

# 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:**

Kevin Smith

### **Lead Singing:**

Bradley Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Scripture Reading:**

Josh Price

### **Lord's Table**

Gerald Rule  
Mitchell Smith  
Richard Price  
Kyle Hobbs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Richard Jones

### **Greeters (East)**

Johnny and Mae

### **Greeters (West)**

Ron and Joanne

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Be Prepared  
**Scripture reading:**

John 14:1-6

**PM:** God's Kingdom

**Scripture reading:**

Matthew 16:13-19

# TIPS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN

*By: Steve Klein*

Vines grow the way they are trained. Children do too. Like the gardener who trains vines to grow on a trellis according to his design, parents are to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 20:6). Fathers are to bring up their children "in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Vines and children trained improperly when they are young and tender cannot easily be retrained after they have been stiffened with age. Godly parents will make a sincere and seriousminded effort to properly train their children by word and by example. Here are some practical Bible based tips for parents who are interested in having their children grow the way God wants them to grow in three important areas -- worship, morality and Bible knowledge.

## **TIPS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN TO WORSHIP**

Attend every assembly possible (Hebrews 10:25). The example parents set will have more effect on a child than anything parents say. When parents neglect assembling they are training their children to do likewise. If there is a discussion in the home each week about "whether or not we are going to church today," the child gets the message that worship is unimportant and optional. Do not allow school age children to draw, play or sleep during a worship assembly. If they are expected to pay attention in school because "education is important," surely they should also pay attention during worship to Almighty God. Encourage children to pray -- at mealtime, bedtime or anytime they have a problem. Encourage children to sing -- during worship assemblies, in the car -- anytime they are cheerful (James 5:13).

## **TIPS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN TO MAKE MORAL DECISIONS**

Teach children to respect authority. Children who are allowed to be disrespectful to teachers and parents are not being trained to respect the God of heaven. A child who is allowed to constantly question authority will be an adult who questions God's authority. It is one thing to explain to a child the reason for something when he needs to know it; it is quite another to indulge every "why" question a child asks in defiance of plainly spoken commands. Children must know that the proper response to expressed authority is simple obedience. Do not allow children to engage in activities which God will consider immoral when they become adults. For

instance, it may not be a sin for an eight year old girl to wear a bikini in the presence of eight year old boys, but if parents allow it, what are they training their child to do when she is eighteen years old? Following this advice may mean that a child will be looked upon as being different from other children. Children need to know that God's people are special to Him precisely because they are different from the world (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:17-18). Discuss with your children the moral training they receive from other sources. Children in school may often be shown standards of morality which are out of harmony with the Bible. Not long after my own son began elementary school, his teacher explained to the class that there were certain circumstances under which it is alright to lie! Parents should make it their business to know what others teach their children.

## **TIPS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN TO KNOW THE BIBLE**

Take children to every Bible class arranged by the church. More than one adult has commented that they never had the learning opportunities found in our Bible classes when they were growing up. It would be a shame to let such an opportunity go to waste. Make sure children get their Bible class lessons ahead of time, and that they do any memory work that has been assigned. It does little good to get "little Johnny" to Bible class if he is not prepared to learn when he gets there. Study the Bible with your children. When they ask a question about God's will or right and wrong, open a Bible and read together the verses that answer their questions. Setting aside time for Bible study can greatly benefit both you and your child. In his book, *Good Homes in a Wicked World*, Irvin Lee wrote the following: "The child is like a mound of potter's clay. The potter can take the clay and fashion it into whatever form he chooses. He can then dry and temper it, and the form is set into its permanent shape. That is a frightening thought. As the twig is bent, so the tree is inclined. As the child is molded and shaped so the man will be. The challenge is very great when the parents realize that they have the power to shape the very eternal destiny of the soul that inhabits the body of their little child. How many parents will be lost because they failed in their duty to their children?"

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Milodean Black (15th)
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison (15th)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (18th)
- ⇒ Josh Fulcher (19th)
- ⇒ Larry and June (21st)
- ⇒ Kristin Sims (21st)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Zechariah
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Will be held on Tuesday Dec 01 at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Potluck:** Nov 22 after AM service.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck and singing:** Nov 29th
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Dexter as a congregation on Nov 29. They start at 5:00pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned Chicken

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (had knee replacement surgery on the 28th)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Maria's sister-continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- ⇒ Mary Wallace (cancer)
- ⇒ 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

Zechariah 7:10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.'

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** chēra (χήρα)

**Pronounced:** khay'-rah

**Translated** into the word we use today: **Widow**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: Feminine of a presumed derivation apparently from the base of G5490 through the idea of *deficiency*; a *widow* (as *lacking* a husband), literally or figuratively: - widow.

**Supporting verse:** James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In Zechariah 7:10 we are told “not to oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.” When we think of this word oppress, it implies that we are not to do any harm to or hurt in any way. Then he goes into a list of those who we aren’t to oppress. We see this again in James 1:27 “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world” Notice here it says that we are to visit them in their trouble. This means we are not only to go over and see about them, but to see what is troubling them and try and help them in that. The groups of those who we are not to oppress but to visit and help in their trouble include widows and orphans. This would be those who are unable to care for themselves. Think about those whose spouse has just died and they relied on them for help with income and chores, who now is going to help with those things? We are to step in and do that. What about those poor, pure, innocent children who have no parents. Who is going to care for them and help them as parents? We should be doing these things. Not oppressing but helping in their needs!



**Bible question:** In what two books is the following statement found “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground”?

**Last week’s question and answer:** What momentous finding caused King Josiah to tear his clothes?

**Answer:** The Book of The Law (2Kings 22:11)

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