

For the young...and young at heart!

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S	<p>Here's a super fun Bible word game!</p> <p>We've hidden a verse from Proverbs in this shape.</p> <p>To find it, you'll need to start at the correct letter and then read every second letter, going in a clockwise direction.</p> <p>How long will it take you to uncover the wisdom of this proverb?</p>									R
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Today's sermon..... Taking Care of You
 Next Week's Sermon... Look Out!
 Sun. Adult Bible Class... Seed Principle
 Sun. Night..... Song Night/Devotional

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

Welcome to our Services.....February 2, 2013

Song night tonight...weather permitting. Please be with us as we sing praises to our Lord and use the service to remember our sick and the prayer box requests.

Thanks go out to Cindy for the nice, new microwave in the kitchen. It was given in memory of Shirley Flaughter.

Georgette is still in need of prayers. Her lungs have cleared up but she is now battling stomach issues. The doctor thinks she may have ulcers and has put her on long term antibiotics. Please remember her in your daily prayers as she fights to regain her health.

Thanks to Charles our mailbox is back....again. He's had to fix it twice in the last few weeks because the snow plow has been hitting it. It's great to know we can count on Charles to take care of this when need be.

Pete and Tammy arrived in Mexico safely. Please pray for their safe return.

There is a Men's Retreat at the Lagrange Church of Christ on February 14th-15th. There's a flyer on the bulletin board with details

The Family Fun night has been changed to March 8th beginning at 5:00 pm. Bring a passing finger-food dish to share and games to play. We'll plan on ending by 8:00 p.m. This would be a good opportunity to invite friends or family and join your Christian brothers and sisters for a fun evening of games and fellowship.

Proverbs 3:5

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars...

1st Sunday night- Devotion: singing, prayer service
3rd Sunday – potluck – no evening service
4th Sunday Night - Youth Group
February 14-15 – Men’s Retreat – Lagrange CoC –see bulletin board
February 21 – singing at Waynedale CoC –see bulletin board
March 8 – Family Fun Night beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

Shaun – knee pain
Brody – muscle problem – tests being done
Tom – veteran – brain cancer
Marvin and Joyce – death of Sharon
Friend of Loretta – tests for spot on kidney
Thad – foot surgery
Marilyn Fitz –resides at the Laurels of Coldwater, room 138
Lincoln – recovering at home
Josh’s friend’s little brother – brain cancer
Amanda Spencer – Joyce Aker’s sister – possible dementia
Wendi Baker’s grandfather – stroke
Norman Arey – Wanda’s neighbor - cancer
Georgette – lung issues/COPD- stomach issues also

TV BIBLE STUDIES:

Know Your Bible – Charter - 10:30 pm - Mon-Fri. - channel 19
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 Mt 7:21

Our Elders:

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The SKY IS NOT FALLING

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University. The Christian Higher Education Foundation, representing colleges and universities affiliated with Churches of Christ, commissioned Dr. Flavil Yeakley to study the post-high school years of our young people related to their spiritual growth. *(Dr. Yeakley’s presentation, along with his PowerPoint slides will be made available for download on Freed-Hardeman’s website in the near future).*

Dr. Yeakley presented several interesting facts that I wish to share with you. Not only did he share information about our young people, but about churches of Christ in general. Some of the statistics that he shared:

Churches of Christ constitute the **12th** largest religious group in America.
Churches of Christ are the **6th** fastest growing church in America.
Churches of Christ rank **4th** in the nation in total number of congregations.
Churches of Christ rank **5th** in the nation in number of counties in which there is a congregation.
Churches of Christ rank **1st** in the nation in distribution of congregations.
Churches of Christ rank **1st** in the nation in weekly attendance among its membership.

That’s a far cry from the gloom and doom propaganda that some have been preaching. So much for the talk that we must embrace certain innovations if we want to grow and be remain relevant.

Another interesting tid-bit from Dr. Yeakley’s research was that the greatest retention rate of young people following graduation from high school comes from congregations who are described as “middle of the road,” whereas the worst retention rate of young people comes from congregations who are described as “much more liberal.”

Some do nothing but criticize the CHURCH and tell it how it is no good. Tell it how other “churches” are better than it. Tell it that it is irrelevant, legalistic, and graceless. Tell it that it cannot achieve anything worthwhile. Now what kind of impact do you think this would have on the self-image and productivity of that church?

These statistics aren’t given so that you will have something about which to brag, but rather are given to encourage you to **“keep your hand to the plow”** and help you to realize that you are making a positive impact in the world.

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