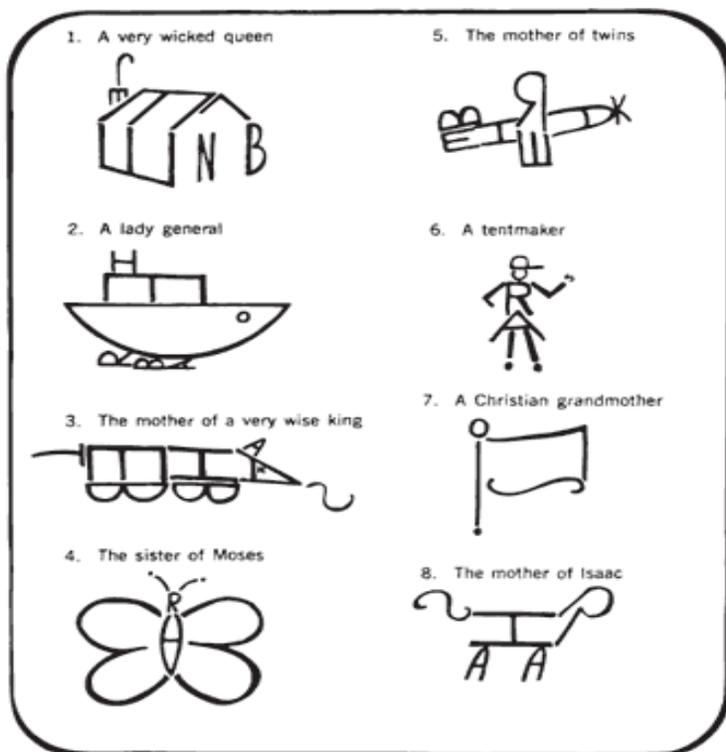


## Hidden Bible Characters I

Can you discover the real Bible characters behind the letters below?



Bible Activities For Everyone by Betty DeVries and Mary Currier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.

## Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome to our services. July 1, 2018

Dale's brother has passed away. Please pray for the family. Dale and Beth are traveling for a few weeks. Prayers are appreciated.

Ron and Barb Langley are planning on returning home on July 21<sup>st</sup>. She is doing well and the doctor ok'd for her to travel after that time. Please pray everything goes as planned so she can return home.

Joyce had carpal tunnel surgery on her hand. She is doing well and was able to be with us at services last week. She is still having trouble with her back. Please pray for quick healing and less pain.

Loretta will be taking everyone's picture for the board in the vestibule today after services. Please stay a few minutes and have your photo taken. She'll also be doing them next Sunday.

We are in need of a volunteer to change out the flowers up front for summer ones. There are large totes of flowers in the pantry room that are marked with each season. If you can do this, please do. Thanks.

The camp session that David will be at is on July 8-14. Camp applications are on the table in the back. Fill out one for each camper and take them to camp with you. If you're not going to Dave's session, see Huey for your payment.

The Schultz Lewis commodity item this year is brown or white sugars. They will be picked up on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let's fill up that table!

The Give-Away Day is July 28<sup>th</sup> and we are in need of children's and baby clothing. Please put your donations in the first classroom in the back. We will set out part of the clothing on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and the rest on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided on Friday. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can help.

There are still 12 M.A.G.I boxes left. Please consider filling one for a needy child and return it by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Today's Sermon.....

Next Week's Sermon .....

Wednesday Night

Wednesday Ladies' Class...

Sun. Adult Bible Class.....

Sun. Night.....

Service Times - Sunday:

Keepers of the Light

Stay Focused!

Ben

Cathleen: New Testament

Ben

Prayer/Devotional

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

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

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar

Picture Day – today

David's camp session – July 8-14

Schultz Lewis commodities pick up – July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Give-Away Day – July 28<sup>th</sup> - Prep on July 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

M.A.G.I. Boxes – due by September 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Owen family – passing of Dale's brother

Joyce – back pain – hand surgery

Barb Langley –in rehab – home July 21<sup>st</sup>

Marvin Keifer

Edna Stein –pain

Wendi Baker

Shirley Ware – shoulder surgery in future

### TV BIBLE STUDIES:

Getting to Know Your Bible – on Charter

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

Sunday-channel 357

Website: [coldwatercoc.com](http://coldwatercoc.com)

e-mail: [coldwatercochristoffice@gmail.com](mailto:coldwatercochristoffice@gmail.com)

### 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

Pete Baker 677-7764              Huey Waites 639- 8390

## "Christ and the Church"

It is not uncommon today to hear people devalue the church. Some say in effect, "Christ, yes; the church, no." While some profess they love Jesus, desiring even to follow Him, they have little use for "the church."

The Scriptures, however, are clear: **One cannot have the church without Christ, and one cannot have Christ without the church.**

The church was God's idea, God's plan. It is not man-made. In fact, observe the close relationship between Christ and the church. **Christ is the head of the church** (Ephesians 5:22-23a); He is the complete voice of authority. **Christ is the Founder of the church.** Christ said to Peter, "On this rock [the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God], I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). **Christ is the foundation of the church.** No building or institution can be stronger than the foundation on which it rests. And for the church, "no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). **Christ is the Savior of the body, which is the church:** "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body" (Ephesians 5:23).

Indeed, as has often been noted by some in an attempt to minimize the church; In fact, the church is composed of the saved (Acts 2:47). **Christ loved the church and gave himself for it** (Ephesians 5:25). We usually judge the value of something by the price we pay for it. For what price was the church purchased? **Christ purchased the church with His own blood** (Acts 20:28).

**One cannot separate Christ from His church.**

A low estimation of the church may be due to a lack of understanding of what the church truly is, as taught in the Bible. There is also a misconception of what the church is all about.

One of the most simplistic, yet one of the most beautiful images of the church in Scripture is that of the **family of God**. As such, the church is designed to be a place of loving encouragement (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13) to those who are seeking to follow Christ. Also, it is God's desire for His family, the church, to grow and grow. God wants His family to share the good news about Jesus Christ, as Jesus instructed His disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV).

**How does one become a member of God's family, the church?**

To those who were convicted of their sin and believed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41). "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).