

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker

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Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

Tuesday 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:**

Richard Price

### **Lead Singing:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Opening Prayer:**

Kevin Smith

### **Scripture Reading:**

Gerald Rule

### **Lord's Table**

Andy Johnson  
Josh Fulcher  
Mitchell Smith  
Kyle Hobbs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

### **Greeters (East)**

Josh and Jennifer

### **Greeters (West)**

Bill and Maria

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** How Great

Thou Art

### **Scripture reading:**

Genesis 1:1-5

**PM:** Sexual

Immorality

### **Scripture reading:**

1 Corinthians 6:18-7:5

# GETTING INVOLVED

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

No one who is in his right mind would deny the great amount of immorality that exists in the world in which we live. With readily available pornography via the internet, the depiction of all kinds of immorality on prime-time T.V. and cable channels, and the sad lack of Bible teaching on the subject, immorality will only wax worse and worse. Sadly, some members of the body of Christ have been caught up in and embraced immoral practices. Though we are saddened, we are not surprised. The Bible warns, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:1-5). These verses describe the world in which you and I live.

Adultery and fornication are the first two of the "works of the flesh" addressed by inspiration in Galatians 5:19- 21. Adultery is defined as one who is married engaging in sexual relations with someone other than his/her spouse. Fornication is a broader term which includes, not only adultery, but any unlawful sexual relationship including homosexuality and the cohabitation of those who are not married. The Bible is very clear that those "who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:21b). Of course, the only other alternative is eternal existence in the punishment of hell. Those who practice the sins of adultery and fornication are lost and without hope as long as they persist in their sin.

Why does God forbid these sins? The Bible answers that question in the words, "...Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body . . . Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them members of an harlot? God forbid. . . Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body" (1 Cor. 6:13 -18). When one commits the sin of fornication (which includes adultery, homosexuality, etc.) he/she sins against God, ones own body, the body or church of Christ, the divine institution of marriage, and the well being of society. The idea that adultery and/or fornication hurts only those who engage in it is false to the core.

At the same time, it certainly hurts one who engages in it—the consequences often deeply impact one emotionally creating feelings of guilt, low self-esteem resulting in anguish of heart or sometimes, additional adverse and harmful behavior. "Fornication takes the body as a whole and makes it the instrument of sin." (GAC).

No wonder then that the Bible says to "flee fornication"! The Greek word translated "flee" is pheugo which means "to run away" (Strong's) or "to seek safety by flight" (Thayer). The best thing that one can do when faced with the temptation to commit adultery or fornication is to literally run away from it. "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints...For this ye know, that no

whoremonger, nor unclean person, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Ephesians 5:3, 5).

Jesus issues this additional warning concerning the sin of adultery: "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). What is lust? The Greek word literally means "to set the heart upon." Every sin begins within the heart (mind) (See Mark 7:21- 23). As in the case of David with Bathsheba, the sin of adultery begins with lustful thoughts (2 Samuel 11:2). The Bible says, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14-15). To look upon another with impure lust is to be guilty of committing adultery in ones heart and is, thus, sinful.

Unmarried couples who engage in sexual activity are engaging in the sin of fornication. The Bible says, "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband" (1 Cor. 7:2). First, notice that fornication is to be avoided. Second, the way that fornication is avoided is to be married. "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but fornicators and adulterers God will judge [krino = condemn, punish]" (Heb. 13:4). Sex before marriage is sinful!

Adultery is committed by those who choose to divorce their mate for a reason other than fornication and marry another person (Matthew 5:32; 19:9; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18). No amount of attempting to "explain away" or justify a marriage that violates the teaching of these passages will change the truth they teach. Those who enter into such unscriptural marriages are living in adultery and have placed their soul and soul of the one to whom they remarried in eternal jeopardy.

The sins of adultery and fornication can be forgiven, but, as is true with all sin, genuine repentance is imperative! One cannot keep on committing fornication or adultery and expect to receive God's forgiveness. When Paul wrote to the church in Corinth he named both fornicators and adulterers among those who would not "inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Then in verse 11 he said, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." The phrase "such were some of you" indicates that those who had been involved in the named sins were no longer involved. They had turned from and ceased the practice of those sins and had been washed, sanctified and justified before God—a clear description of the results of submission to the will of God which placed them in contact with the blood of Jesus (Romans 5:8-9; 6:3-5).

Yes, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." (Hebrews 14:4). Flee these sins!

—Via the Green Plain Proclaimer

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Eddie Black (12th)
- ⇒ Ima Barnes (17th)
- ⇒ Grayson Fulcher (17th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Philemon, James, and Jude
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **VBS:** What a wonderful day, thanks to all who helped.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tuna

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Shane Black
- ⇒ 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

Philemon 1:4 I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers,

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** proseuchē (προσευχή)

**Pronounced:** pros-yoo-khay'

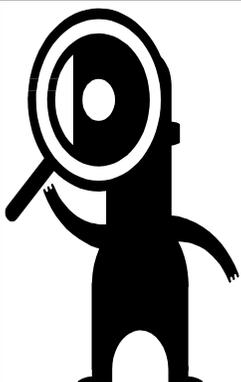
**Translated** into the word we use today: **Prayer to pray**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G4336; prayer (worship); by implication an oratory (chapel): - X pray earnestly, prayer. Thayer adds (1) prayer addressed to God

**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

As Paul writes to Philemon in Phil 1:4, he says, “I thank my God, making mention of you always in my PRAYERS.” Notice that Paul says prayerS. Paul just does not say prayer, but many. 1Thes 5:22 tells us to pray without ceasing, and Acts 6:4 tell us to continually give ourselves to prayer. Prayer is something that we need to do daily and often. Daniel prayed to God three times a day every day (Daniel 6:10). Although there is no set number of times we are to pray a month, week or day, it must be often. We might have the need one day for more prayer than another day, but it must be done multiple times daily. When we pray, we are talking to God, so we address Him, and we pray through the name of His Son (Eph 5:20). We need to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, those who are lost, those who are in power, the sick, afflicted, widows and orphans. Also, in prayer we must be thankful and express our gratitude to God for all that He has done for us, and that’s a lot. What about you? Is your prayer life alive and well? Are you praying to God daily and more than once each day? When you pray, are you praying the right way and for the right things? Remember, we are to “Pray without ceasing.”



**Bible question:** What ruler gave his own ring to a man who interpreted his dream?

**Last week’s question and answer:** Who was anointed with oil by an immoral (sinner) woman ?

**Answer:** Jesus (Luke 7:37-38)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams