

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

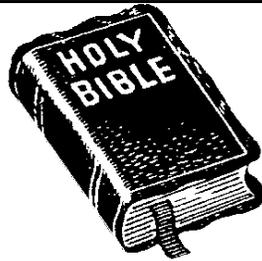
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesdays at 10:00am



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:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Bob Austin

Scripture Reading:

Mitchell Smith

Lord's Table

Josh Fulcher
Wesley Tucker
Andy Johnson
Josh Price

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Kevin and Tammy

Greeters (West)

Richard and Rita

LESSONS

AM: Offended in Christ

By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
Matthew 11:1-6

PM: The Lord's Day

By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
Acts 20:5-12

STAY FOCUSED

By: Gary L. Hutchens

Jesus encouraged us, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). The "crown of life" signifies eternal life in Heaven, eternal salvation. Eternal life is a gift offered to us by God through grace. Our responsibility in receiving this gift is to "be faithful until death." We are not just to become faithful, we are to live in faithfulness until the day we die. We must even be willing to die for our faith, if necessary.

While this is certainly easier said than done, it should not necessarily be all that difficult to do. God has promised that HE will not let us be tempted by any temptation that is too powerful for us to overcome, with His help (1 Cor. 10:13). In the middle of that verse making this promise is the statement, "God is faithful..." So, we don't have to wonder if the promise of the verse is as powerful as it reads. It is! God has made this promise, and God is faithful to keep His promises.

Why, then, does it seem that so many people have such difficulty staying faithful? One simple key is, they don't stay focused. Paul portrayed the walk of faithfulness as being like a runner running a race. He said, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended..." As long as we are still alive, we have not claimed the prize of eternal life to the fullest degree. Only after this life is over can we actually be with God in Heaven. We may have moments in our life that are wonderfully encouraging, but we're not there yet. So Paul says, "but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead..." We must stay focused. Paul goes on, "I press toward that goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phlp. 3:12-14). Just as a runner running a race, we must keep our mind, as well as our eyes, on the finish line. We need to let go of the failings of the past and look forward to the goal, eternal life!

Jesus put it this way, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Lk. 9:62). A great many people begin the walk of faith, but they lose their focus. They get distracted by all kinds of things, including self-doubt. We must stay focused! When Peter looked around at the storm, and took his eyes off of His Lord, he sank into the water on which he had been walking (Matt. 14:28-31). If we let ourselves get distracted by the difficulties of life, or by the temptations of the devil, we can end up sinking into the depths of sin and end up condemned for eternity. Only if we stay focused, only if we keep our eyes on the Lord, only if we maintain our commitment will we stay on course and reach our goal of eternal life. If we stay focused, God has already promised that we will cross the finish line and receive the prize (Rev. 2:10). The only question is whether we will stay focused...

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Luke and Amber (6th)
- ⇒ Josh and Andrea (7th)
- ⇒ Hyland and Norma (12th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Joshua
- ⇒ **Team 1** meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings 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!
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Coffee

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)
- ⇒ Gerald Kilcoyne (Andrea Fulcher's Grandfather)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Michael Inman
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Teri Hale (Recovering from back surgery)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ Bob Austin
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Glen Burse (bone cancer in left shin)
- ⇒ James Jenkins (Whitney Price Jenkins' father-in-law)
- ⇒ Brother Delbert Newsome passed away Wednesday night. Funeral service will be today at 3:30 pm here at the church building.
- ⇒ 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)

Please visit our website at www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org. You will find bulletins, sermon outlines, and other helpful links and material.



OFFENDED IN CHRIST

Where is it foretold that some would be offended by Christ? _____

Some were so offended by Christ that they tried to do what to Him? _____

Why were some so offended by Christ? _____

1. He Stressed Spiritual Over Physical.

a. Have people been and continue to be materialistic? _____

b. How would you define materialism? _____

c. Are some concerned with riches more than Christ? _____

d. What can riches do to us? _____

e. How can we overcome materialism? _____

Notes: _____

2. He Contradicted the Popular Religions.

a. Do you think that if Christ favored the religious practices of His time that he would have been supported? _____

b. What were some teaching as gospel? _____

c. What did people do? _____

d. What did Christ call these people? _____

e. How does this relate to today? _____

Notes: _____

3. Things That Offend Christ.

a. List things that offend Christ still today: _____

b. Does this upset Him? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: What was the name of the god that many sacrificed their children to?

Last week's answer: Jehu (2Kings 9:20)

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