

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

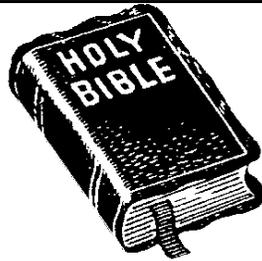
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesdays: 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:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Scripture Reading:

Gerald Rule

Lord's Table

Josh Price
Wesley Tucker
Richard Jones
Bill Vincent

Closing Prayer:

David Dodd

Greeters (East)

Peggy N. and Peggy B.

Greeters (West)

Richard and Rita

LESSONS

AM: Heaven (1)
By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
John 14:1-6

PM: The Hearers
By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
Acts 28:22-31

WHOSE BURDENS ARE YOU BEARING?

BY: Luke Puckett

In Galatians 6:2 we are told, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” We see here that Paul through inspiration wrote this command for the churches in Galatia and for us today. How did they bear each other’s burdens, and how do we do that today?

As we look at the command, we see that there a couple of ways that we can do this. First, if we go back to Galatians 6:1 we see, “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.” How we can help bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters in Christ is helping to restore them if they have gone back in to sin. Just think of the once faithful Christians that you know that have now gone away, that have been overtaken in sin. We all know of some like this. What is their end result if their sin goes unforgiven? Lost eternally! Read 2Peter 2:20-22. In some way it will be worse for them in the torments of hell than for someone who never obeys the gospel. What a horrible burden our erring brothers and sisters in Christ are carrying around. We can help them though. Notice James 5:19-20 “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.” WOW! What a wonderful thought that we can help bear the burden of unfaithfulness, that we can help turn an erring brother or sister back to Christ. If you want to help bear one another’s burden, then we must help to restore our brothers and sisters in Christ who have wandered away.

Sometimes we see our brothers and sisters in Christ struggling in life. They have not left the faith or wandered away, but yet they need help. Notice Galatians 6:3 “For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.” We are not greater than our struggling family in God. We all have hard times in our lives and need help, need someone to talk to, or a shoulder to cry on. Notice in Ecclesiastes 3:3-4 “A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance.” We must help to bear the burdens of daily Christian living of our brethren. Remember Satan is out there tempting us, and sometimes we need help. Sometimes we face difficulties in life, and sometimes we need help. Who is there for us? God and our brothers and sisters in Christ. When someone is down, we must help to bear their burdens.

Let’s go back and notice the end of Galatians 6:2 “bear one another’s burdens, AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST.” How do we fulfill the law of Christ by bearing the burdens of our brothers and sisters in Christ? We first noticed that we bear the burdens by helping to restore those who have wandered away. If we help to restore these, then we are, without a shadow of a doubt, fulfilling the law of Christ. This was Christ’s purpose in coming to the earth, to seek and save the lost, Luke 19:10. We are told to do the same, to spread the gospel and help win souls to Christ or even back to Him. Secondly, we looked at bearing the burdens during hard times in life. We fulfill the law of Christ on this by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ. Notice John 13:34 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” Christ tells us that we have to love our brethren, and when we are weeping with them and sorrowing with them and being there for them, we are bearing their burdens. Notice Rom 12:10 “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;” How, if we do not help to bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters in Christ, can we fulfill the law of Romans 12:10? We can’t! We must at every opportunity help to bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters in Christ, either by helping to restore the erring or lift up those who are down. Think within yourself, and answer this question “Whose burdens am I helping to bear”? Now let us go forth and help to bear the burdens of our fellow Christians.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ezra
- ⇒ **Team 4** 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!
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Make plans for our gospel meeting with Randall Evans Oct 12-15.
- ⇒ **Potluck:** After AM service on Oct 12
- ⇒ **Sign up sheet:** Has been posted to feed Randall during the gospel meeting.
- ⇒ **Ladies Bible Class:** Will start back on Tuesday Oct 7 at 10am
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Oct 11 at Kevin and Tammy Smith's house
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Chicken Noodle Soup

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
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Ima Barnes (Lourdes-8th floor rehab)
- ⇒ Tammy Smith
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Peggy Bazzell (Recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ Sharon Bundy
- ⇒ 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.



HEAVEN (PART 1)

Do you think that people are curious about what happens after death, and why? _____

What questions do you have about the next life? _____

Are there certain things we are not permitted to know? _____

1. What Will Heaven Be Like?

a. Whose home is currently in there? _____

b. What is heaven the home of? _____

c. What will we find once we get there? _____

d. What does Revelation 21 describe, and how can we relate that to heaven? _____

Notes: _____

2. Where is Heaven?

a. When we think of heaven in a certain direction, in what aspect are we thinking of? _____

b. Is heaven spiritual or physical in nature? _____

c. What is the Greek word for heaven, and what does it mean? _____

d. In which way did Christ ascend in to heaven? _____

Notes: _____

3. Will The Earth be a Renovated Heaven?

a. Where does this thought come from? _____

b. Why does there have to be a “new heaven and earth”? _____

c. What is the “new heaven and earth”? _____

d. Are the earth and Heaven two different places? _____

Notes: _____

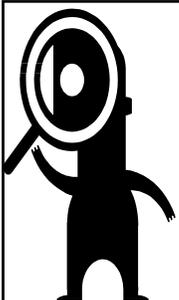
4. Will there Be Degrees in Heaven or Hell?

a. Do you think the Bible talks about degrees in hell in 2Peter 2:20-22? _____

b. Do you think the Bible talks about degrees in heaven in Daniel 12:3? _____

c. What is the most important thing we can remember when talking about degrees of reward or punishment? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: Who did Jesus tell not to weep for Him?

Last week's answer: Abimelech (Judges 9:52-54)

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