

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:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Josh Price
Andy Johnson
Chris Smith
Wesley Tucker

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Kevin and Tammy

Greeters (West)

Johnny and Mae

WELCOME

Andy Brewer and
Family

HOW CAN WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO LOVE THE BIBLE

By: Andy Brewer

As a father I have no greater responsibility or ambition than to help my children get to heaven. God blessed us with children who are pure, innocence, and undefiled and He expects us to deliver them back to Him in that same condition one day. No, that doesn't mean I have the responsibility to teach them to be perfect, but I do have the responsibility of connecting them with message that can. Paul said that the only message capable of perfecting an imperfect man is the Gospel – “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If I want my children to love God and go to heaven one day then I've got to teach them to love the Bible that can help them get there.

It doesn't matter how young or how old they may be, it's never too early or too late to teach our children just how very special of a book the Bible is. It could be as simple as teaching a baby to “pat the Bible” or as complex as spending time in in-depth study with a hardened teenager to soften their hearts to the gospel's message – there is always something we can do. Here are just a few suggestions:

Read the Bible. In short, we will never be in a position to teach our children to love anything that we don't love or know. Paul commended Timothy for the fact that from his childhood he had known the scriptures and had been blessed by that knowledge (2 Timothy 3:15). But why did he know them? Because he had been taught those scriptures by his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5). They put themselves in a position to teach Timothy to love the scriptures because they prepared their hearts to do it. So we need to read the Bible so we can love and know the Bible ourselves. But our children also need to see us reading our Bibles. Imagine the impact it can leave on a child to actually see their father or mother spending time with an open Bible. That visual will do more to help them love the Bible than anything. So if we are going to teach our children to love the Bible, for many reasons we need to read the Bible ourselves.

Talk about the Bible. How much or how little your children know about the Bible is going to be a direct reflection of how much time you've spent talking to them about it. Fear and confusion often encompass humanity's reaction to the Bible, but we typically only

fear and are confused by what we do not know. Familiarity lends itself to affection, so if we want our children to love the Bible we need to actively familiarize them with it. That means breaking out of our comfort zones and spending some time talking about the people, places, things, and events we read about in the Bible. We can use those subjects to illustrate life-changing truths and while we are preparing them for life we can at the same time illustrate to them just how relevant the Bible is. Israelite parents were expected to teach their children God's law throughout the day (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). How much more should we be doing it for ours'?

Live the Bible. There is absolutely no more powerful teaching tool than a visual of what exactly the message of the Gospel is capable of doing in a person's life. We can talk to our children about the Bible and the power of the Gospel all we want, but unless they actually see it displayed in our lives it will never make any impact in their lives. If we allow the Bible to govern our marriages our children will love it. If we allow the Bible to govern our child rearing our children will grow to love it. If we allow the Bible to guide our relationships, business dealings, civil submission, etc. and our children will see the noticeable and productive difference it makes in our lives they will come to love it. Christianity gets a bad name from the number of people who claim to be Christians who simply don't practice Biblical Christianity. But when Christians let the Bible govern their lives it typically leaves a positive impact in a person's life. The same will be true with our children. Live the Bible and they will come to love it.

I know these are more generic suggestions, not to mention things like family Bible times, active and productive Bible class programs in our churches, the positive impact church camp can have on them, etc. At the end of the day, though, we shouldn't be satisfied to have children to grow up into pew warming, cold hearted, spiritually indifferent Christians. We should want them to grow into energetic, life filled, service oriented, God fearing Christians; and among many things that will begin with teaching them to love the Bible.

—————Via www.biggerbetterfaith.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Matthew
- ⇒ **Team: 3** 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
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Our gospel meeting is Oct 18-21 with Andy Brewer. Please keep this effort in mind.
- ⇒ **Potluck:** Today after AM service.
- ⇒ **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: Chili

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)
- ⇒ 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

Matthew 7:23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: anomia (ἀνομία)

Pronounced: an-om-ee'-ah

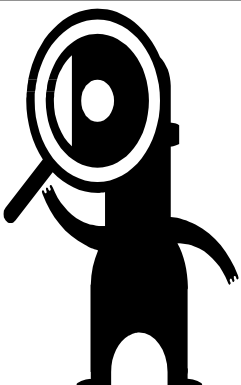
Translated into the word we use today: **Lawlessness or Iniquity**

Meaning: according to Strong is: *illegality*, that is, *violation of law* or (generally) *wickedness*: - iniquity, X transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness. Thayer adds contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness

Supporting verse: 1John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Have you ever been pulled over for speeding? Maybe you didn't see that the speed limit had changed, then the next thing you know an officer has pulled you over. They come up and you say I didn't know that the speed limit had changed. Then the officer replies that ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law. You see, there is a law that we follow when driving; it can be speed or stop signs, but we must obey the laws. If we don't, then we have broken the law. God has given us a set of spiritual laws to follow. They are clearly stated in His word, the Bible. We can read them and know them. Even if we don't know them, and we break them, we have still violated God's law and have sinned. Remember ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law. John clearly states by inspiration in 1John 3:4 "whoever **COMMITTS** sin also **COMMITTS** lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness". We commit sin, and sin is breaking God's law. Just as we break the law of the land, we can also break the law of God, or we do something or don't do something that we should in which God has commanded us to do. This is sin, and unforgiven sin leads to spiritual, eternal death. This is why we need to study God's word and know His law. This way we can apply it to our lives and not commit lawlessness which is sin.



Bible question: What concubine of Saul stood by the unburied bodies of her sons in order to keep the birds away?

Last week's question and answer: What Old Testament prophet ate a book and found it sweet as honey? **Answer:** Ezekiel (Ezekiel 3:3)

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