

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: A Call That Should Challenge-Luke Puckett

PM sermon: Non-Conversions-Luke Puckett

WHEN WE MISS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Victor M. Eskew

It is common to look at the attendance figures of most congregations and find the Wednesday night attendance figures to be greatly below those for the service on Sunday morning. Sometimes the total attending on Wednesday is one-half the Sunday morning figure.

Those who cause this difference by deliberately forsaking the Wednesday evening Bible classes are sounding forth a message to God and others. Let us look at some of the things we proclaim when we forsake Wednesday night Bible study.

1) *One is saying that he does not need spiritual food.* The Bible contains the necessary ingredients for one's spiritual growth (1 Peter 2:2). Every Wednesday night, some of these spiritual delicacies are set forth for those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Those who remain at home during this spiritual feast act as though they do not need this nutrition for their souls. At the present, these individuals may not be aware of it, but they are dying spiritually. One who doesn't eat in the physical realm will soon cease to be. This is also true in the realm of things spiritual.

2) *Those who forsake the Wednesday night services are saying with clarity there are some things more important than gathering with God's people for study and meditation upon God's Word.* Some of these "more important" things are television programs, the newspaper, housework, and the garden. Dear friends, a continuation in such a course will cause many people, even your brothers and sisters in Christ, to wonder whether you have been raised with Christ. *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth"* (Col. 3:1-2).

3) *Those who remain at home on Wednesday nights are also stating that Bible study is boring and dull.* It is amazing that one could call something more precious than gold (Psalm 19:10), dull and boring. It is beyond comprehension that the Book containing God's mind (1 Cor. 2:9-13) could be thought of as dry and uninteresting. It is astounding that the map which will direct us to the heavenly abode with the Almighty and his Son (Matt. 7:21) can be said to be stale and humdrum. Yet, that is what those who forsake Wednesday night are saying.

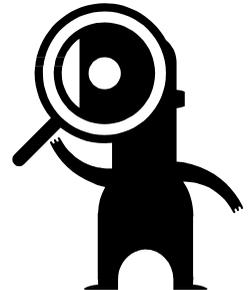
4) *Those who forsake Wednesday night are saying with certainty that obeying God's commands is not important.* Hebrews 10:25 commands that one not forsake the assemblies of the saints. Those who forsake the mid-week assembly undoubtedly think this command is not important. Could they be mistaken? *"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they might have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city"* (Rev. 22:14).

We urge all those who forsake the Wednesday night gathering of the saints to change their ways. Make sure to attend in order to receive the spiritual food which is offered. There is nothing more important. Upon attending regularly, you will find that it is refreshing and enjoyable. And, you will obey the Savior in the process. See you on Wednesday night!

Bible question: In what city did people examine the scriptures daily to ensure the truth was being taught?

Last week's answer: Silver Cups (Gen 44)

Those answering: Bob & Susanna Austin, Peggy Newsome, 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
- ⇒ Darrell & Hazel Brandon (Darrell is at home)
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ LaShell Jones
- ⇒ Robert Austin
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher (upcoming back surgery)
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister has cancer)
- ⇒ Andrea Fulcher (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson has leukemia)
- ⇒ Ray and Kayla Stembridge

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Eddie & Judy Black (12th)
- ⇒ Debbie Brandon (15th)

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Team 4 meets today
- ⇒ Reading plan (Revelation-for December)
- ⇒ Visit Hazel as a congregation on 12-29-13

Pantry item

- ⇒ Instant potatoes

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

There are new tracts
in the rack, please use
them. Also there are
90 tracts in the MP
room, please review
with your teams.

A CALL THAT SHOULD CHALLENGE

Who were the two “good” spies? _____
What separated them from the other ten spies? _____

1. A call to unity.

- a. What words in Numbers 13:30 show unity? _____
- b. What is one of the seven things that the Lord hates? _____
- c. Are we to be united today? _____ List verses that shows this _____
- d. Who sets the law on how we are united? _____
- e. Those who cause divisions don't show what to God? _____

Notes: _____

2. A call to action.

- a. What words in Numbers 13:30 show actions? _____
- b. Had God all ready promised them this land? _____
- c. What has God promised to us? _____
- d. How did God show us love by this great promise? _____
- e. Does the grace of God ensure ALL salvation or do we have to go get it? _____
- f. How do we get the promise land today? _____

Notes: _____

3. A call to urgency.

- a. What words in Numbers 13:30 show urgency? _____
- b. Since God has promised us a home should we wait to go and get it? _____
- c. Give examples of those who heard the word but did not obey the gospel: _____
- d. What does 2Cor 6:2 say, and how does it apply to the urgency of obeying the gospel? _____

Notes: _____
