇒ Nat Evans (Randall's father—home recovering)
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your
home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org. You will find
bulletins, sermon outlines,
and other helpful links
and material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR WEEK

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: *ekklēsia* (ἐκκλησία)

Pronounced: *ek-klay-see'-ah*

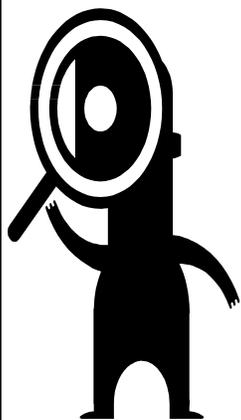
Translated into the word we use today: church.

Meaning: according to Strong's is “a calling out of”. Vines says it is made of two words “ek meaning out of” and “klesis meaning a calling.”

Supporting verse: 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Often we use the word church to refer to the building. We say things like “I’m going to church” when we are really going to be with the church or worship with them. The church is the called out, not a building, but the people who have obeyed God’s commands and that He has added to the body of baptized believers (Acts 2:47). The church is the people, and though we may all differ in appearance and abilities, we are still all the church, God’s people.



Bible question: Whose last words were “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom”?

Last week’s question and answer: What woman of Jericho was spared when the Israelites took the city?

Answer: Rahab (Joshua 6:17)

Those answering: Wesley and Whitney Tucker, Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams