

Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome visitors and members! February 17, 2019

Potluck today! Please stay if you're able.

Congregational Meeting afterward.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE WORD SEARCH



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CHIEF PRIESTS
CROWD
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GETHSEMANE
JAMES
JESUS
JOHN

JUDAS ISCARIOT
KISS
PETER
PRAYED
RABBI
SCRIBES
SIMON
SLEEPING
SON OF MAN
SWORDS
WATCH

Today's Sermon.....

Next Week's Sermon

Wednesday Night.....

Wednesday Ladies' Class...

Sun. Adult Bible Class.....

Sun. Night.....

Service Times - Sunday:

Written Off

Choice

Ben

Life of Jesus

The Church Dave

Cancelled

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

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

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Cathleen is home now after a short stay in the hospital for an allergic reaction. Please continue to pray for her.

Ladies' Life Talks will be tomorrow (Monday, Feb 18) at Tammie's house, 10:00-12 noon.

Thanks go out to Tammie for filling in for Cathleen on Wednesday nights in the Ladies' Class during her illness. In case you didn't know, we do have a Wednesday evening class for the ladies and there's one for men as well, as long as the weather holds out! Please join us.

A story...and a lesson: A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows. And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

It is easy to become so preoccupied with what others are doing that we lose sight of God's leadings in our own life.

"But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another."

Galatians 6:4

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar

Ladies' Life Talks – Tammie's House – Feb. 18th 10-12

*****Prayer List*****

Our kids!

David Graham – healing

Jamie Ann – Shirley's niece – cancer

Carol Brown – Linda's sister – heart issues

Loretta's brother Bob – treatment for cancer

Cathleen – home now

Barb Langley – healing

Marvin Keifer

Edna Stein

Wendi Baker

Shirley Ware

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

e-mail: 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

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Can You Believe It?

I had a hard time believing it when I heard about it. Yet, I suppose that I shouldn't be surprised.

The headline read, "Indian man to sue his parents for giving birth to him 'without his consent', wants to be paid for his life." What?

In a YouTube video, a 27-year-old man, Raphael Samuel, claims that he is suing his parents because "he was conceived without his consent and therefore his parents should pay for his life."

"I want everyone in India and the world to realize one thing that they are born without their consent. I want them to understand that they do not owe their parents anything," he said. "If we are born without our consent, we should be maintained for our life. We should be paid by our parents to live

."Lukas Mikelionis of Fox News states that "Samuel has been reported as a follower of antinatalism, an increasingly popular yet bizarre ideology that believes that it's morally wrong for people to procreate and takes a nihilistic approach towards human life, saying [that] humanity brings only suffering. "Samuel says he loves his parents. "I love my parents, and we have a great relationship, but they had me for their joy and their pleasure," he told *The Print* last month. "My life has been amazing, but I don't see why I should put another life through the rigmarole of school and finding a career, especially when they didn't ask to exist," he said. Samuel appears to be speaking of his own life in that statement. Interestingly, Samuel said to be from his mother in which she allegedly states: "If Raphael could come up with a rational explanation as to how we could have sought his consent to be born, I will accept my fault."

What are we to make of Samuel's position? This writer believes this is selfishness gone to seed. Samuel would suggest that it was the selfishness of his parents that brought him into the world; they were seeking only their own pleasure. But Samuel's focus is only on himself. "My parents should pay for my life." Samuel's comments may be summarized by, "It's all about ME." But it's not.

To be self-centered is off-center. The world doesn't revolve around me. And if I think or act like it should, I am setting myself up for misery. If we're going to "get it right," we must recognize that our world should "revolve around" Christ. He should be the "center of our universe," the focus of our lives.

Christ created us as an expression of His power and of His love (Colossians 1:16). He created us with the ability to choose to love Him in return, or not. When we choose to make Him the center of our universe, we get it right. When we put anything or anyone else in that place, we are off-center because we are self-centered. Self-centeredness (selfishness) leads to self-deception and sin.

But here's the amazing thing: God still loves us and He wants to save us (1 Timothy 2:4)! God gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and when we submit our lives to Him, He will save us and give us eternal life (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to put Him first by walking in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).