

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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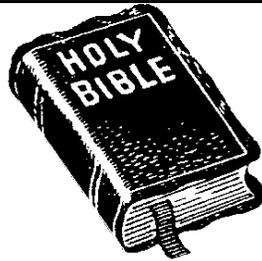
Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm



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:

Wesley Tucker

Scripture Reading:

Josh Fulcher

Lord's Table

Mitchell Smith
Richard Price
Gerald Rule
Ray Stembridge

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Ima & Milodean

Greeters (West)

Gerald & Shirley

LESSONS

AM: Samson

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Judges 15:1-8

PM: Song service

LET'S JUST LEAVE IT ALONE *By: Victor M. Eskew*

Jim's head hurt several hours that day. About 5 o'clock, the pain was severe enough that he went to the Emergency Room. After an hour and a half wait, he was finally seen by the ER doctor. All of his vital signs were good. The doctor told him that they were going to leave him alone that night. He was sent home and told to return the next morning if the pain was still intense. That night at 1:17 a.m. Jim died at home. An autopsy revealed that had more extensive testing been done at the ER Jim would have been spared. The doctor's "leave it alone" attitude brought death to a good man and much heartache to a family. As you read the previous paragraph, you were probably angered because of the doctor's lack of concern. How could he have told this man to just "leave it alone" for the night? Sadly, a "leave it alone" attitude is often taken by many within the church when it comes to spiritual things. Because of this attitude, things often get worse and larger problems manifest themselves within churches.

There are time that programs within the church do not function as they should. Some may be satisfied; others, however, are upset. In such cases, the leadership of the church can take a "leave it alone" approach. This was not the approach of the apostles when it came to problems in the first century church. In Acts 6 a problem arose among the widows over the daily ministrations. Let's read Luke's account of this incident. "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:1-3). Immediately the twelve apostles addressed this problem. They did NOT just leave it alone. Their example should be the apostolic guidelines for all leaders when problems arise in the church. They need to take the bull by the horns and address the difficulties and grievances that arise within the church.

Sin is another element within a church that some do not want to address. It happened in the church at Corinth. A fornicator was in their midst (1 Cor. 5:1). The church refused to deal with the situation. Paul wrote about their negligence, saying: "and ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you" (1 Cor. 5:2). Paul demanded immediate action by the church. He warned: "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" (1 Cor. 5:6). His instructions are found in 1 Corinthians 5:4-5. "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." Paul demanded that this man be removed from their midst. "Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person" (1 Cor. 5:13). It was not a pleasant action. It was not a popular action. However, it was a needed action. Too, it was a divinely authorized action. Churches do not need to leave sin alone. It is a deadly disease that can kill the soul of man and contaminate an entire congregation.

A third item that some have a tendency to leave alone is personal problems that arise with their brethren. Brethren sometimes treat one another in evil ways. This can be done by words or actions or both. Many times brethren just want to leave these situations alone. The Bible does not teach us to take a "leave it alone" approach when conflicts arise in relationships. Both parties in the dispute are called upon to settle the problem when it is known to exist. If I know that my brother has sinned against me, I am to go to him (Matt. 5:23-24). If I have been offended by my brother, I am to go to him. "Moreover if thy brother trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother" (Matt. 18:15).

Dear reader, the church and our relationships with one another are too important to leave alone when there are problems, sins, and conflicts within them. These troubles call for immediate attention. When they are handled well, the church prospers (Acts 6:7), the church is kept holy (1 Cor. 5:8), souls are saved (2 Cor. 2:6-7), and friendships are maintained (Matt. 18:15). We exhort you: Do not leave things alone. Take the healing approach that is authorized by God.— East Wood, Paris, TN

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Ron and Joanne (31st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st & 2nd Peter
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **New Directory:** Information forms are on the back tables. Please take one and fill it out, and turn in to Luke or Amber. Also, picture sign up for directory is on the board.
- ⇒ **Workday:** Postponed to a later day in September
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation, we will visit Union Grove this evening
- ⇒ **Potluck:** After am service today
- ⇒ **New Deacon:** Wesley Tucker has been selected to serve the elders and this congregation as a deacon.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Coffee

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Tammy Smith (will be seeing a cardiologist)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Glen Burse
- ⇒ James Jenkins (Whitney Price Jenkins' father-in-law)
- ⇒ Sharon Bundy (will have kidney stone surgery)
- ⇒ 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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christ.org](http://www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org). You will find
bulletins, sermon outlines,
and other helpful links
and material.



SAMSON'S SIN

List some characteristics of Samson: _____

1. Samson's Parents.

- a. What were Samson's parents names? _____
- b. What is the role of husband and wife in the home? _____
- c. What did they pray for? _____
- d. Are we to be prayerful. If so, what for? _____
- e. How are we to rear our children? _____

Notes: _____

2. Samson's Sin.

- a. What type of associations did Samson choose? _____
- b. What kind should we seek today? _____
- c. How did Samson put temptation in his way? _____
- d. How can we avoid temptation today? _____
- e. In what ways did Samson give in to sin? _____
- f. Did Samson break a covenant that was made with God. If so, how? _____

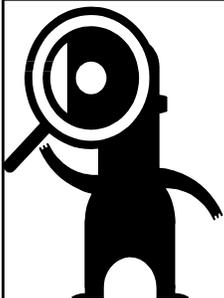
Notes: _____

3. What Samson's Sin Cost Him.

- a. List four things that Samson's sin cost him and how that sin will cost us the same thing today:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: Who offered milk instead of water to an enemy soldier, then killed him?

Last week's answer: Lot (Genesis 19:30-36)

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