

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Johnny Downs
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SUNDAY SERVICE

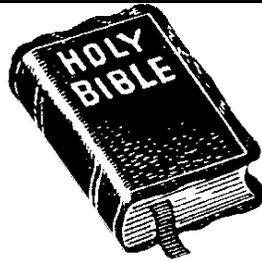
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

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:

Kevin Smith

Opening Prayer:

Wesley Tucker

Scripture Reading:

Josh Price

Lord's Table

David Dodd
Josh Fulcher
Chris Smith
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Greeters (East)

Linda and Kay

Greeters (West)

Debbie and Vicki

LESSONS

AM: Christ: A
Bachelor, Bigamist, or
Husband

Scripture reading:
Ephesians 5:22-33

PM: Song Service

THANKSGIVING

BY: Jonnie Hutchison

*“Offer to God **thanksgiving**, And pay your vows to the Most High” (Psalm 50:14).*

This past week our nation celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving Day became an official federal holiday in 1863 during the civil war. However, its background goes all the way back to the time of the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the “New World” in 1621 in which they shared their bounty with 90 native Americans in a three day feast. This was a time of thanking to God for His blessings.

Those who are Christians have much for which to be thankful—the love and grace of God, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins, the church of Christ, the spiritual blessings which are available in Christ, the fellowship of brethren, the hope of heaven, and our families, just to name a few. In addition, the expression of our thanksgiving to God is not limited to one day a year. Our thanksgiving may be expressed in our daily prayers—*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with **thanksgiving**” (Colossians 4:2). “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, **giving thanks** to His name” (Hebrews 13:15). With so much for which to be thankful to God one day a year is not enough to express it. Every day is “thanksgiving day” for the saved! “But **thanks be to God**, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57).*

The lack of appreciation and the failure to express thanksgiving to God for what He has done for us is sinful. One of the reasons given for the rejection of God by idolatrous Gentiles in Romans chapter one is that *“...although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, **nor were thankful**, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened” (Rom. 1:21). Those who reject the existence of God will certainly fall into the category of the “unthankful.” Though God is good to the “unthankful and evil” (Luke 6:35), the unthankful and evil do not give thanks for the goodness of God nor take advantage of the opportunities God’s goodness grants. We are now living in the “perilous times” of the “last days” which are characterized by those who are “unthankful” - among other things (2 Timothy 3:1ff). In a society where so many people view government handouts as being owed to them, where is the attitude of thanks-giving? In a country where material wealth abounds, where is the attitude of thanksgiving? Instead of thanksgiving our society is polluted with greed, avarice and ungratefulness even though God has blessed us abundantly in this nation with many material blessings (Matthew 5:45).*

Let us not be guilty of possessing an attitude of un-thankfulness. Rather, let us have the attitude expressed by inspiration: *“Now **thanks be to God** who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place” (2 Corinthians 2:14). We have so much for which to be thankful but especially the salvation provided for us through Jesus Christ. Let us never take it for granted. God gives to us the hope of everlasting life in heaven with Him. A greater blessing one cannot even begin to imagine. Let us say with the inspired Paul, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15).*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Chris Smith (30th)
- ⇒ Jill Stembriage (1st)
- ⇒ Kevin and Tammy (1st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Nehemiah
- ⇒ **Team: No team meeting 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!
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation, we will visit Williams Chapel tonight at 6:00pm.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck:** After am service today
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Peanut Butter

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 Stembriages, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tammy Smith
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Remember all who will be traveling this holiday season.
- ⇒ 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.



CHRIST: A BACHELOR, BIGAMIST, OR HUSBAND?

Define Christ, Bachelor, Bigamist and Husband: _____

1. The Church

- Has the church always been part of God's plan? _____
- Who bought the church and with what? _____
- List three other names for the church: _____
- Since the church is also the bride of Christ what three possibilities is there today? _____

Notes: _____

2. Christ the Bachelor

- Did the church become the bride of Christ? _____
- When and where did Christ become the husband of the church? _____
- If Christ is a bachelor, what does that make Him and why? _____

Notes: _____

3. Christ the Bigamist

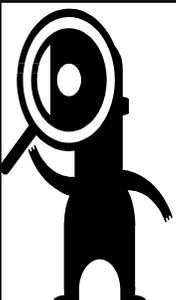
- To how many buildings (churches) is Christ the Chief cornerstone? _____
- How many churches did Christ promise to build? _____
- How many bodies/churches/brides of Christ are there? _____
- Is anyone else the bride of the church, or did anyone else build a church? _____

Notes: _____

4. Christ the Husband

- How much does Christ love His bride? _____
- How many churches did Christ build? _____
- How many brides (churches) did Christ marry? _____
- How many brides/bodies/churches of Christ are there? _____
- When a bride marries her husband, what name does she take? _____
- When we are added to Christ's church and marry Him, whose name do we take? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: What Philistine city was cured for four transgressions which included carrying captives away or slave trade with Edom?

Last week's answer: Jannes and Jambres (2Timothy 3:8)

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