

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

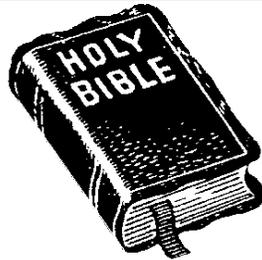
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

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:

Bill Vincent

Lead Singing:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Luke Puckett
Richard Price
Andy Johnson
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Richard Price

Greeters (East)

Ron and Joanne

Greeters (West)

Johnny and Mae

LESSONS

AM: A Study of Angels

Scripture reading:

2Thessalonians 1:7-9

PM: The Enduring
Word

Scripture reading:

Psalms 119:9-16

GOD'S PART AND MAN'S PART *By: Victor M. Eskew*

God is a very unique being. One thing that makes Him different from all others is that He is eternal (Deut. 33:27). He had no beginning and He has no end. He is "self-existent" as His name Jehovah implies. God is also all-powerful. In Genesis 17:1, God told Abraham: "I am the Almighty God." God is ALL mighty. He is omnipotent. His power was demonstrated in the Creation. God merely spoke and brought all things into existence (Gen. 1:3; Ps. 33:6, 9). As both God and Creator, God is sovereign. He has the supreme rank in the Universe. He holds all authority in His hands. He is above all others in character, importance, and excellence. All things are under His control. God is in charge of the heavenly bodies, the forces of nature, the governments of men, the hosts of heaven, yea, all the affairs of this life. Yes, God is over each and every human being who has, is, or will live. God is sovereign. The sovereignty of God has often posed a problem for some individuals. They often have trouble harmonizing it with man's activity in the world. Let's look at some of the places wherein difficulties arise between God's role in the world and the part that man plays therein. One problem lies in the realm of prayer. Man has been commanded to go to God and let his requests be made known to the Father (Phil. 4:6). In his prayers, man seeks to influence God to do certain things for him. One of the prayers that humans make is: "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11). Having prayed this prayer in faith, what is man now supposed to do? Is he to wait upon God to miraculously bring him food for nourishment? Most would answer, "No." To have food to eat, man must work. It was Paul's inspired pen that wrote: "...if any would not work, neither should he eat" (I Thess. 3:10). The tension arises between man and God because man must work to have food to eat. We wonder: "If I have to work for food, why do I have to pray to God for my daily bread?" We question God's role in the process, but we will admit that it is God who gives us our daily bread. Another area wherein we see tension between God's involvement in our world and the role of man is in government. The psalmist referred to God as "the governor among the nations" (Ps. 22:28). In Daniel 2:21, we learn that God removes kings and sets up kings. Paul declared that "the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). These verses proclaim truth, but we also know that man has a role to play in the nations as well. One king can rise up against another king and overthrow his government. A national leader can be deposed by conspirators within his administration. Democracies hold elections that either keep one in power or replace a ruler with someone the public demands to be in charge. Some often wonder: "If God rules in the affairs of the governments, and if God puts in those He desires, why do we lobby, petition, or vote in elections? Here, we

question man's role in the process of installing leaders within the nations. Another realm that illustrates the tension between God's role and man's involvement is medicine. As a powerful God, God can cure man of any sickness or disease. In the first century, James gave this counsel to his readers: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..." (James 5:14-15). The tension comes in our need for doctors, nurses, hospitals, and medicine. When we get sick, we contact someone who can treat our illness. Why do we do this? Can't God heal? Don't you go to God in pray when you are sick and ask Him to restore your health? Here, again, we see the tension. Do we just let God work? Or, do we seek the help of men? Who really does the healing? Men? Or, God? The tension between God's involvement and men's involvement is found in the salvation process. The Bible clearly teaches that it is God who gives the increase (I Cor. 3:6-7). Yet, man is the one who is responsible for sowing and watering (I Cor. 3:5; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16). If God can and does give the increase, why does man need to labor so diligently in saving the lost? If God can give the increase, why don't we just give Bibles to everyone and leave it at that? Why do we need to teach and preach? Thus far, we have tried to show that a tension exists between God's sovereignty and man's role in the world. This tension causes us to ask questions. This tension can sometimes try our faith. However, we do not need to allow what is sometimes unknown to us to keep us from doing what we need to do. Just because God can heal does not mean that we do not need to seek medical attention. Just because God provides our daily bread does not mean that we should cease working to put bread on the table. Just because God raises up and deposes leaders does not mean that we should not value the political process and cease to do our part in voting, etc. In some way, God has tied His role and our role together. We may not always be able to explain it, but the two are linked! My friend, it displays unto us the marvelous and incomprehensible power of the God whom we serve. This is especially true in the evangelization process. There is no doubt that God can bring the increase. Yet, He expects us to sow and water. We must carry the seed of God's Word and plant it into the hearts of lost men and women. Having done this, we rely upon God for the harvest. And, there will be a harvest! "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:5-6).

—Via East Wood church of Christ bulletin

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Judy Black (21)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Hebrews
- ⇒ **Team:** 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.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **New Directory Pages:** Info for the Hobbs', Hutchison's, Whitley's, and new birthday pages are available. Please see Luke or Amber to pick these up so you can add them to your directory.
- ⇒ **Homecoming:** May 24 with Jonnie Hutchison
- ⇒ **VBS:** June 13 (Please have ideas or anything you need made for VBS presented by workday on May 31)
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned Meat

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ray Stembridge—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)
- ⇒ 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 Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Amanda Grieben (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)

Please visit our website at
www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Hebrews 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "TODAY," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: parakaleō (παρακαλέω)

Pronounced: *par-ak-al-eh'-o*

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: To call near, that is, invite, invoke (by imploration, exhortation or consolation):-beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, or give. Thayer says it is deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation. Thayer goes on to say it is to call to one's side, call for, or summon.

Supporting verse: Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, (25) not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We see the Greek word that is translated to exhort used some 107 times in the KJV of the Bible. Most of the time it is used like in Heb 3:13, Heb 10:25 or in 2Tim 4:2 where we are commanded to exhort one another. We must be willing to build each other up, to call other Christians near to us, or call to Christ's side. As we go throughout our week, we are around people of the world. We hear worldly things and see worldly things. These things can bring us down, and we need to be lifted back up. But how? As we see in Heb 10:24-25, we call one another and build one another up by being around each other, by being at service so those of the same like precious faith can help us, and we can help them. Notice in Heb 13:3 it says we are to "exhort one another DAILY." Even though we are not at services everyday we should still be thinking of, calling, or trying to be around other Christians so we can build each other up!



Bible question: Which of his sons did Jacob compare to a lion?

Last week's question and answer: What kind of tree did the weary Elijah sit under?

Answer: Juniper tree or a broom tree (1Kings 19:4)

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