

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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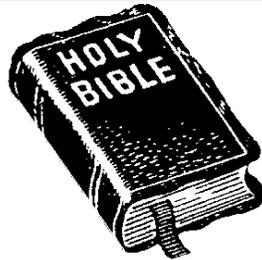
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### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm



## **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:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Scripture Reading:**

Nathia Whitley

### **Lord's Table**

Chris Smith  
Nathia Whitley  
Bill Vincent  
Richard Jones

### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

### **Greeters (East)**

Kevin and Tammy

### **Greeters (West)**

Amber & Boys

### **LESSONS**

AM: Husbands and  
Fathers

Scripture reading:  
1 Samuel 3:11-15

PM: What Shall we do  
With the Gospel?

Scripture reading:  
Romans 10:11-17

# TURNING WORSHIP INTO SPORTS, AND SPORTS INTO WORSHIP

*By: Patrick Morrison*

Worship is a privilege, an opportunity to come into the very presence of God to offer Him our praise and adoration. The desire to worship should fill the heart of every child of God (Psalm 122:1) for all that He has done and will continue to do on our behalf. Sadly, many of God's own children have come to view worship as a weariness and a bore (Malachi 1:13). Instead of actively participating in the worship of the Almighty, some are content to come into the assembly and abide as spectators. They sit idly as the prayers are led (1 Thessalonians 5:17), as songs of praise are sung to God (Hebrews 2:12; 13:15), as the word is opened and proclaimed (2 Timothy 4:2), as the death of our Lord is commemorated in the observance of the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26), as we have opportunity to give back as we have been prospered (2 Corinthians 9:7), as souls respond in obedience and humility to the gospel message (Acts 2:37). Many treat worship and the church much like they do their favorite football team. It intrigues me that when a football team is doing well, "we" are winning. Even though the spectator is not involved in practice or preparation, or in the actual game-time execution of the plays, many so associate themselves with the team that they consider themselves a part of it. However, should things not go as well as these spectators would like, then it is no longer "we," but "[they]." The worship spectator invests no energy or time in preparation for worship, and is only superficially involved in the actual worship itself. They may very well draw nigh with their lips, and honor the Lord with their mouths, but their hearts are far from the Almighty (Matthew 15:8). With little to no investment of [himself] in worship to God, it is easy for the spectator to grumble and complain about what "they" are doing at "church" when things don't go as they would like. Those who complain about getting nothing from the worship are usually the ones giving the least in worship to God! Worship for many has become a spectator sport.

Sadly, there are others who are turning their sports into that which they worship. I have had parents tell me that their child made a commitment to their particular team when they signed up to play, and they wanted their children to honor that commitment. Parents, you made a far greater commitment to the Lord when you obeyed the gospel (1 Timothy 6:12)! While it is important that we teach our children to honor their commitments, and to be those who are not quitters, it is also important to teach our children that there are going to be difficult decisions in life, and that doing what is right is not always the easy choice to make (Romans 12:1-2). If we as parents do not choose the Lord above all else, then we are setting our children up for heartache and spiritual failure, as they grow older (Joshua 24:15; see also 1 Samuel 3:13). I recall an elder in the Lord's church telling me that he did not think the Lord would hold it against him if he were to miss services to attend the World Series, for, as he put it, it is a "once in a lifetime event." We must get our eyes off the temporal and look toward the eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18)! The general rule is this: as children grow up and leave home, parents start to get more serious about their spiritual lives, realizing that they are drawing closer to the end of life. As they do, they take a greater interest in the spirituality of their children, only to see that their children have chosen a life of temporal trinkets and worldly pleasure rather than a life of service to God. You see, a lot of "important" things come up that they choose over attending worship or Bible study, like their job, their vacations, their recreation, etc. Parents begin to wonder, "Where they went wrong." Might it be that while they were young, you chose softball and soccer over services, baseball over Bible class, and football over fellowship with the saints? Let your children play ball and enjoy it, but teach them to be serious about their Christianity. Let's not allow it to be the other way around—serious about their ball, and playing Christianity!

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Justin and Kristin (17)
- ⇒ Kevin Smith (14th)
- ⇒ Josh and Jennifer (21st)
- ⇒ Nathia Whitley (23rd)
- ⇒ Isaac Whitley (23rd)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Jonah and Micah
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Congratulations:** To the Johnson's on the birth of Colton.
- ⇒ **Homecoming:** May 24 with Jonnie Hutchison. A potluck will follow the morning service.
- ⇒ **Workday:** Is scheduled for May 30.
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Mount Olive on May 31 as a congregation.
- ⇒ **VBS:** June 13 (Please have ideas or anything you need made for VBS presented by workday on May 30)
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Handsoap

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Clemmie Black (At Spring Creek room # 420 B in station 4)
- ⇒ Ray Stenbridge—Sick with an ear infection
- ⇒ 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 Stenbridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ 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

Jonah 2:1-2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. (2) And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** proseuchomai (προσεύχομαι)

**Pronounced:** pros-yoo'-khom-ahee

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

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: to *pray to* God, that is, *supplicate, worship*: - pray (X earnestly, for), make prayer. Thayer adds, 1) to offer prayers, to pray

**Supporting verse:** Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 we are told to “pray without ceasing”. As we think about prayer, what it is and how often we should do it, we need to look no farther than God’s Word. We see throughout the Bible we are told to pray, and we see many people who did. In each case when prayer is involved it is a person talking with God. This is what prayer is, it is our way of communication with God. In prayer, we must always be humble as we approach His throne in the name of His Son. When we pray we should always include: (A) thankfulness for what we have (Phil 4:6), (B) pray for the sick and those who are afflicted (James 5:13-16), (C) the things we have need of ( Matt 7:7-11), and a list of other things that Christ tells us in His example prayer in Matt 6. We should also know this is our time to talk with God, and we can cast our care and burdens on Him. He is the best person we can talk to about anything that is on our mind. Also, we see that God hears the prayers of the righteous (1Peter 3:12, John 9:31), and He will answer them according to His plan and His time frame. God knows what is best for us.



**Bible question:** Who was the second oldest person recorded in the Bible and how old?

**Last week’s question and answer:** What prophet walked around naked and barefoot for three years? **Answer:** Isaiah (Isaiah 20:3)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams, Johnny and Mae Downs