

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: Bible Authority-Luke Puckett

PM sermon: Waiting for the Holy Spirit-Luke Puckett

Why Does the Church of Christ Exist?

Why do churches exist at all? Here are a few reasons:

- Some exist as social clubs. (Who's who in your town? Find out here!)
- Some exist because of nostalgia. (Grandma and grandpa did, mom and dad did, so we do, too.)
- Some exist for self-preservation. (We'll do anything to get you in the door.)
- Some exist for entertainment. (Concert, anyone?)

The church of Christ exists for none of these reasons. It primarily exists to do one thing: to spread the good news of Jesus Christ the savior (Matt 28:18-20). In this, it brings glory to God (Eph 3:21).

In fulfilling this mission, it is a family (1John 2:13-14), an army (2Tim 2:3-4), a brotherhood (1Peter 5:9), a body (Rom 12:5), a royal priesthood (2Peter 2:9, Rev 1:6).

These are a far cry from a nostalgic, self-preserving, entertaining social club. We do well to keep this in mind. The church is identified by what it does, not who's a part of it, or where it meets. The church must constantly fight the influence of the world to be anything more or less than God intended it to be.

—Rick Kelley, Prestonsburg KY church, via bulletindigest.com

Bible question: What prophet dates his book as being before a great natural disaster?

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Clara Bazzell-Funeral was last Friday
 - ⇒ Ruby Arnett
 - ⇒ Greg Smith (Kevin's Brother-cancer)
 - ⇒ 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
 - ⇒ Darrell & Hazel Brandon
 - ⇒ Mae Downs
 - ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
 - ⇒ Helen Tidwell
 - ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
 - ⇒ LaShell Jones
 - ⇒ Robert Austin
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Andrea Fulcher (15th)
 - ⇒ Bob & Susanna Austin (21st)
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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Team 3 meets today
 - ⇒ Reading plan (1Thessalonians-Philemon for October)
 - ⇒ Visit New Providence as a congregation on 10-27-13
 - ⇒ A special thanks to Kevin and Tammy for hosting the chili supper. What a great time of fellowship!
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Pantry item

- ⇒ Chili

New books in the library Where is God when it hurts?

Disappointment with God.

These books are placed in the memory of Clara Bazzell.

BIBLE AUTHORITY

I. Law of harmony

- a. About how many men wrote the bible? _____
- b. About how many years did it take? _____
- c. Are there any contradictions? _____

Notes: _____

II. Law of completeness

- a. What book gives us all we need? _____
- b. What VS proves that? _____
- c. Can we add or take away from it? _____
- d. What VS proves this? _____

Notes: _____

III. The Bible instructs us through commands

- a. If we love God, we will do what? _____
- b. What VS tell us this? _____

Notes: _____

