

The Bible:

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

BAPTISM
JESUS
JOY
LIGHT

LOVE
OBEY
REPENT
RESURRECTION
RIGHTEOUSNESS
ENCOURAGE
FAITH
GOD
HEAR

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WORD
HEAVEN
BELIEV
BIBLE
CHRIST
CROSS

Today's Sermon..... Causes of Unfaithfulness
Next Week's Sermon..... Strategies for Success
Sunday Adult Bible Class... How to Stay a Christian
Sunday Night..... Great Men and Women of God
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

March 11, 2012

Welcome to our services!

Potluck next week. Please plan to stay if you're able.
Cathleen has been ill lately with a bronchial infection. She was feeling better and able to be in services Wednesday evening. She also had a CAT scan last week which showed an abnormality in her brain. She has seen a neurologist and an MRI has been scheduled to see exactly what is going on. Please keep her in your prayers as the doctors explore the cause of her problems.

Joyce Fosdick spent some time in the hospital last week with stomach issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

Huey has had eye surgery on one eye and the other is scheduled. Please keep him in your prayers as well.

The Patton's have moved to Albion; Sherry as well as the children, which is why we haven't been seeing them in services.

Ruth's daughter, Diane, is receiving chemo treatments as a treatment for lymphoma. Her blood count was dangerously low last week so the chemo has been adjusted. Prayers are appreciated as she continues treatment.

Marvin lets us know that his eye is healing nicely and he hopes to be able to drive and be back with us soon.

Sharon had some good news in that the medication she is receiving as treatment for her cancer has stopped the growth of the tumor. Treatment will continue. Please keep her in your prayers.

June 2nd at 11 a.m., there will be a Memorial Service for Red Burroughs, Wanda's husband, who passed away in Florida recently. It will take place here at the building. Beth is organizing a luncheon to follow and will let us know how we can help. Thanks Beth for your service to others.

Young people, don't forget the Lock-In at the Breeden YMCA in Angola next weekend. Bring your swimsuit, sleeping bag, games and drinks and meet at the YMCA building at 8:30 p.m. Friday night. Parents, plan on picking up your kids at 6 a.m. Saturday morning. Pizza will be provided.

Upcoming Events:

3rd Sunday – potluck – no evening service

1st Sunday night- Devotion: singing, prayer service

March 16-17 - Camp Indogan Lock-In

March 24- Mens' Breakfast - Ponderosa 8:30 am

April 22 - Lowell Huffman – Camp Indogan Presentation

April 28 - Camp Indogan Dinner

May 13 - Mother's Day Breakfast

May 20 - Family/Friend Day- Invite a friend

June 2 - Red's Burroughs Memorial - 11:00 am

July 8-13 - Dave's Camp Indogan Session

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

Cathleen Waites – MRI of brain

Huey Waites- eye surgery

Dick Trine – Tom's step-father - cancer

Shirley Flaughter –home

Joyce Fosdick – many problems

Loretta's Aunt Goldy – lung cancer

Sharon Keifer – liver cancer – being treated

Diane – Ruth's daughter –chemo treatments

Marvin – eye surgery – healing @ home

Beth - health issues

Blessing of Life

Know Your Bible TV. 10:30 pm Mon-Thurs.on channel 19

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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

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Something Better Came Up

At times, odd mysterious events will occur and immediately an investigation is launched to discover the reason. These occurrences may be weird lights floating across the horizon, strange storms, and mechanical breakdowns, ecological disasters of some sort, or a person coming up missing. Sometimes the investigation stalls and the phrase “reasons unknown” is used to convey how investigators are forever puzzled.

Sometimes we may scratch our heads, shake our heads, take a double take, a hard look, and an unbelievable gasp at why some people fall away from the Church, fall away from the blessings of God, fall away from brothers and sisters who have shown love and concern for them, and reject their place in heaven. However, this is not a mysterious event, but stark reality, which is hard to swallow and hard to fathom, that gives us a spiritual headache, along with a heartache for a soul that has been lost.

The answer may seem difficult, but it is really quite simple. Something else came up in a person's life that was more important than the grace of God, more important than heaven, more important than Jesus, and more important than the love of the brethren. What possibly could be more important? Someone once said, “I will see you Sunday, if nothing better comes up”. What a statement of total misunderstanding and failure to see the vital importance of worshiping the Lord and encouraging brethren.

Hebrew 10:24-26 I Cor. 11:23-29

In Luke 14:15-24 Jesus responds to the statement, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Jesus tells a story about a man asking people to attend a banquet. Three responses were given to the invitation, which revealed that these people had something better to do than to be with Jesus. “¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ ²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’” This example refers to the Jewish people who rejected Jesus from the very beginning. However, many today reject Jesus the same way and, even after they have received the blessing of forgiveness, they begin to find better ways to spend their time and energy. Soon they find themselves back in the world living as if Jesus had never touched their heart. Is there really something better than Jesus? Nothing better can ever possibly come up that can fulfill our needs like Jesus Christ. Dave