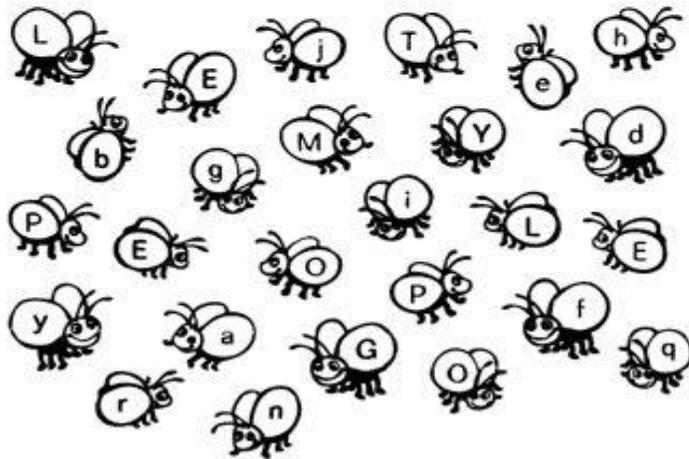


God Cares for His People
— Exodus 7-13

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God Can Do It!

The king would not listen to Moses. He did not believe that Moses was sent by God. God sent gnats and flies and locusts and other plagues to Egypt to make the king listen. Find God's message by coloring all the bugs that contain lower case letters, then copy the CAPITAL letters that are left to the spaces below.



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Today's Sermon.....	Love Another
Next Week's Sermon....	Who Will Go for Us?
Wednesday Night.....	Study of Church History
Wednesday Ladies' Class ...	Old Testament-Cathleen
Sun. Adult Bible Class... ..	Ben S.
Sun. Night.....	Ben S.
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 19, 2017
Potluck today. Please stay if you're able.

The new bus is in the parking lot. Thanks to David for all your work getting it ready for us! Check it out.

Ella's knee replacement was changed to April 4th. Please keep praying for Ella.

Wendi Baker spent some time in the hospital. They found an infection and she will be on IV antibiotics for a few weeks. Please pray for a complete recovery.

Dolli Girdham was on vacation in Florida recently. We missed her in services last week.

Karen and Randy have been quite ill with the flu. They're on the mend. Please remember them also.

Harold is back in the hospital with the flu and pneumonia. Please pray for fast and complete healing.

Loretta had a recurrence of a sinus infection she's been fighting. More meds and she's feeling better.

The Norton's have been traveling this past week. They will be gone for one more week.

The first trip on the new bus will be to Drew's Place on Saturday, February 25th. We will be singing and have a puppet show for the residents. We will meet at the building at 9:50 a.m. and ride the bus over. Please join us.

The prayer list is so long there's no room for new entries. Please check it over and let Loretta know who can be removed. Thanks.

If you'd like to be added to the Kid's Church rotation, please see Pete.

Bible reading for this week:

Feb 19: Lev 19-21
Feb 20: Lev 22-23
Feb 21: Lev 24-25
Feb 22: Lev 26-27

Feb 23: Num 1-2
Feb 24: Num 3-4
Feb 25: Num 5-6

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars...

May 6th – Ladies' Day – 11 a.m.

April ? – HIS Group begins meeting again.

Please fill out prayer request sheet to have someone added!

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

Dale and Beth – influenza

Randy and Pam Johnson – back pain and illness

Sarah Davis – Beth's niece – aggressive breast cancer

John Owens – Dale's brother – taken off ventilator – home

Ella's son-in-law – health – pancreas

Georgette Larson – lung problems

Harold Cregor – infection and pneumonia

Tim Slomers - healing

Huey's brothers Pete and Boo

Edna – pain and other problems

Thad – Dale and Beth's son-in-law - severe infection- healing

Cathleen– health issues – tests

Ella Boston – knee surgery April 4th

Joshua Winslow – Edna's grandson

Deano and Lesly – Edna's son and daughter

Jason Marti – needs God

Penny Green – friend of Shirley – breast cancer

Jenny Mullenix – Shirley's niece – breast cancer

Wendi Baker – infection

Birtie Akers - Joyce's sister –in-law– return of cancer in 2 places

Sydney – Joyce's brother-in-law – heart failure

Shirley Ware – knee and shoulder pain

Joyce Fosdick, Marilyn Fitz

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

Our Elders: Dave Sherfield 517-227-8867

Pete Baker 677-776

Huey Waites 639- 8390

The Letter

A preacher told the true story of one of his church members, an attorney, who after meditating on several scriptures, decided to cancel the debts of all his clients that had owed him money for more than 6 months. He drafted a letter explaining his decision and its biblical basis and sent 17 debt-canceling letters via certified mail.

One by one, the letters began to return, unsigned and undelivered. Perhaps a couple of people had moved away though not likely. Sixteen of the 17 letters came back to him because the clients refused to sign for and open the envelopes. They likely feared that the attorney was suing them for their debts.

Observe some parallels of these incidents to our own lives...

We owe a debt for our sin, and ALL of us have sinned (Romans 3:23). Perhaps one of the Scriptures the merciful attorney read was "The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant" in Matthew 18:21-35 (please read this parable of Jesus). In the parable, Jesus tells about a servant who owed his king an exorbitant amount of money. The servant pled for mercy. "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt" (Matthew 18:27).

But that servant whose debt was erased went out and found a fellow servant who owed him some money. This servant also pled for mercy but found none; instead he was cast into prison. When the king heard what his servant had done to his fellow servant, he called him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" (Matthew 18:32-33). The "master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed" (Matthew 18:34).

Then Jesus gives "the moral of the story": "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses" (Matthew 18:35).

Jesus paid the debt for our sin when He died on the cross.

This is the truth that "the Letter" (God's Word) reveals. The Apostle Paul states that one of the components of the Gospel (literally, *Good News*) is that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3). "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).