

# Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome to our services. April 8, 2018

Potluck - April 15, 2018 .

Cathleen and Beth are both feeling better. Thanks for the prayers.

Dave Hance will be having hernia surgery on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for quick healing for him.

Loretta's Uncle Mark is in the hospital with pneumonia and an infection. His daughter, Susan, is also battling an infection in her leg. Please pray for them both.

Linda Young would like to place membership with us. Welcome to our church family Linda.

Our item for Camp Indogan this year is pasta (macaroni or spaghetti). Please bring in your donations soon.

This week's item for the food pantry is cereal.

Our next Family Friend Day is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please invite your friends and family to join us in our monthly potluck.

The M.A.G.I. Boxes are here. If you'd like to put together a box, or two, please take them from the bench in the vestibule. There's also a list of suggested items to fill the box. Thanks in advance for helping! The boxes are due September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Remember to include \$7 in an envelope in your box.

The Camp Indogan Spring Dinner is April 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30. The cost is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. A flyer is on the bulletin board. *We'd like to take the bus but with Dave Hance's surgery we may have to car pool. Any volunteers?*

Don't forget: Our Ladies Day is Saturday from 11-2. There's still time to invite your friends.

HELP! We are in need of someone willing to take over updating the directory. If you'd like to help, please see David.

We list the pantry item for the week but, if you get a good deal, any non-perishable food would be great as long as it's not outdated. Thanks for helping keep the pantry supplied.

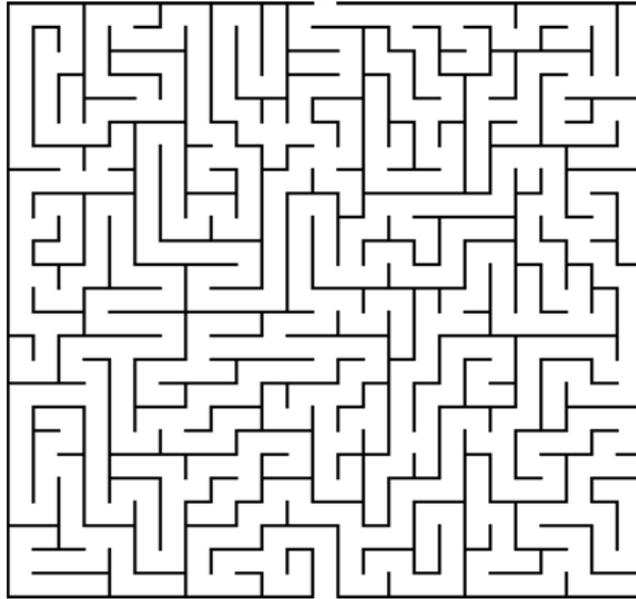
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133: 1

Bible Pathway  
**Adventures**

MAZE

**PAUL'S JOURNEYS**

Help Paul sail to Jerusalem



*"Paul decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 20:16)*

Today's Sermon.....

Next Week's Sermon .....

Wednesday Night

Wednesday Ladies' Class...

Sun. Adult Bible Class.....

Sun. Night.....

Service Times - Sunday:

The Great Physician

The Friendship of Jesus

Miracles - Ben

Cathleen: Old Testament

Prophecies of the Bible

Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.

Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Evening.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar.**

*April 14th – Ladies’ Day – 11-2*

*April 15<sup>th</sup> - Family/Friend Day Potluck*

*April 28<sup>th</sup> – Camp Indogan dinner*

*September 2<sup>nd</sup> - M.A.G.I. boxes due*

*Pantry item: cereal*

**\*\*\*Prayer List\*\*\***

David Hance – hernia surgery

Loretta’s Uncle Mark and Cousin Susan - infections

Cathleen

Barb Langley – loss of part of her foot

Marvin Keifer

Edna Stein –pain

Wendi Baker

Shirley Ware – shoulder surgery in April

Joyce Fosdick – Not doing well

**TV BIBLE STUDIES:**

*Getting to Know Your Bible – on Charter*

*In Search of the Lord’s Way – Charter-7:30 am-*

*Sunday-channel 357*

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**Steps of Salvation:**

Hear: Romans 10:14, 17      Believe: Acts 16:31

Repent: Acts 2:38              Confess: Acts 8:36-37

Baptism: Acts 2:38            Faithful: Matthew 7:21

**Our Elders:** Dave Sherfield 517-677-2789

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## The Sting of Death

David Verwey was talking with his grandson, Joey, and Joey’s father, Alex, when he noticed a hornet fly in and hover about a foot in front of Joey’s face. It was a Japanese Giant Horne, and could sting him at any moment.

David knew he must act quickly. He knew some things about the Japanese Giant Hornet from some research done on the internet. He had learned that although not normally hostile, the Japanese Giant Hornet can be aggressive if provoked and can sting a victim multiple times. Its venom, which is injected by the 6.25 mm (quarter inch) long stinger, attacks the nervous system and damages the tissue. The sting can be very painful, highly venomous and may require hospitalization. The potency of the sting is due to the relatively large amount of venom injected.

One sting can be lethal for people who are allergic and suffer from anaphylactic shock. The sting can also be lethal to people who are not allergic, provided the dose is sufficient. Multiple stings would likely require immediate medical attention and could cause renal failure. Annually thirty to forty people in Japan die after having been stung by bees, wasps or the Japanese Giant Hornet.

David had recently removed some hornet nests from around the buildings of the Japan Mission, so he and his co-workers had been keeping a can of wasp and hornet killer handy as they worked at the Mission. Now one of these hornets was flying dangerously close to David’s grandson. David immediately crouched down beside Joey while grabbing a can of hornet killer and sprayed the hornet. It fell to the ground.

Later reflecting on this incident, David wrote, “My quick response surprised me. I had just been stung a couple of days before, but I knew exactly where I had put that can of spray. My love for Joey and the desire to protect him from this hornet drove me to instinctually step up next to him, just [a foot] away from this hornet. If Joey was not there, approaching this hornet would have been crazy. I should have rather retreated. However, the fact that this hornet was hovering so close to my beloved grandson’s face and knowing that he could be moments away from being stung, made me take this drastic action.”

David also gained from this experience a glimpse of a glimpse into the perfect and unconditional love that God has for us: “Jesus did not hesitate to put Himself in harm’s way to protect us from the ‘sting’ of death. Why? Because His love for us was so deep.

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). David shared this insight: “It is hard to fathom the depth of God’s love for us. It is because of this boundless love, that Jesus did not hesitate to come into this world to shed His blood for our sin.

Because Jesus endured the “sting of death” on our behalf by dying on the cross for our sins, we can be saved from sin and receive the gift of eternal life.

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).