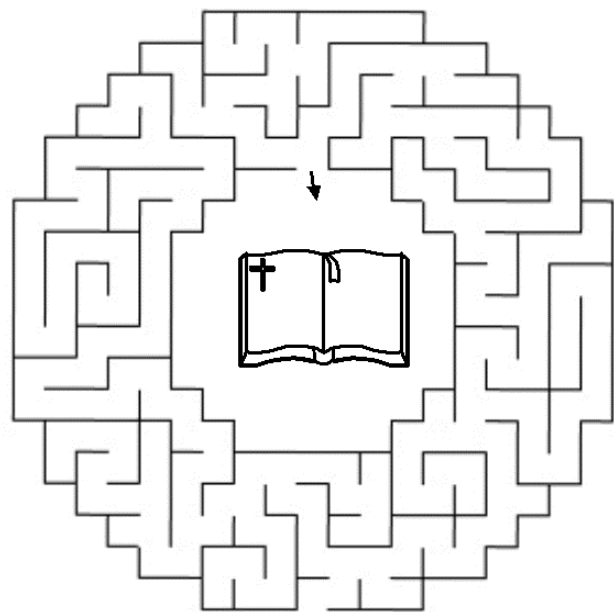


For the kids.....

# Church and Respect Maze

Help the children run back home to get their Bible for church.



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Today's Sermon..... Consider Jesus pt 1  
 Next Week's Sermon..... Consider Jesus pt 2  
 Sunday Adult Bible Class... Conversions  
 Sunday Night..... Devotional Night  
**Service Times:** Sunday: Bible Class..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship:.....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday:..... 7:00 p.m.

# Coldwater Church of Christ

January 8, 2012

Welcome to our services!

**Potluck next week. Please plan on bringing a passing dish and sharing a meal with your fellow Christians.**

**Chad Wilson lost his father, Randy, Monday night. He was 58 years old and a Vietnam Veteran. The funeral was held in Detroit on Saturday, and a luncheon was held at the Eastside Church of Christ. Please keep the Wilson's in your prayers.**

**The Bakers are out of town this week.**

**Angela Clouse gave birth to a 7 lb, 4 oz baby boy on Dec 22, 2011. Mom and baby Bradley are doing well.**

**Joyce Fosdick will be having tests done on her spine. Please keep her in your prayers.**

**Shirley Ware is also having tests, on her heart. Please keep her in your prayers as well.**

**Adam will be leaving Thursday to attend Pace University in New York, NY, and Colin will be heading back to Nashville today after services. They will be missed.**

**There is a congregational meeting after the potluck next week. We'll meet to discuss goals for the coming year. Please plan on attending if you're able.**

**Loretta will take any pictures that were missed today after services in the first classroom in the back. If you have not already had your photo taken for the board in the vestibule, please meet back there after services.**

**Please bring in non-perishable food pantry items if you would like to help out with this good work.**

**Don't forget to sign up to help out in the nursery. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thanks.**

## Upcoming Events:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – potluck – no evening service  
Congregational Meeting: Jan 15 -following potluck

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

*Beth Owen – neck pain*  
*Shirley Flaugher – recovering – in Montpelier*  
*Jeff Girdham – lung cancer*  
*Joyce Fosdick – many health concerns- tests on spine*  
*Susie Braun – Tim McVoy’s mother – cancer*  
*Wilson family – death of Chad’s father*  
*Sarah Wilson’s nephew – heart surgery*  
*Sarah Wilson’s grandfather - cancer*  
*Shirley Ware – heart tests*  
*Loretta’s Aunt Goldy – lung cancer*  
*Sharon Keifer – liver cancer*

Know Your Bible TV . 10:30 pm Mon-Thurs.on channel 19  
To add anything to the bulletin please email  
Church E-mail: office@coldwatercoc.com  
Dave’s Cell: 517-227-8867 Website: coldwatercoc.com

### Steps of Salvation

<u>Hearing</u>	Ro 10:14, 17	<u>Believing</u>	Acts 16:31
<u>Repentance</u>	Acts 2:38	<u>Confessing</u>	Acts 8:36-37
<u>Being baptized</u>	Acts 2:38	<u>Faithful unto death</u>	Mt 7:21

Our Elders: Tom Cornett 269-719-5748  
Dave Sherfield 517-227-8867  
Huey Waites 517-639-8390

## Discipleship!

**A native of the Congo is said to have prayed, "Dear Lord, You be the needle and I be the thread. You go first, and I will follow wherever You may lead."**

Perhaps that is one of the best pictures of discipleship; a willingness to SURRENDER the life AND FOLLOW wherever the Lord leads. Think about the needle guiding the thread skillfully in and out of the fabric, creating the stitching that holds a garment together. It is the needle that has the ability to poke through, creating a pathway for the thread to follow. Without the needle, what could the thread do? Though our life has its ins and outs, it is the power of Jesus that can break through, bringing us through them in a way that holds our life together for the purpose of which it was created.

Jesus defined His expectation of discipleship when He stated. . . "(26) If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot BE MY DISCIPLE. (27) Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot BE MY DISCIPLE. . . . (33) So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot BE MY DISCIPLE." ( Luke 14:26-27 & 33 ) Of all our relationships, JESUS MUST BE FIRST. He is to be loved more than anyone or anything else. That is really what He was trying to convey so that all relationships could be kept in proper perspective. Also, unless we are WILLING TO FOLLOW HIM and HIS WILL -- turning away from the direction of our own desires and un-attaching ourselves from our stuff (instead finding ways to use it up in His service) -- we cannot be His disciple. It is through FOLLOWING HIS LEAD that we will find our greatest blessings.

Even if we feel at times we are hanging on by a thread, let it be a thread attached to Jesus. May we trust the Lord enough to FOLLOW WHEREVER HE LEADS, knowing it ultimately leads into His eternal presence.

Have a great day FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH ALL THE FABRIC OF LIFE!

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