

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

Guest Speaker:

Ron Hutchison



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:

Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Gerald Rule
Richard Jones
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Josh Price

Greeters (East)

Chris and Theresa

Greeters (West)

Kristin and Elizabeth

LESSONS

AM: How Should A
Christian Respond

Scripture reading:

Romans 13:1-5

PM: What Happens
After Death?

Scripture reading:

Hebrews 9:27-28

DO YOU ENJOY GOOD HEALTH?

by: Ron Hutchison

One of the greatest problems in the life of each individual is the matter of health. Many people undergo rigorous exercise, difficult diets and costly treatments in a drive to keep themselves healthy physically. Those who are healthy physically are truly blessed and we should be encouraged to keep ourselves as physically fit as possible.

But all of us must realize that spiritual health is far more important than physical health. It is foolish to become so careful about the physical body while completely neglecting the soul.

We should realize that sin is a disease of the soul. The soul that is diseased with sin becomes steadily worse. It is far worse than any physical cancer because it separates us from God.

Modern science has invented no cure for sin. Only the Lord can cure the sinner (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Sin has become more open in recent years. Homosexuals have come out of the closet (Romans 1:18-28); immodesty is displayed more openly (1 Timothy 2:9); sexual sins are generally tolerated if not accepted (Galatians 5:19-21; Matthew 19:3-9); sinful attitudes are often expressed; crime is up and openly practiced even among our leaders (Jeremiah 5:31). These things will destroy our nation (Proverbs 14:34).

There was a question asked in Jeremiah 8:22, *Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery for the health of the daughter of my people? We must recognize that there is a physician to heal this spiritual disease. Jesus came specifically to heal the sick saying, "...Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.* (Matthew 9:12). *Jesus has the perfect diagnosis of the disease. It is revealed in James 1:13-15.*

Jesus has the perfect prescription of medicine to cure this disease of sin. Jesus tells us that we must hear God's word (Rom. 10:17). This hearing of God's word produces faith in our hearts (minds) and shows us how terrible sin is and how we need to destroy the love of sin. He prescribes repentance to destroy the practice of sin (Luke 13:3). When we repent of our sins we turn our back upon sin

and practice godliness instead. Peter said, ***"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."*** (Acts 3:19). *Jesus prescribes confession of our faith in Christ unto salvation (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33). Jesus prescribes baptism to contact the saving power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul taught that we are baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:13), and further stated, ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*** (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus said, ***"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*** (Mark 16:16). Jesus prescribes faithful Christian living to safeguard against being re-infected by this dreaded disease of sin (Rev. 2:10).*

In taking any prescribed medicine, we all recognize the need to abide exactly by the physicians prescription. We must take the remedy Christ has prescribed in just the way He has prescribed it. Every requirement must be met. Don't try to change the prescription, for if you do, it will not be effective.

My friends, we may not all be able to have good physical health in this life. We may catch dreaded diseases like cancer. But there is one thing that is sure: **WE CAN ALL BE SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY. GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR SIN WILL NEVER FAIL! YOU CAN HAVE SPIRITUAL HEALTH IF YOU FOLLOW THE GREAT PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION IN UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE.**

—Via www.biblestudyweb.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Kayla Stembridge (28th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Philippians and Colossians
- ⇒ **Team: 4** 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!
- ⇒ **Workday:** August 29
- ⇒ **Potluck:** For 5th Sunday on August 30 after AM worship. Team 3 is providing the food for this potluck. Thank you, Team 3!
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation we will visit Union Grove on 8-30. They start at 6:00pm.
- ⇒ **Congregational fellowship:** Lasagna supper, Sep 6th at 5:30 here at the building. Hosted by team 2.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Toothbrushes

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Clemmie Black (At Spring Creek room # 420 B in station 4)
- ⇒ Ethan Hobbs (broken arm)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Ricky Puckett (Luke's uncle)
- ⇒ Marie Thrasher (Maddie's Mom had hip replacement)
- ⇒ 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.coldwatercoc.org. You will find bulletins, sermon outlines, and other helpful links and material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Col 1:5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: elpis (ἐλπίς)

Pronounced: el-pece'

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: from the primary word which means (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstract or concrete) or confidence: - faith, hope.

Supporting verse: Tit 3:7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Have you ever longed for something or hoped for it? Maybe you were wanting something for your birthday, and you just hoped that you would get it? As that day got closer and closer, your anticipation built. Finally, that day came and everything you had been hoping for was there. Sure we have all hoped for something, but there is a hope that we can all have in Christ, and if we are faithful to Him will come true one day. This hope is in God, Christ and an eternal home in heaven. This hope should drive us in serving God faithfully. This hope should be the reason that we are Christians and why we do the things we do. This hope is so strong because we have never seen it. If we put our hope in something we have seen, then that is no hope at all, but in something we haven't seen, then that is great hope, and builds great faith. Notice Romans 8:24-25 "For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance." This hope that we have in God, Christ and Heaven, is that hope that motivates us to obey the gospel thus being saved. Don't you want heaven to be your home? Is that something that you hope or long for? If it is, then we serve God faithfully and we eagerly wait for it.



Bible question: Who had a wedding feast before giving the wrong bride to Jacob?

Last week's question and answer: What blind father was deceived by his younger son, by making him believe that he was his oldest son?

Answer: Isaac (Genesis 27)

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