

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."

(Jude 3)



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Sunday Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday worship: 10:15am

Sunday afternoon: 1:00pm

Tuesday ladies' class: 10:00am

Wednesday bible study: 7:00pm

If you are visiting with us today, 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.

AM sermon: Goals For 2014-Luke Puckett

PM sermon: Restore the Erring-Luke Puckett

THE CYCLE OF TEACHING *by Jonnie Hutchison*

Most people who are spiritually lost don't know it. This ignorance of one's spiritual condition afflicts the majority of people with whom you and I come in contact on a daily basis. We have family, friends, neighbors, fellow workers, and acquaintances, both religious and non-religious who do not know that they are lost and without hope. It was ignorant people who crucified the Savior. In addressing those responsible for the death of Jesus the apostle Peter declared, "and now brethren, I know that through **ignorance** ye did it, as did also your rulers." (Acts 3:17). The inspired Paul described the spiritual condition of the spiritually ignorant in the words of Ephesians 4:18, "Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." Some are "willingly **ignorant**" (2 Peter 3:5). Such have no desire to know the truth. The idolatry of the Athenians was the result of **ignorance** (Acts 17:23). When Paul taught them the truth about the one true and living God there were at least a few who believed (Acts 17:34). The rest remained in their ignorance. Others who are ignorant would embrace the truth if only they had the opportunity. Like those in the Lord's parable with honest and good hearts they, "having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." (Luke 8:15).

Each Christian who is now reading this article was once where so many are today—ignorant of truth and lost. How did you come to a knowledge of the truth? Were you taught by your Christian parents or grandparents? Were you taught by a Christian spouse? Perhaps a Christian friend taught you, or maybe you were taught by a neighbor, a fellow worker or classmate who is a Christian. Perhaps some interested Christian handed you a tract or invited you to worship services. Maybe you had the opportunity to hear a faithful gospel preacher present a sermon on New Testament Christianity. Perhaps a Christian offered to study the Bible with you in your home and that is how you came to a knowledge of the truth.

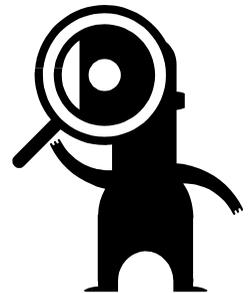
The point is that someone taught you to be a Christian. Unless you take up the banner and teach someone else, the cycle of teaching will be broken and ignorant souls will continue in their ignorance lost and without hope and not knowing any differently. Inspiration declares, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)

The winning of souls is not an option for the faithful Christian—it is a necessity! The cycle of teaching **MUST CONTINUE!** The salvation of precious souls hangs in the balance. What are you doing to keep the cycle of teaching going?

Bible question: Which king had his birth and reign foretold to king Jeroboam?

Last week's answer: Samson (Judges 15)

Those answering: Bob & Susanna Austin, Rachel Adams, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Kay Robertson, Linda Jones



Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson has leukemia)
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Family of Darrell Brandon
- ⇒ Inman family, Dorothy, Tonya Jones' mother passed away

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Andy Johnson (9th)

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Reading plan (Daniel)
- ⇒ Team 1 meets today

Pantry item

- ⇒ Pancake Mix

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)

NOTE

The reading plan for
2014 is available on
the tables in the front.
Be sure to read and
study in 2014.

GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

What are some goals you have set for 2014? _____

Goal # 1-Pray More

1. How often are we to pray? _____
2. How many times per day did Daniel pray? _____
3. What are we doing when we are praying? _____
4. What goals should you have in 2014 concerning praying? _____

Goal # 2-Attend Services

1. Are we commanded to worship God? _____ If so, what verse tell us this? _____
2. Are we commanded to attend services? _____ If so, what verse tell us this? _____
3. What are we not doing if we willfully miss Sunday services? _____
4. Why should we want to be at every service? _____
5. List all services we should want to be at. _____

6. What goals should we have in 2014 concerning attending services? _____

Goal # 3-Sing More

1. What verse show us that Christians sang praises to God? _____
2. Why should we sing more? _____
3. What goals should you have in 2014 concerning singing? _____

Goal # 4-Visit More

1. Is visiting commanded? _____ If so, what verses tell us this? _____
2. Does visit mean just to stop by and say hi or to help those who need our help? _____

3. What goals should you have in 2014 concerning visiting? _____

Goal # 5-Read and Study More

1. Do we sometimes study more for the physical over the spiritual? _____
2. Which verse tells us the importance of studying? _____
3. What goals should you have in 2014 concerning studying? _____

Goal # 6-More Personal Evangelism

1. List verses in which we are commanded to spread the word. _____

2. Who is to plant the word, and who gives the increase? _____

3. Does the verse still apply to us today? _____

4. List at least four goals you can have in 2014 concerning evangelism. _____