

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



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:

Kevin Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

Ray Stembridge

Lord's Table

Josh Fulcher
David Dodd
Josh Price
Mitchell Smith

Closing Prayer:

Gerald Rule

Greeters (East)

Johnny and Mae

Greeters (West)

Bill and Maria

LESSONS

AM: Marriage,
Divorce and Re-
marriage

Scripture reading:

Matthew 19:3-12

PM: Complete
Covering

Scripture reading:

Romans 6:3-12

GETTING INVOLVED

BY: Jonnie Hutchison

What would you do if you saw a child being punched hard in the face by a substantially larger adult male? Would you intervene? Would you stand back and allow this abuse to continue? Would you say, “It’s none of my business, - I don’t want to become involved”? In such a scenario, I believe that most of us would do what we could to save the child from further harm. We would become INVOLVED because we know it would be wrong for an adult male to be punching a child in the face.

Involvement is “the act of taking part in an activity, event or situation.” (MacMillan Dictionary). Becoming involved necessarily implies action and participation on the part of the involved. With that definition in mind let me ask you, dear Christian, how INVOLVED are YOU in the work of the congregation of which you are a member? How INVOLVED are YOU in the effort to win the lost to Christ? How INVOLVED are YOU in restoring the erring? How INVOLVED are YOU in making a conscious effort to grow spiritually? How INVOLVED are YOU in teaching or attending Bible classes, attending worship and living a daily life of faithfulness as a servant of the Lord? Are YOU a willing participant in all the activities of the Lord’s church which are within your ability?

“Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). This passage gives us the assurance that none of our efforts in serving the Lord—none of the work we do

in His vineyard—is wasted nor does it go unnoticed. The abilities that God has given us are only wasted when we refuse to use them. If we refuse to get INVOLVED then we will suffer the same result as the one talent man in the Lord’s parable whom his master called a “wicked and lazy servant” took his talent from him and said, “...*cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (Matthew 25:26, 30).

It is true that as we age we may not be able to do the things we once did in service to the Lord. Physical and mental conditions may not permit us to continue our involvement in some of the things we once did. However, every person, regardless of age or physical condition, may continue to be involved in the Lord’s work in some capacity. If one can do nothing more than pray think of all the good that prayer can do. “...*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*” (James 5:16b). Do what you can do with all your might which is all the Lord expects you to do. But never do as the one talent man did and offer excuses for not doing what you have the ability to do.

Getting INVOLVED requires one to WANT to be involved. Those who do not have the desire to be involved will not become involved. What about you dear reader? Do you love God? If you love Him you will want to be involved in serving Him to the best of your abilities. Be INVOLVED! Take an active part in serving the Lord.

—Via The Green Plain Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Luke and Amber (6th)
- ⇒ Josh and Andrea (7th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **School Supplies:** Team 1 is hosting a back to school supply drive. A list of needed items is on the bulletin board. Please help bring in supplies and give to someone on team 1.
- ⇒ **New books** in the library have been donated in memory of Delbert Newsome by his family.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Ketchup

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Clemmie Black (At Spring Creek room # 420 B in station 4)
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ Weston Hobbs (fell and broke his collar bone)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Brandon Patrick (Friend of Josh and Jennifer, was in a car wreck)
- ⇒ Brooke McNutt (On bed rest)
- ⇒ 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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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Nah 1:2-3 God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies; (3) The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: ekdikēsis (ἐκδίκησις)

Pronounced: ek-dik'-ay-sis

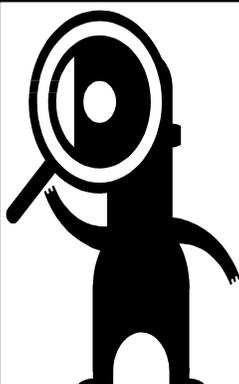
Translated into the word we use today: **VENGEANCE**

Meaning: according to Strong is: vindication, retribution: - (a-, re-) venge (-ance), punishment. Thayer adds A revenging, vengeance, punishment; to avenge a thing, to punish a person for a thing.

Supporting verse: 2Th 1:7-9 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, (8) in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We often hear of God and His love. It is true that God has a great love for all of His creation. This is clearly seen in the sending of His son (John 3:16, Rom 5:8-9). Just because God is love doesn't mean that He will not punish when it is called for. In Heb 10:30-31 we see "For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." (31) It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." What a scary thought that we have here. Our creator and the One who will judge us tells us of His vengeance and how it is fearful to fall into His hands. How is this? God is our creator and our lawgiver. We, as mankind, sinned and violated our Father's will. Because of this, we will be punished. Notice 2Thes 1:8 "in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." See, if you don't know or obey God, you will, on the day of judgement, see and know the vengeance of God. But still, God is love and we can know Him and obey Him before it is everlastingly too late. This is why God sent His Son so that we can be reconciled to Him, obey Him and have heaven as our eternal home.



Bible question: What was Moses' mother's name?

Last week's question and answer: What occurred when Jonathan and his armor-bearer attacked the Philistines? **Answer:** Earthquake (1Sam 14:11-15)

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