

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

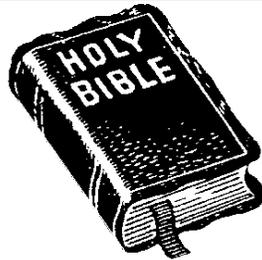
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

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:

Kevin Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

Wesley Tucker

Lord's Table

Chris Smith
Kevin Smith
Mitchell Smith
Bradley Smith

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Johnny and Mae

Greeters (West)

Ron and Joanne

LESSONS

AM: Living A Moral
Christian Life

Scripture reading:
Ephesians 4:20-32

PM: The Invitation
Scripture reading:
Matthew 11:28-30

Parents Are The Key

By: Ferman Carpenter

There are three God-ordained institutions in the world. These are the home, the church and the government. The home is the oldest of these institutions, and is second in importance only to the church. If the Lord's church and government are going to be as God would have them, the home must be as God would have it, and parents are the key.'

In the home a child receives the foundation training for life here and for eternity. Parents need to realize that their children did not ask to be here, and as the parents they are responsible for their children's presence in this world. The influence a child receives in the home will determine where he will exist in eternity. This is a sobering thought and an awesome responsibility, and parents are the key.

If parents are to do the job that God wants done, then they must begin at the very start of life. Far too often parents wait until their children get older to begin training, only to find them set in their ways. A great lesson is taught by Manoah, the father of Samson. When Manoah learned that he and his wife were going to be blessed with a child, he asked, "How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" (Judges 13:12). He was concerned, even before the child was conceived. Many parents become involved in developing their children in the physical realm, but have little or no concern when it comes to their development in the spiritual realm. The results being when their children grow up, they are more concerned about the physical than the spiritual.

The Bible gives parents clear instructions on training their children. Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Paul wrote, "Provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). It is significant that both Solomon and Paul stress

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the fact that PARENTS are to "train up" and "bring them up" the right way. Parents are the key! Notice, God did not say "send them up" but "bring them up." That means parents are ultimately responsible for training their children and not society, the church, schools, or child care centers. The time to start training children is not

when parents are more "financially secure," but from the time they are babies and for as long as they are in our care and under our supervision.

Much of society today is immoral. The public schools, government, entertainment, and advertisers, seem bent upon pulling mankind away from God. We cannot isolate our children from sin, but we can insulate them against it. We have accepted the challenge by becoming parents, and now we must accept the responsibility of being Godly parents. Christ said in John 15:19, "Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world," but if parents do not teach that to their children, then who will? Parents are the key.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Joe Tracy (10th)
- ⇒ Phyllis Furgerson (11th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Acts
- ⇒ **Team: Team 2 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!
- ⇒ **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: Cooking Oil

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
- ⇒ Rachel Adams
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge—Sick with an ear infection
- ⇒ Bill and Maria Vincent-sick
- ⇒ Jennifer and Josie Price-sick
- ⇒ 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 8:36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: baptizō (βαπτίζω)

Pronounced: *bap-tid'-zo*

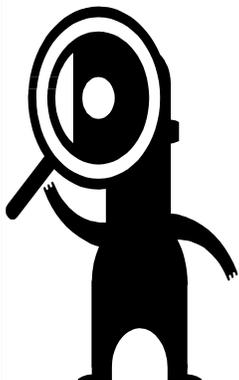
Translated into the word we use today: baptized or baptism.

Meaning: according to Thayer is: to dip, to immerse, or to submerge (like a sunken vessel). Vines says it is from the Greek root word "bapto" which is to dip or submerge. As used in God's word, it refers to an immersion to wash away sin.

Supporting verse: Romans 6:3-6 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, (6) knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

There are two extremes when it comes to teaching the lost on God's plan of salvation and baptism. One is that we need to get them "in the water" as soon as possible. They need to be baptized before they know enough even to truly repent, obey God and know what they are really doing. The second is that we don't need to baptize someone till they know everything. What we must remember is that someone must know about God and have proper faith in Him, but once they obey, they are a babe and need milk. They will grow and don't need to know everything beforehand. There is a happy middle between the two.



Bible question: What did Joseph accuse his brothers of stealing?

Last week's question and answer: Whose last words were "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom"?

Answer: Thief on the cross (Luke 23:42)

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