

## Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



G Q R J N I L D R Z G F U R G  
 C O M M A N D D I M Y T E Z I  
 G F S Y J F W J O K H N Y O J  
 Q W F L F R U I T W S C P M I  
 C H M E R B W Q J F N R U P O  
 T L D R I K O B U S I N E S S  
 Q X S X E J U O E R N L A Y R  
 O A P R N E N B A I F L I S R  
 M J L B D I O E D K R V T E T  
 L A F O S A B Y M Z N N T V F  
 M D S A V V Y K N R A A U E E  
 Z H T T T E P W L V E L S F F  
 Y M N P E H H A R R P O I V Q  
 F F G P B R E E G Z H L H R I  
 R E M A I N S R V C E C D S A

FRIENDS	OBEY	LOVE	FRUIT
DOWN	BUSINESS	BEAR	MASTER
LAY	FATHER	LIFE	REMAIN
SERVANTS	GREATER	COMMAND	CHOSE

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Today's Sermon..... I Thess 1 **Turned From Idols**  
 Next Week's Sermon ..... I Thess 2 **Worthy of the Gospel**

**Wednesday Night..... Ben**  
**Wednesday Ladies' Class... Life of Jesus**  
**Sun. Adult Bible Class..... The Church Dave**  
**Sun. Night..... Cancelled**  
**Service Times - Sunday: Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship.....11:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.**

# Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome visitors and members! March 25th, 2019

Next potluck April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Cathleen is feeling better and has been able to attend the last few weeks. We're happy to hear this.

Randy is having difficulty with pain from shingles. Please pray that he gets through it quickly.

Loretta's surgery went well and recovery is going as expected. There's still a lot of pain, especially during therapy and exercises. Please pray this will remedy quickly and she'll be able to be back with us soon.

The April potluck will be moved up to April 14<sup>th</sup> because of the Easter holiday. Please plan on joining us.

Our May potluck will on the regular date but will be our yearly "Mother's Day Potluck" and the men will treat the women with lunch.

June 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> we will hold a meeting here with Brad Harrub. Brad earned a doctorate degree in anatomy and neurobiology from the College of Medicine at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, and attends the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Tennessee. Times to be announced.

The pantry is in need of canned fruit. Please put that on your shopping list. No expired food please. Thanks Barb, for keeping up with the pantry.

Mark your calendars: The date for our annual Ladies' Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. There will, once again, be great food, a craft and spiritual messages. Invite your friends. A flyer to share is on the table in the vestibule.

Our Budget: 2019 - Weekly \$817

### Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar

Ladies' Life Talks – Tammie's House – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month from 10-12

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

Our kids!

Randy - shingles

Paul and Roxann Cox – health issues

Loretta – knee replacement -recovering

Linda Morris' son - cancer

Jamie Ann –Shirley's neice – cancer

Carol Brown – Linda's sister – heart issues

Loretta's brother Bob – treatment for cancer

Cathleen – improving

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*

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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

Pete Baker 677-7764      Huey Waites 639- 8390

## Shaped by the Master

Cubby Sellers recently described some projects that he enjoyed with his dear friend, Elton Love: "I went with Elton a few times to cut some wood. Most people would think that we were cutting firewood. But with Elton, after the tree was cut down, he would look at the end of the log to see how the grain of the wood looked. Then he would measure the length he wanted, make a mark, and we would cut it again. Then he checked the grain again at the both ends, made his mark, and cut it so as to split the log length-wise. We would repeat this process until we had all the wood he needed.

Later he would take a piece of that wood, place it onto his wood turning lathe, and work with it for some time. All the while, woodchips and sawdust would be flying all around him. And then as if some magic had happened, he would have a beautiful hand-turned wooden bowl. The wood grain was clearly in view and stood out beautifully. Then I understood why Elton had looked at the end of that log and made the decision about which way to make to cut to split the log.

Elton taught me how to take a plain old piece of firewood and turn it into something beautiful, a piece of hand-turned wooden art. Those were some good times that we shared together and the woodturnings that we made are artworks that I will cherish forever."

Notice again Cubby's statement: "Elton taught me how to take a plain old piece of firewood and turn it into something beautiful, a piece of hand-turned wooden art."

I love that statement. I love it because it reveals one of Elton's incredible talents. I also love it because it reminds me of **the Master Carpenter, Jesus Himself.**

Jesus was the son of a carpenter and likely was taught the trade by His earthly father, Joseph. Think about how, like Elton, Jesus would have been taught to look at a piece of wood and **"turn it into something beautiful, a piece of hand-turned wooden art."** What houses did Jesus help build? What types of furniture, perhaps?

But it was **PEOPLE** in which Jesus was most interested. He could look at a person and see what he or she could become with His skillful hands.

Here's an example: when Andrew brought his brother, Simon, to Jesus, Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas (which is translated, A Stone)" (John 1:42).

*"Jesus looked at him"* – and He saw what Simon was, what He would do – including the blunders he would make – but also what He could make of Him. Jesus saw that He would make Him into a "Rock" in the kingdom, a powerful proclaimer of the Gospel, the Good News (see Acts 2).

**Jesus took "an old piece of firewood" and made it into a wonderful piece of art.** He did that for Peter. He wants to do that in each of our lives. And He will, if we will only submit ourselves to Him in obedience to His will. He will conform us into His own image (Romans 8:29). That is the greatest Image of all.