

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 CLASS

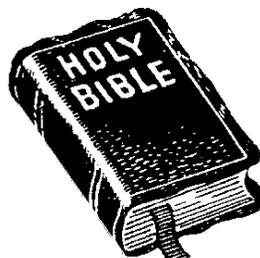
Tuesdays at 10:00am

TO ALL THE MOTHERS:
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



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:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Josh Price
Bill Vincent
Wesley Tucker
Richard Jones

Closing Prayer:

Gerald Rule

Greeters (East)

Kevin and Tammy

Greeters (West)

Mitchell and David

LESSONS

AM: Works of the Flesh

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Genesis 4:1-11

PM: Strengthening

God's Family

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Acts 16:1-5

SHEDDING INNOCENT BLOOD *by: Luke Puckett*

Murder, kill, slay, slaughter, or to shed innocent blood all speak of the same thing, SIN. As we look throughout the entire word of God, we see the issue of murder. From the children of the first man and woman up till the day we live in. Murder is nothing new to us. In the USA only, there are around 15,000 murders per year. That is around 41 per day. God's view on this has always been the same. He says that it is wrong and sinful. In Gen 9:6, "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God he made man." You see, we are created in the image of God (Gen 1: 26). God is the creator of all, and we do not have the right to shed blood. Life is found in the blood (Lev 17:11). When we shed blood, or take it so that it kills a person, then we have taken the life out of someone who God created in His image. We don't have this right. This was also a command to the children of Israel under the law of Moses. Exo 20:13 says "you shall not murder." How simple is that? Do not take life. Christ under His law restates this in Matt 19:18. This word murder implies premeditation, not self-defense or capital punishment, but think in your heart to fulfill this evil desire and then act on it and kill someone. Christ says in Matt 15:18-19 "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." We then know that murder is thought out from the heart. An evil desire that eats at you until you commit this sin.

Murder is done in so many ways. A person who has the desire to kill someone else will do anything or use anything they can to complete this sin. In Genesis 4, Cain killed Abel with a rock. Today, technology has progressed, and we have different kinds of weapons that are used to carry out this evil deed. People who kill usually have a motive or some form of jealousy that leads them to this acts. Others just do it. What people are thinking goes beyond me, but they still day in and day out carry out this wicked sin.

Yet there is another type of murder that goes on in the US and around the world that puts the stat above to shame. It is abortion. It is killing an unborn child while it is still in the mother's womb. There are in the USA alone around 1.2 MILLION abortions per year. That is about 3,300 per day or 137 every hour. Since you have read this article there have been around 2 innocent babies killed in the US. These numbers are just for the US, and when you include the world it is astronomical. Worldwide there have been around 100 abortions in the time it has taken you to read this. Around 15 MILLION abortions have already taken place worldwide this year alone, and 1,335,000,000 or 1.3 BILLION since 1980!!!!

Friends we have a real problem in the US and the world when people in these numbers think it okay to kill or shed innocent blood. What is more innocent than an unborn child, still growing in the mother's womb? The Bible is clear on this subject that a child in the womb is alive and created by God. Who created man? Who gave us the privilege to reproduce? Whose image is that child created in? God's! When we kill that child, then we have committed a great sin, murder. In Psa 139:4 the psalmist says "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...". We are made in a wonderful way by God's design. Who do we think we are to take that life? Jer 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." This lets us know that God views us even before we are born, while in the womb, as a person. What would have happened if Jeremiah's parents would have aborted him? God had plans for him to be a prophet to the nations, but Jeremiah could not have carried out God's will if he was dead by the hands of his mom or dad. We also see that in Luke 1:41 "and it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary; that the BABE leaped in her womb...." The word babe, referring to John while in his mothers womb, in the Greek is "brephos" meaning infant child or unborn child. Then in Luke 2:12 we see this same word "brephos" used to describe Jesus out of the womb "And this will be the sign to you; You will find a BABE wrapped in swaddling cloths lying in a manger." It is clear to see that God does not make a distinction between a child in the womb or one out of the womb. In the sight of God, they are both living beings that have a soul in them and are created in the image of God. A child regardless of its "stage" of life, in the womb or out, is still a person and to kill it in or out of the womb is murder and sinful. Just think...a woman can go and have her child killed in a partial birth abortion and everything is okay, but if she waits a few minutes and delivers that child, then kills it, she has done wrong. How messed up is that? Yet those are the laws of our land.

This wrong though it is committed can be forgiven. All wrong can be washed in the blood of Christ. If you are with child, stop and think before you go forth with an abortion that you are carrying a living person, with a soul, created in the image of God. Abortion, or murder, is not the answer!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Daniel Puckett (14th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Song of Solomon
 - ⇒ **Team 2** meets today
 - ⇒ **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!
 - ⇒ **Homecoming:** 5-25-14 with Brad McNutt; Potluck will follow AM service
 - ⇒ **Workday:** 5-31-14 at 8:00am
 - ⇒ **VBS:** 6-14-14 at 9:00am. Theme is Hall of Faith; Hebrews 11
 - ⇒ **Flyers:** On the foyer tables, there are invitation flyers for Homecoming and VBS for you to hand out to friends and family.
 - ⇒ **New Pathways items:** Needing cleaning supplies, food, or juice.
 - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cake Mix
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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)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ 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.



WORKS OF THE FLESH (envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like)

1. Envy

- What is envy? _____
- List some examples of envy in the Bible: _____
- What does envy sometimes lead to? _____
- What must we, as Christians, do with envy? _____
- How do we get rid of envy? _____

Notes: _____

2. Murders

- What is murder? _____
- Is self defense murder? _____
- What verse tells us that murder comes from the heart, therefore it is premeditated? _____
- Do we have the right to shed innocent blood? _____
- Does this include abortion? _____

Notes: _____

3. Drunkenness

- What is Drunkenness? _____
- Is drunkenness a sin? _____
- Is social drinking or drinking in moderation sinful? _____
- Why or why not? _____

- When do we start to become drunk? _____

Notes: _____

4. Revelries

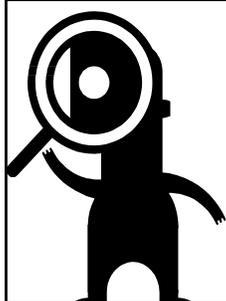
- What is revelries? _____
- Is this sinful? _____
- Do we need to be careful who we are around and the places we go? _____
- Instead of engaging in revelries, what should we be doing? _____

Notes: _____

5. And Such Like

- How many works of the flesh are listed before “and such like”? _____
- What does this mean? _____
- What does First Thessalonians 5:22 say? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: What prophet confronted David about his adultery?

Last week's answer: Elymas (Acts 13:8-11)

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