

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:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Wesley Tucker

Scripture Reading:

Mitchell Smith

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Andy Johnson
Luke Puckett
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Andy and Maddie

Greeters (West)

Josh and Jennifer

LESSONS

AM: A Message From
Hades

Scripture reading:

Mark 9:41-48

PM: Where Will You Be
Eternally

Scripture reading:

Matthew 25:41-46

PERILOUS TIMES ARE HERE

By: Mel Futrell

In 2 Timothy 3:1 the apostle Paul introduces a prediction of moral decadence to Timothy with the words, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” Having made this bold statement he then lists some nineteen transgressions that people would be guilty of in a corrupted culture. Dare I say, it takes no imagination period to see how these inspired words match perfectly the present day. Brethren, perilous times are indeed here! Knowing that

increasingly an anti-Christian bias and spirit prevails in our time, let us reflect just momentarily on a few of the many sad happenings going on in our own society. These should remind us of Paul’s listing in 2 Timothy 3:2-4 — Or perhaps one of his previous catalogs of iniquities to the Galatians (5:19-21), the Corinthians (6:9-11), or the Roman saints (1:28-32).

First, all over this country homosexuals are lining up to get “married.” The ongoing effort by growing numbers to normalize homosexuality, redefine marriage, and criminalize opposition to such are dragging us down into the gutter of moral depravity. The fact that the Bible defines marriage as a hetero-sexual arrangement (Genesis 1:27, 2:23-24; Matthew 19:4-5), sadly doesn’t carry much, if any weight, with large portions of the citizenry. At present, and the totals are changing almost weekly, there are thirty-seven states that in some way have “legalized” homosexual “marriage.” In twenty-six of these states this happened via court decision — or more properly called judicial fiat. Eight more states passed these laws through their legislatures. And in just three states [Maine, Maryland, and Washington], it occurred through popular vote.

Second, but related, is the recent news that former Olympian Bruce Jenner is “becoming a woman” to use his own description. This is just one more news item in a torrent of news lately concerning so called cross-dressing, transgendered individuals. Another example is legislation being proposed in Texas (Houston Equal Rights Ordinance), that if passed would “in part give grown men who identify as women the right to use restrooms of their choice.” It is being

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called the Bathroom Bill. The LGBT community is naturally rejoicing at these declarations. But wouldn’t it be wonderful if people would remember that true sexual identity is revealed on a chromosomal basis. X and Y chromosomes make one a male and a pair of Xs a female. Cutting and pasting on our bodies won’t change that biological fact.

Third, soft porn and sadomasochism is selling out at movie theaters under the guise of romance and the title of Fifty Shades of Grey. Pornography is

being repackaged like never before to fit our “sophisticated” society and draw an even larger crowd. But lasciviousness is still, wait for it, lasciviousness (Galatians 5:19). What must always be kept before us is that we should avoid spiritually unhealthy people and places. There are those with whom we cannot fellowship and places that we must not frequent. To do otherwise would amount to approval of some sort. “Evil companions corrupt good morals” (1 Corinthians 15:33).

Later in 2 Timothy 3 Paul said, “evil men shall wax worse and worse” (3:13). And the answer to these people and perilous times; is the “holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation.”

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Hebrews
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **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. A potluck will follow the morning service.
- ⇒ **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: Pasta Sauce

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)
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ 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 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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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: pistis (πίστις)

Pronounced: pis'-tis

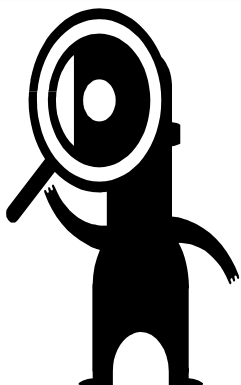
Translated into the word we use today: **Faith**

Meaning: according to Strong is: *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity. Thayer says it is a conviction of the truth of a system of belief in anything, but spiritually it is the truth or belief in God and His word.

Supporting verse: Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we have looked at the word faith and seen it is a system of belief in God and His truth, we then know that we must believe in God and that He is. Our faith has to be strong, it must be strong enough to believe in the things that we have not seen and cause us to hope for them as well. Since we have not seen God, Christ or heaven, it takes our strong faith coupled with evidence to believe in them. But if our faith is strong, then it can move mountains and lead us to that wonderful home with God and Christ someday in heaven. Our faith has to be more than just belief. Our faith must be coupled with actions or works. Read all of Hebrews 11. Notice the faith of Noah that he PREPARED an ark or Abraham who OBEYED and WENT as God told him. All the heroes of faith here DID what God told them to do. Their faith was an active, obedient faith (see James 2). What about your faith? Is it strong, active, and working for God?



Bible question: Who called on magicians to interpret his dream about cattle?

Last week's question and answer: Which of his sons did Jacob compare to a lion?

Answer: Judah (Genesis 49:9)

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