

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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ELDERS

Richard Price
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DEACONS

Johnny Downs
Josh Fulcher
Josh Price
Wesley Tucker

PREACHER

Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesday 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:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table

Wesley Tucker
David Dodd
Bill Vincent
Bradley Smith

Closing Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Greeters (East)

Kyle and Tiffany

Greeters (West)

Chris and Theresa

LESSONS

AM: Use It or Lose It

Scripture reading:

2 Timothy 2:10-16

PM: God's Building

Scripture reading:

Ephesians 2:19-22

DON'T JUST START—FINISH!

By: Corey Sawyers

In 1968, the Olympic Games were held in Mexico. The marathon was the final event on the program and the Olympic Stadium was packed in anticipation of the arrival of the runners. 74 athletes from 41 different countries had started the race. One of those men was John Stephen Akhwari from Tanzania. Akhwari was not used to running at the altitude in which this race was run. At the nineteenth kilometer of the forty-two kilometer race, cramps and sickness caused him to fall, wounding and dislocating his knee. Landing on the pavement also hurt his shoulder and head. Though officials urged him to withdraw, Akhwari would not.

There was excitement to see which would be the man who would cross the finish line first. An Ethiopian runner entered the stadium and the crowd erupted as he crossed the finish line. An hour after the winner had finished Akhwari entered the stadium. All but a few hundred of the crowd had gone home. Akhwari slowly crossed the finish line and collapsed. Afterward, asked by a reporter why he had not dropped out, Akhwari says, "My country did not send me to start the race. They sent me to finish."

King Saul looked the part, had the people behind him, had the anointing of the prophet, and the Lord on his side - yet Saul did not finish. Kings Josiah and Asa began a reformation and restoration of the people, yet failed in the end. Moses was to lead the people to the promised land, yet did not get to enter himself because he once chose his way. These started, but did not finish.

There are others who finished strong. Abraham's faith appeared to grow progressively with every scene we see him. Jacob was one who started fighting family and the Lord, but ultimately ended as a man of faith. After Saul of Tarsus found out the direction he should go in, the man we know better as Paul worked diligently for his Lord (II Tim. 4:7).

There have been many who have begun their walk with the Lord who did not understand it is a marathon, not a race. There will be bumps and bruises, obstacles and objections. Still, with the Lord, we can finish. Jesus died not so you could start the Christian race, but so you could finish. This congregation is here, not to help you start, but to finish. Akhwari crossed the finish line last, but he was not in last place. Twenty-eight runners did not even finish even though the hobbled Akhwari did. You are here, not to start, but to finish. Finish strong!

Notes:

A book has been added to our library in memory of Clemmie Black.

[The Jesus You Can't Ignore](#)

By John Mac Arthur

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Gerald Rule (18th)
- ⇒ Judy Black (21st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Thanks for all the support this week. What a wonderful meeting we had.
- ⇒ **Congregational singing and fellowship:** April 23 6:00-7:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Workday:** April 30th, 8am here at the building
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Sugar

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (tests)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher (Recovering from back surgery)
- ⇒ Shane Black
- ⇒ 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.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

1Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: adikos (ἀδικος)

Pronounced: ad'-ee-kos

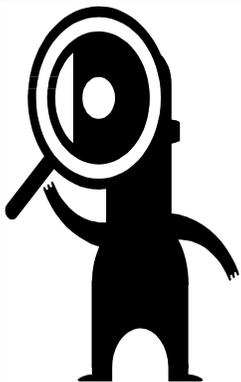
Translated into the word we use today: **Unrighteous**

Meaning: according to Strong is: From G1 (as a negative particle) and G1349; unjust; by extension wicked; by implication treacherous; specifically heathen: - unjust, unrighteous.

Supporting verse: 1Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we think about what is spiritually righteous and unrighteous, we first must understand what this word means. To break it down very simply, righteousness is to do what is right in God's sight, and unrighteous is to do that which is wrong in God's sight. Unrighteousness is like sin; it is a violation of God's law (1John 3:4). We see a list of "things" that God, through His inspired apostle Paul, in 1Corinthians 6 says are unrighteous. They include, but are not limited to, fornication, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, sodomy, stealing, coveting, being a drunkard, or an extortioner. This is concluded with the statement "Will not inherit the kingdom of God". WOW! Think about this, just how serious that being righteous or unrighteous is. If we are unrighteous or we don't do right in the sight of God, then we can't have heaven as our eternal home. This isn't man's law, it's God's law. God wants us to be holy and righteous; He wants us to do right in His sight. If we do, then we will be rewarded. If not, then we will be punished. Now, this doesn't mean that we are not going to mess up or make mistakes. Notice again back in 1Cor 6:11, "And such WERE some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." See some here WERE unrighteous, but they changed. If we are living an unrighteous life, then we can change, too. Stop living an unrighteous life, and start living a righteous one.



Bible question: Who was queen of Ethiopia during the time of Philip?

Last week's question and answer: Who killed six hundred Philistines with an ox goad?

Answer: Shamgar (Judges 3:31)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams