

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Richard Price
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DEACONS

Johnny Downs
Josh Fulcher
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.

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Bill Vincent

Lead Singing:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Luke Puckett
Bradley Smith
Josh Fulcher
Kevin Smith

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Bill and Maria

Greeters (West)

Kyle and Tiffany

LESSONS

AM: Go The
Distance

Scripture reading:

Matthew 5:38-48

PM: The Call of God

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 1:1-3

DOES GOD DEMAND TO MUCH OF YOUR TIME?

By: Bill Pratt

Some time ago when discussing the importance of the church with a disinterested church member I urged him to become more involved in the activities of the church and to attend church on a regular basis. He quickly replied that going to church

occasionally was a good thing, but that going to church three times a week and practicing a daily religion was really asking a little too much. With all the things he had to do he felt that the Lord was asking for far too much of his time.



Are the Lord's demands of daily discipleship (Luke 9:23), holy living (Rom.12:1-2), and faithful church attendance (Heb.10:25) asking too much of the Christian's time? Perhaps if we could see how the average person spends his or her time while here on earth, we might be able to see God's demands of us in a better perspective. It is said that if God granted someone a life of seventy years the average person would spend that life like this:

- ∞ Six years getting an education
- ∞ Eight years in recreation and relaxation
- ∞ Six years eating

- ∞ Five years riding in a car
- ∞ Four years talking
- ∞ Fourteen years working
- ∞ Three years reading
- ∞ Twenty-four years sleeping.

In that life of seventy years, how much time would the average person give to God? If you went to worship with the church every week and prayed for five minutes every morning and evening you would have given a grand total of five months to God. Five months out of seventy years! The next time you are tempted to

miss any Christian activity because you don't have time, stop and consider the many years spent in pursuing other things and you will see that God's demands on our time are not burdensome at all. In fact no other pursuit offers such rewards for faithful time spent. I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday.

—Via Hamilton Herald

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Bobby and Peggy (23rd)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Romans
- ⇒ **Team:** 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:** Will resume January 05 at 10am
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Will be held on Tuesday Jan 05 at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **New Years Eve:** We will have a New Years Eve party here at the building December 31 starting at 6:00pm.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Peanut Butter

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)
- ⇒ Kayla Stembridge (Had surgery this past Monday)
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ David Brandon
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards (Josh Fulcher's Aunt is have a mastectomy)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ronnie's mother)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasley (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ 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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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: hamartanō (ἁμαρτάνω)

Pronounced: ham-ar-tan'-o

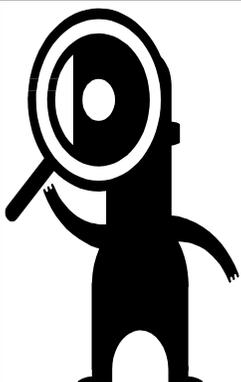
Translated into the word we use today: **Sin**

Meaning: according to Strong is: properly to *miss* the mark (and so *not share* in the prize), that is, (figuratively) to *err*, especially (morally) to *sin*: - for your faults, offend, sin, trespass.

Supporting verse: 1John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Have you ever shot a bow and arrow or played darts? When you are doing these things, you want to hit the bullseye, the small, hard to hit, center of the target. This is what you are aiming for. The bullseye is hard to hit, and usually you will miss what you are aiming for. Spiritually this is called sin. To miss the mark. You see we have a target we are trying to hit, that is God's will, and sometimes while aiming to do this we miss, we fall short. When we miss the mark of pleasing God and doing His will, we sin. 1John 3:4 "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." Sin is when we violate God's law, or we miss the mark in fulfilling all the law. We have all missed the mark and sinned. Notice Romans 3:23 again "for ALL have SINNED and fall short of the glory of God". Yes, we all have sinned and that sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Not only does it separate us from God, but if that sin goes unrepented and unforgiven, it will lead to eternal spiritual death (Rom 6:23). Know that we know what sin is, to miss the mark of God's law or to violate that law, and we know that all have sinned and that sin will lead to our spiritual death and eternal separation from God. We must ask ourselves are we still in sin? Are we still missing the mark? If we are, then we need to get back on track, get the forgiveness of our sins and start to hit the bullseye once again.



Bible question: Who moved with Naomi to Moab to escape famine?

Last week's question and answer: What congregation had those who worked in Caesar's household?

Answer: The congregation at Philippi (Philippians 4:22)

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