

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
September 27, 2015

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PREACHER

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:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Mitchell Smith

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table

Luke Puckett
Bradley Smith
Bill Vincent
Kevin Smith

Closing Prayer:

Gerald Rule

Greeters (East)

Helen and Peggy N

Greeters (West)

Elizabeth and Reagan

LESSONS

AM: Let It Go

Scripture reading:

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

PM: Conform to the
Image

Scripture reading:

Romans 8:28-30

A CROSS WITH WHEELS

By: Steve Higginbotham

A number of years ago, I was driving through Charleston, WV and I saw a local religious personality carrying a cross along the side of the road. He was attempting to make people think of the great sacrifice of Christ. However, as I drove past this man, I noticed that his cross had wheels.

Then again, just this past weekend, while I was driving in Bowling Green, I saw two men carrying crosses on the same of the road, followed by a crowd of about 30 or 40 people. As I passed these two men, I looked at the crosses they were carrying and sure enough, they too both had wheels.

I understand why they placed wheels on these crosses. There's the issue of durability, damage to the cross, keeping the cross relatively clean, but the bottom line is convenience! But that's where the irony and the impetus for this article arises. You see, there's nothing convenient about a cross! In fact, it was designed to be an inconvenient, excruciating, and humiliating means to kill someone. Convenient crosses? They don't exist...or at least shouldn't.

If I can jump from what I saw this past weekend to a spiritual application, would say that from the looks of things, I believe that many people have attempted to put "wheels on their cross." Remember that Jesus said that in order to be one of his disciples, one must be willing to deny himself, take up a cross daily, and follow him (Luke 9:23). From what I've witnessed

in some, rather than denying self, and bearing one's cross daily, some have attempted to accessorize their cross. Unwilling to reject Christ completely, they attempt to fashion a cross of convenience - crosses with wheels.



Our society has made an icon out of the cross. We wear them around our neck, they dangle from our ears, and they are even tattooed on our bodies. I wonder therefore if many have not failed to comprehend the significance of the cross. The cross represents selflessness, sacrifice,

obedience, dedication, and self-denial. Do you think most people realize that?

The cross is more than a piece of jewelry or a trinket, and they certainly don't have wheels. There's nothing convenient about a cross.

My advice to those who wish to gain public attention by carrying a cross...take off the wheels! Those wheels are incongruous with the message of the cross. I for one, noticed the wheels, not the cross. Don't lessen the burden of the cross by accessorizing it with something that makes it convenient.

—Taylors church of Christ

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Haggai and Malachi
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Ladies Bible class:** Has started back on Tuesdays at 10am
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Oct 10th at Kevin and Tammy's house.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Our gospel meeting is Oct 18-21 with Andy Brewer. Please keep this effort in mind.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Starting Oct 6 at 6:30pm. It is a new class that will be held on the first Tuesday of every month. Come prepared with topic ideas and be ready for discussion.
- ⇒ **New Address:** Hyland and Norma Darnell 1407A Crystal Brook Lane Murray, KY 42071 (270) 761-2141
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned White Beans

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Mike Smith (Chris's dad)
- ⇒ Logan Dodd (David's grandfather)
- ⇒ 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

Malachi 2:16 "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: apoluō (ἀπολύω)

Pronounced: ap-ol-oo'-o

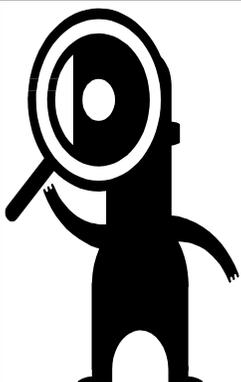
Translated into the word we use today: **Divorce, or put away**

Meaning: according to Strong is: to free fully, that is, (literally) relieve, release, dismiss (reflexively depart), or (figuratively) let die, pardon, or (specifically) divorce: - (let) depart, dismiss, divorce, forgive, let go, loose, put (send) away, release, set at liberty.

Supporting verse: Mat 19:6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Divorce. We hear this word tossed around without people even thinking about it. The divorce rate today in the USA is around 50%. That means that 1 out of every 2 marriages will end in divorce. People will get married, "try it out" then divorce their spouse because they don't like them anymore. These people never stop and think about the divine institution of marriage and how God feels about their divorce. God instituted the home and marriage back in the beginning of time, found in Genesis 2. He made man and woman and joined them together in the bond of marriage. When we are married, we vow to be with our spouse till death do us part. We must mean this when we say it, through the good times and the bad. Too many are overlooking God, His commands and their vow when it comes to marriage and divorce. Divorce is wrong. Notice Matthew 19:6 "...what God has joined together, let not man separate." We can't break the bond of marriage without violating God's will. However, there are two reasons given in which divorce is okayed by God. First is death. Death breaks the bonds of our marriage (Rom 7:2-3). The second is if your spouse is unfaithful to you (Matt 19:9). That's it. Nothing else can justify divorce, but if you are divorced you can get forgiveness of that. Let us live a faithful obedient life to God and follow Him.



Bible question: Who built a city called Enoch?

Last week's question and answer: Who built pagan temples to please all his foreign wives? **Answer:** Solomon (1Kings 11)

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