

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

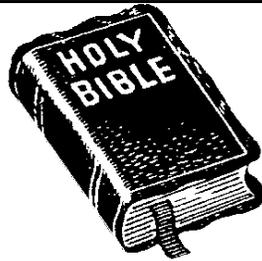
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

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:

Richard Price

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Kevin Smith

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Chris Smith
David Dodd
Josh Fulcher
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Josh and Jennifer

Greeters (West)

Jill and Kayla

LESSONS

AM: Has Man
Outgrown The Gospel?

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

James 1:17-25

PM: Happy are the
Hungry

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

John 4:6-15

WHY PEOPLE LIE *By: Jonnie Hutchison*

Every person who is reading this article has most likely lied at sometime in life. Lying is so common and wide-spread that most people seem to believe that, at least under certain circumstances, lying is acceptable. But the Bible does not give any exceptions that allow one to tell a lie and not be held accountable before God for telling it.

The Bible clearly condemns lying as a sin. The devil was the father or originator of the lie. Jesus said that the devil “does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). Telling a lie is following in the footsteps of the devil. Satan is said to have filled the heart of Ananias to “lie to the Holy Spirit” (Acts 5:3). When one tells a lie he tells it because he has been deceived by the devil. Lying is not characteristic of the faithful child of God for we are instructed, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him” (Colossians 3:9). We should strive to follow in the footsteps of the God who “cannot lie” (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18). A “lying tongue” is among the seven things that God hates and which are an abomination to Him (Proverbs 6:17). Since lying is a sin why do people continue to lie?

Some lie to cover up some wrong which they have done. All of us sin (Romans 3:23) but to sin and then to lie to try to cover it up or hide ones sin from others is adding sin to sin. Of course, no one can really hide their sins for God knows. Nothing is hidden from Him (Heb. 4:13). The Bible assures us, “...you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23). The right way to cover up sin is to acknowledge it, repent of it and seek God’s forgiveness through the blood of Christ (Romans 4:7-8). It is much better to tell the truth now, even if one suffers embarrassment, than to lie and suffer eternal loss.

Some lie because of pride. They are too proud to admit when they are wrong so they lie to make themselves seem better than they really are. Of course, this is the height of hypocrisy. “A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin (Prov. 21:4). The proud will eventually be brought down and their hypocrisy revealed. “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Prov. 16:18). Humility is required by God. “The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground” (Psalm 147:6). “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” (James 4:10). One should never allow personal pride to keep him/her from telling the truth.

Some lie to get an advantage. Why has this nation passed consumer protection laws? These laws are designed to prevent businesses from taking advantage of consumers through false advertising and fraud. They were necessary because some unscrupulous business owners and salespeople lied about their products to promote sales. Individuals may engage in similar practices by lying about something they are selling or cheating on their taxes, etc. Yet the Bible says, “Recompense no man evil for evil. Provide for honest things in the sight of all men” (Romans 12:17). “Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men” (2 Corinthians 8:1). We are to engage in honorable conduct (1 Peter 2:12) and to do that which is honest (2 Corinthians 13:7). Eternally speaking, lying is always a disadvantage to the liar (Revelation 21:8).

Some lie to evade personal responsibility. How many have lied in order to get out of serving on a jury or to beat a traffic ticket? Even in court some of those who have sworn to tell the truth and nothing but the truth have no qualms about lying if they believe it will help them to beat the system. “I don’t have time to serve the Lord or attend all the services of the church” is one of the most common lies told by those seeking to evade their personal responsibility to God. We do what we want to do and if we want to serve the Lord and worship Him we will use our time to do so rather than lying about it. The truth is that no one, regardless of how hard he or she may try, can escape personal responsibility and accountability to God (2 Corinthians 5:10).

The book of Revelation tells us that “...all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8). This emphasizes the tragedy of the sin of lying. Let us be honest with ourselves, with God and with one another. Our eternal destiny depends upon it!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Josh Fulcher (19th)
- ⇒ Kristin Sims (21th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Nehemiah
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **New Directories:** If you haven't received yours, please see Luke.
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Potluck:** November 23 after morning services.
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation, we will visit Williams Chapel on 11-30.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck:** After am service on 11-30.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Corn

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
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tammy Smith
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ 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.



HAS MAN OUTGROWN THE GOSPEL?

Give an example on why people say the Bible is outdated: _____

1. Not Unless There Is Another Cure For Sin.

- a. Who has sinned? _____
- b. What is the end result of sin? _____
- c. What and who can reconcile us to God? _____
- d. What has the power to save us? _____

Notes: _____

2. Not Unless Man Has Unmapped Another Map to Heaven.

- a. What does a map do? _____
- b. What is our spiritual map that leads us to heaven? _____
- c. Who is the way to heaven? _____
- d. What will judge us to see if heaven will be our home? _____

Notes: _____

3. Not Unless Man Has Found Another Spiritual Weapon.

- a. What type of war are we in? _____
- b. Who is our enemy? _____
- c. What offensive weapon do we have to beat him? _____

Notes: _____

4. Not Unless Man Has Found Another Food For The Soul.

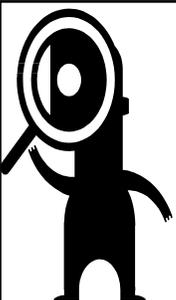
- a. Why do we eat food? _____
- b. Where do we get the spiritual food so we can grow? _____

Notes: _____

5. Not Unless Man Has Found Another Word Of God.

- a. What part or percent of the Bible is from God? _____
- b. What does "inspiration of God" mean? _____
- c. Is there anywhere else that we can go to find God's plan for man? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: Where does it mention that letters written to one congregation should be read to a different congregation and vise versa?

Last week's answer: The grace of its movements on a rock (Proverbs 30:19)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome