

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

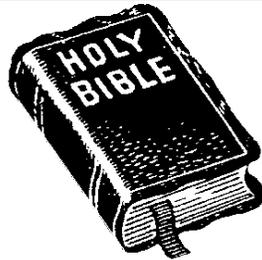
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

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:

Richard Price

Lead Singing:

Kevin Smith

Opening Prayer:

Wesley Tucker

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Josh Fulcher
David Dodd
Andy Johnson
Johnny Downs

Closing Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Greeters (East)

Amber and Boys

Greeters (West)

Andy and Maddie

LESSONS

AM: Who Is A
Christian?

Scripture reading:
Galatians 5:22-26

PM: Happy Homes

Scripture reading:
Matthew 19:1-9

“GOD SEES OUR HEARTS” *By: Alan Adams*

Scripture has a way of putting one on the spot, making it obvious that his beliefs, actions or choices are wrong. The simple solution to such conflict is to change and only believe that which comes by “hearing...the word” (Romans 10:17); or, said another way, stop doing what you’ve been doing, and start being a “doer...of the word” (James 1:22). Some people try to extricate themselves from this predicament by “falling back on the heart,” as though the heart were a place of refuge from the truth and reality. I have personally witnessed people, who, when put on the spot by the Word, place their hands over their heart and proclaim that what they “feel in their heart” trumps what they see in the Word. Herein lies great irony. They do not, shall we say, understand their own heart. The Greeks called the “heart,” *kardia*. The Hebrews called it, *leb* or *lebab*. The heart is the seat of rational life, emotional life, conscientious life, and volitional life. The Venn diagram above shows four sets of attributes, or capacities, which are common to man. Each set is distinct; yet, singly none is sufficient of itself as the basis of faith, decision-making or action. Intellect, mind, is that part of man, which enables him to understand, perceive, and conclude. When Jesus asked the chief priests and elders about the origin of John’s baptism being “from heaven or from men” (Matthew 21:25), they understood the force of his logic; they chose, they determined, they willed, though, to ignore it. “Through the things that are made,” Paul says, man can “clearly see” and “perceive” God’s “everlasting power and divinity” (Romans 1:20). People, though, do not always act on what can be clearly seen or perceived. People can “refuse to have God in their knowledge” (v. 28). They are exercising their volition, their will. People can “live before God in all good conscience” (Acts 23:1), and at the same time “do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth” (26:9). Because he “became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14), Jesus can be “touched with the feeling of our infirmity” (Hebrews 4:15). The intensity of the emotional anxiety of Jesus can be seen, when “in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground” (Luke 22:44). He prayed, “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done” (v. 42). His emotions were subordinate to His will, His volition. “With the mind, we serve the law of God” (Romans 7:25). “Each man must be fully assured in his own mind” (14:5).

It’s never right to act contrary to what one believes to be right, or wrong; for “whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (v. 23). As we proceed in our lives and choices, we must do so with our “conscience bearing witness therewith, and [our] thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing” our decisions (Romans 2:15). We must be zealous and wholehearted as we proceed; yet, we must guard against our zeal being “not according to knowledge” (Romans 10:2). The whole gamut of human emotion is natural, normal and “very good,” because God made us to feel (cf. Genesis 1:26, 27, 31). We must learn to feel as God feels. Only when the attributes of intellect, conscience, emotion and volition are brought together, as in the Venn diagram, do we have an accurate picture of “the heart.” When the circles, representing each attribute are drawn together, many subsets are formed; but, there is one common to each of them, ♥, the heart. Intellect does not outweigh nor negate emotion or volition. Feelings are incomplete and impotent without will. Conscience is not, after all, our guide. Sitting around thinking about things, and never doing is profitless; nor is their profit in going “full steam ahead” without having thought it through. Having an complete and accurate picture of what the “heart” is, it ought to give one greater and more meaningful perspective on some classic passages of Scripture: Where your treasure is, there will your heart be. (Luke 12:34). As in water face answereth to face, So the heart of man to man. (Proverbs 27:19). I command you this day, to love Jehovah your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul..(Deuteronomy 10:10) Lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, (v. 18) Jehovah your God proveth you, to know whether ye love Jehovah your God with all your heart (13:3). Set your heart unto all the words which I testify unto you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe. (32:46). Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8) This people honoreth me with their lips; But their heart is far from me. (15:8) Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (22:37). The good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. (Luke 6:45). That in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bring forth fruit with patience. (Luke 8:15)

—Via the Main Street Monitor

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Helen Tidwell (26th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Joel, Amos, Obadiah
- ⇒ **Team:** Team 4 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!
- ⇒ **Potluck:** On 3-29 after morning services
- ⇒ **Congregational visit:** On 3-29 we will visit Kirksey.
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** April 12-15 with Robert Hatfield; Potluck after morning services
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Coffee

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ray Stenbridge—Sick with an ear infection/Back trouble
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs (Received great news from the doctors :)
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Jordan Hobbs (pneumonia)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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 Stenbridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Amanda Griechen (Bob and Susanna Austin's Granddaughter)
- ⇒ 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 THE WEEK

Amos 5:14-15 Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. (15) Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: ponēros (πονηρός)

Pronounced: *pon-ay-ros'*

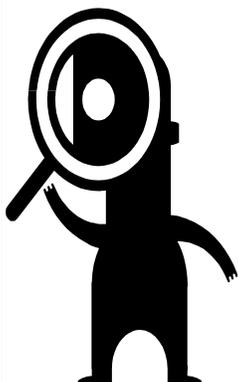
Translated into the word we use today: Evil

Meaning: according to Thayer is: full of labors, annoyances, and hardships. Thayer goes on to say that in a spiritual sense it is bringing toils, annoyances, perils: of a time full of peril to Christian faith and steadfastness; causing pain and trouble; evil wicked, or bad. Vines says it stands for whatever is evil in character. It denotes evil that causes labor, pain, or sorrow. It is used with the meaning bad or worthless, in the moral or ethical sense is wicked persons.

Supporting verse: Romans 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we think back to Romans 12:9 where we are told to “abhor what is evil and cling to what is good”, we see that we have two different choices to make. We can either hold tight to one and let go of the other or vice versa. God in His inspired word tells us to hold on for dear life to that which is good, and to dislike, or have a horror, of evil. As we looked at this word evil, we see that it has to do with anything or person that would cause hardship or trials to God or our Christian life. Today, we have so many “evil” things and people that are trying to cause hurt to God and Christ. As Christians, we are to have nothing to do with these things. All the evil we have to abhor. Once we do this, then we can cling to all that which is good and godly. We can hold on God’s truth, that which He and Christ approves of, and it will make our life better.



Bible question: Who had four daughters who were prophetesses?

Last week’s question and answer: For what offense could a man have a sandal taken away and his face spit in?

Answer: A man not taking his deceased brother’s wife and refusing to preserve the child line. (Deuteronomy 25:7-9)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams, Johnny and Mae Downs