

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
December 18, 2016

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THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:
Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:
Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:
Kevin Smith

Scripture Reading:
Chris Smith

Lord's Table
David Dodd
Josh Price
Bill Vincent
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:
Josh Fulcher

Greeters (East)
Amber and Boys

Greeters (West)
Ron and Joanne

WELCOME

**Adam Evans
and Family**

ELDERS

Richard Price
Kevin Smith
Bill Vincent

DEACONS

Johnny Downs
Josh Fulcher
Josh Price
Wesley Tucker

PREACHER

Luke Puckett

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.

SELF AMBUSH

By: Alan Adams

Picture the irony of people who “lay wait for their own blood,” who “lurk privily for their own lives” (Proverbs 1:18). Surely they didn’t set out to do that. These self-ambushers are the “sinners” who seek to “entice” (v. 10). Haven’t we, though, all “sinned” and “fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)?

One size does not fit all. Sinner is sometimes a general idea: “While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8); “through the one man’s disobedience the many [that is, all of us; aa] were made sinners” (v. 19). Sinner is also used in a narrow sense. Jesus was often accused of consorting with “sinners,” “publicans and sinners,” and so on (cf. Matthew 11:19). When the woman washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, Simon indignantly thought to himself that Jesus — were he a truly a prophet — would have known “what manner of woman this is that toucheth him, that she is a sinner” (Luke 7:39).

Sinner (sinners) is used intensively to refer to people to whom sin has become a habit, a way of life. They can be pretty vicious people. They “lay wait for blood”; “lurk privily for the innocent without cause”; and view other people as someone to “swallow...up alive as the grave.” Their “feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood” (Proverbs 1:11,12,13,16). What about liars, cheaters, drunks, thieves, whores, and whoremongers? We might say they are all sinners, but they don’t want to kill people or shed their blood. That’s a fair point, but you have see where the life of a sinner starts. Solomon says, “So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; It taketh away the life of the owners thereof” (v. 19).

It is not that people just set out to be cold and mean, but that is the natural consequence of where they start. All sinners start out on the same foot: “greedy of gain.” This is a lust for personal gain. People fornicate because it gains for them personal pleasure. People drink and use other drugs for the same reason. They lie, cheat, steal, and even murder all for the same reason. It is a view of life that says, Get what you want. So, if your want or gain is your main object in life, then you can reach the point that you do not even think about other people. Bathsheba’s husband, Uriah, was the last thing on David’s mind. He saw a woman; he wanted her; he could have her; he did. Uriah just got in the way.

Birds will avoid the “net” when it’s “spread in [their] sight; but, sinners are so consumed by lust that they “lay wait for their own blood” (Proverbs 1:18,19). Moms and Dads should start early teaching their children not to be “greedy of gain.” It is a short trip from self-centeredness to greed; and, this is a guaranteed way to ambush yourself.

—Via Main Street Monitor

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Nathia and Ashlee (19th)
- ⇒ Bobby and Peggy (23rd)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** 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
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Jan 3rd at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Adam Evans family:** Are back in the states after doing mission work in Tanzania.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Salad dressing
- ⇒ **Work teams:** A list of your NEW teams is posted on the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Kim Scott (continuing treatments)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Romona White (Mitchell's roommate's mother has 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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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

2Corinthians 3:2-3 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; (3) clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: epistolē (ἐπιστολή)

Pronounced: sat-an-as'

Translated into the word we use today: **Epistle, Letter**

Meaning: according to Strong is: From G1989; a written message: - epistle, letter.

Supporting verse: 2Corinthians 7:8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we think worldliness in 1st century Corinth, things were bad. Immoral acts and ungodliness were everywhere, even in the church. Times today are not much different. We live in a time when same sex marriages are applauded and encouraged, where you can have your unborn child murdered, and the name of God is despised. Paul would write by inspiration to the church at Corinth in 2Cor 3:2-3 telling them that their life is an open book, that every one of those worldly people would see them, and that they could be a positive influence over them for good. See, many people then and today don't really know God and might not never pick up His word and read it. That is where you and I come into play. We are to be a letter from God in our daily lives. Our actions, dress, and the words we use should always be that of a Christian. When people in the world see us and hear us, it should be like they are reading from God's word. Think on this, that YOUR life, YOUR actions or words, could be the only time someone reads or knows about God and possibly draw them to Him. How does your book read?



Bible question: What king of Israel was imprisoned for defying Assyrian authority?

Last week's question and answer: Which prophet's sons were known for taking bribes?

Answer: Samuel (1Samuel 8:1-3)

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