

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Bob Austin
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SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesdays at 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:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Scripture Reading:

Kevin Smith

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Andy Johnson
Hyland Darnell
Ray Stenbridge

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Helen & Peggy B

Greeters (West)

Kevin & Tammy

LESSONS

AM: Works of the Flesh
By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
I Cor 1:10-18

PM: Faith and Grace
By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
Acts 15:4-12

ARE YOU SERVING IDOLS? *by: Luke Puckett*

When we think of idolatry we usually think of worshiping some false, man-made idol. Maybe some hand carved figure like a Buddha or something like this. Of course, this is a form of idolatry. God, during the time of old, demanded to be number one. He would not allow any other god or idols to be worshipped over Him. This is clearly seen on Mount Sinai. When Moses went up to receive the ten commandments, some of the very first commands were to put God first. In Exodus 20:3-5 "You shall have no other gods before Me. (4) "You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; (5) you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me," We see that God would not allow them to worship any type of carved image but only serve the one true and living God.

God still demands to be number one today. Matt 6:33 tells us to seek first the kingdom of God, and in Matt 6:24, we are told that we can't serve two masters, that we must choose God or the world. Today there are many that serve false gods, even make carved images and worship them. This is a clear violation of God's law on idolatry. We can not and must not worship any hand carved image and any other god than the God of heaven. Yet there is another way in which idolatry is committed today, and it is not in the form of worshiping carved images. It's not falling down at the feet of some man made statue and worshiping it as God but in the form of covetousness or materialism.

Read Colossians 3:5. "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passions, evil desire, and **COVETOUSNESS, WHICH IS IDOLATRY.**" It says covetousness is idolatry. Do what? How is covetousness idolatry? Once again, we need to see what idolatry is. Put out of our minds that idolatry can only be worshiping these man-made, hand carved images. You see, idolatry is putting anything ahead of God. It is serving something, anything, more than God. So if we look at covetousness and materialism, we can see exactly how this can be idolatry. How easy it is for us to want something so bad that we would be willing to do anything to get that, even if it means that we forsake God to do it. In essence we are then serving or worshiping whatever it is that we are coveting instead of God. That desire has become our idol. The thing we covet is now our god. Just think how much this is going on in our times today. How many people, how many Christians are idol worshippers...those who forsake the assembly for family or friends, those who put job or money ahead of God. Why? Just to get a better, more material life? Just to spend more time with family here on earth? Remember the words of Christ in Matt 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also." Are we worshipping and serving the "all mighty dollar"? Also, remember what Christ said in Matt 10:37-38 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." Are you worthy? Are Christ and God the most important things in your life? Are you allowing idolatry through the form of covetousness or materialism to reign in your life? You see, ANYTHING that we put ahead of God, ANYONE we put ahead of God, it or they become our idol. We then become idol worshippers instead of serving and worshiping God of heaven. Would you examine your life and see if you're an idol worshiper? If you are putting anything or anyone ahead of God, by being covetous of something or someone, then put that idol off and start serving God and serve Him alone.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Judy Black (21st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Mark
 - ⇒ **Team 3** meets today
 - ⇒ **Bible bowl** plans made with Green Plain congregation for May 3rd . Ages are Kindergarten through 12th grade. If interested please see Luke Puckett or Wesley Tucker. Topic will be miracles and parables of Christ.
 - ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singing classes 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!
 - ⇒ **Ladies day:** 4-26-14 with Brooke McNutt starting at 9am
 - ⇒ **New Pathways:** Needing bedding for twin beds in girls' home (see Bob Austin for more info)
 - ⇒ **New Pathways items:** Needing cleaning supplies or food.
 - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Ranch Dressing
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Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Garret Austin (Bob and Susanna's grandson has fatty tumor on hip)
- ⇒ Pam Smith (Luke's aunt bitten by dogs, at home recovering)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ 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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bulletins, sermon outlines,
and other helpful links
and material.



WORKS OF THE FLESH (Idolatry, Sorcery, Hatred, Contentions, Jealousies)

1. Idolatry

- a. What is idolatry? _____
- b. Has God always commanded for us to serve only Him? _____
- c. What else can be a form of idolatry, and how? _____

Notes: _____

2. Sorcery or Witchcraft

- a. What is sorcery? _____
- b. How was/is sorcery related to worshipping idols? _____
- c. Was witchcraft present in the time of old? _____
- d. Are forms of sorcery and witchcraft still practiced today? _____
- e. If it is, how and what groups meet in our area? _____

Notes: _____

3. Hatred

- a. What is hatred? _____
- b. Are we, as Christians, to love each other? _____
- c. Are we to love all men? _____
- d. Is there a difference between love for someone's soul and brotherly love? _____

Notes: _____

4. Contentions or Variance

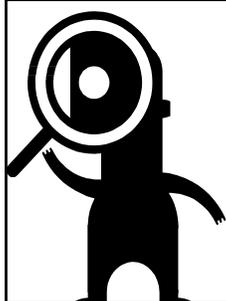
- a. What are contentions? _____
- b. What did contention lead to in Corinth? _____
- c. How does fighting, quarreling and having contentions affect us today? _____

Notes: _____

5. Jealousies or Emulations

- a. What are jealousies? _____
- b. What does jealousy lead to? _____
- c. Should we be happy with the blessing we have? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: Who escaped from Absalom's men by hiding in a well?

Last week's answer: Jehu (2Kings 10:7)

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