

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

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:
Richard Price

Lead Singing:
Josh Price

Opening Prayer:
Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:
Kevin Smith

Lord's Table
Andy Johnson
Chris Smith
Wesley Tucker
Josh Price

Closing Prayer:
Richard Jones

Greeters (East)
Josh and Andrea

Greeters (West)
Kay and Linda

LESSONS
AM: It's Off To Work
We Go
Scripture reading:
Matthew 25:14-30

PM: God's Goodness
and Severity

Scripture reading:
Romans 11:17-25

WHEN AND WHERE?

By: Jonnie Hutchison

In Matthew 16:18-19 Jesus promised to build His church and give unto the apostles the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus did not promise to build “churches” (plural) but His “church” (singular). With all of the many different kinds of churches in existence in our day one must wonder, “Does the church that Jesus built exist today and if so, how may I find it?”

One of the distinguishing marks of the church that Jesus built is when and where it was established. The Bible is specific in its teaching on this vital subject. The church that Jesus promised to build is always spoken of in the future tense in the Bible until the second chapter of the book of Acts in which the church is spoken of in the present tense: “...*And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*” (Acts 2:47). It follows then that the church Jesus promised to build in Matthew 16:18 came into existence in the city of Jerusalem on the first Pentecost Day following the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven (Acts 1:9; 2:38- 47).

What is the significance of the when and where of the establishment of the church Jesus promised to build? Simply this: Any “church” that began at any other time or any other place cannot be the church that Jesus built.

The Baptist denomination was established by John Smyth in Holland around 1611. Is this the right time and the right place?

The Episcopal denomination was established by King Henry VIII in 1609 in London, England. Is this the right time and place?

The Lutheran denomination came into existence in 1530 in Germany. Is this the right time and the right place?

The Methodist denomination was established by followers of John Wesley in 1739 in Oxford, England. Is this the right time and place?

The Presbyterian denomination was established by John Calvin in 1536 in Geneva. Is this the right time and the right place?

The Mormon Church was established by Joseph Smith in 1830 in New York. Is this the right time

and place?

The Roman Catholic Church grew out of apostasy (Acts 20:30; 1 Tim. 4:1- 3) and recognized the first universal Pope in 605 AD in the city of Rome, Italy. Is this the right time and the right place?

We could go on with a continuous list of “churches” which were built at a time and place different from the church that Jesus built. The question is, how can any of these be the church that Jesus built since they were established at the wrong time and the wrong place?

The church that Jesus built does exist in our world. It exists as men and women do the very same thing to be added to the church by the Lord that those in Acts 2 did. What did they do? They heard the apostles preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified (Acts 2:36). Upon hearing the Word of God pro-claimed they were convicted of their sins asking “*Men and brethren what shall we do?*” (Acts 2:37). They were told by the inspired apostles to “*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:38). Those who responded by obeying these commands were added to them (Acts 2:41). Added to who? To the church of Christ (Acts 2:47). Think about this: If the Lord added those who repented and were baptized for the remission of the sins to His church in the first century, why will He not do the same to those who repent and are baptized for the remission of sins in the 21st century? The truth is that He does just that. Those who sincerely complete the steps of obedience given by the inspired apostles today are indeed added to the church Jesus built just as were those in the first century. If not, why not?

Knowing when and where Jesus built His church is important to your salvation from sin for only those He adds to His church this side of the cross will be saved in heaven (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23).

Please obey Him today while time is on your side!

—Via Green Plain Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Tammy Smith (11th)
- ⇒ Andrea Fulcher (15th)
- ⇒ Brooks Tucker (17th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Matthew
- ⇒ **Team: 2** 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:** Thanks to all who supported this. What a wonderful time of fellowship we had.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Our gospel meeting is Oct 18-21 with Andy Brewer. Please keep this effort in mind.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Thanks to all who came and supported this class. We will meet again the first Tuesday of next month on November 3rd.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Peas

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 (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Ricky Puckett (Luke's uncle is doing some better)
- ⇒ Mike Smith (Chris's dad, recovering from mono)
- ⇒ 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

Matthew 4:1-3 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (2) And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. (3) Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: peirazō (πειράζω)

Pronounced: pi-rad'-zo

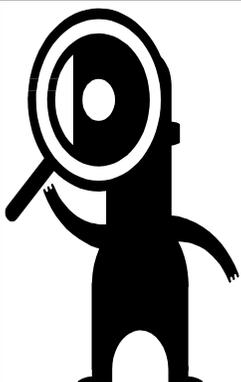
Translated into the word we use today: **Tempt, tempter, or test**

Meaning: according to Strong is: to *test* (objectively), that is, *endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline*: - assay, examine, go about, prove, tempt (-er), try. Thayer adds, 2) to try, make trial of, test: for the purpose of ascertaining his quantity, or what he thinks, or how he will behave himself, 2a) in a good sense, 2b) in a bad sense, to test one maliciously, craftily to put to the proof his feelings or judgments, 2c) to try or test one's faith, virtue, character, by enticement to sin, 2c1) to solicit to sin, to tempt

Supporting verse: James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Did you know as Christians that we have an adversary? Indeed, we do. Who is it you ask? Satan! 1Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your ADVERSARY the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." Satan is our adversary, but he is also given other names. One is tempter. You see, Satan is our adversary by being this great tempter. He tempts us to do things that we should not do, things that are displeasing in the sight of God. When Satan tempts us and we give in, then he has caused us to sin against God, thus making him our adversary by being the one who tempts us to disobey God. Notice back in Matthew chapter 4 when Satan tempted Jesus. He tempted Christ in many different ways. Christ always had the correct response, that is, "it is written". Christ is our great example, and we should follow after Him when it comes to defeating Satan. Others, like Adam and Eve, gave in to the temptations of Satan. Read Genesis 3 and see how Satan tempted them by enticing them with things that looked good to them. See, Satan uses our weaknesses against us, but we can be strong, use Christ as our example and overcome. Let us always remember James 4:7, "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."



Bible question: What Old Testament prophet ate a book and found it sweet as honey?

Last week's question and answer: According to Proverbs, what substance affects man like the bite of a snake? **Answer:** Wine (Proverbs 23:32)

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