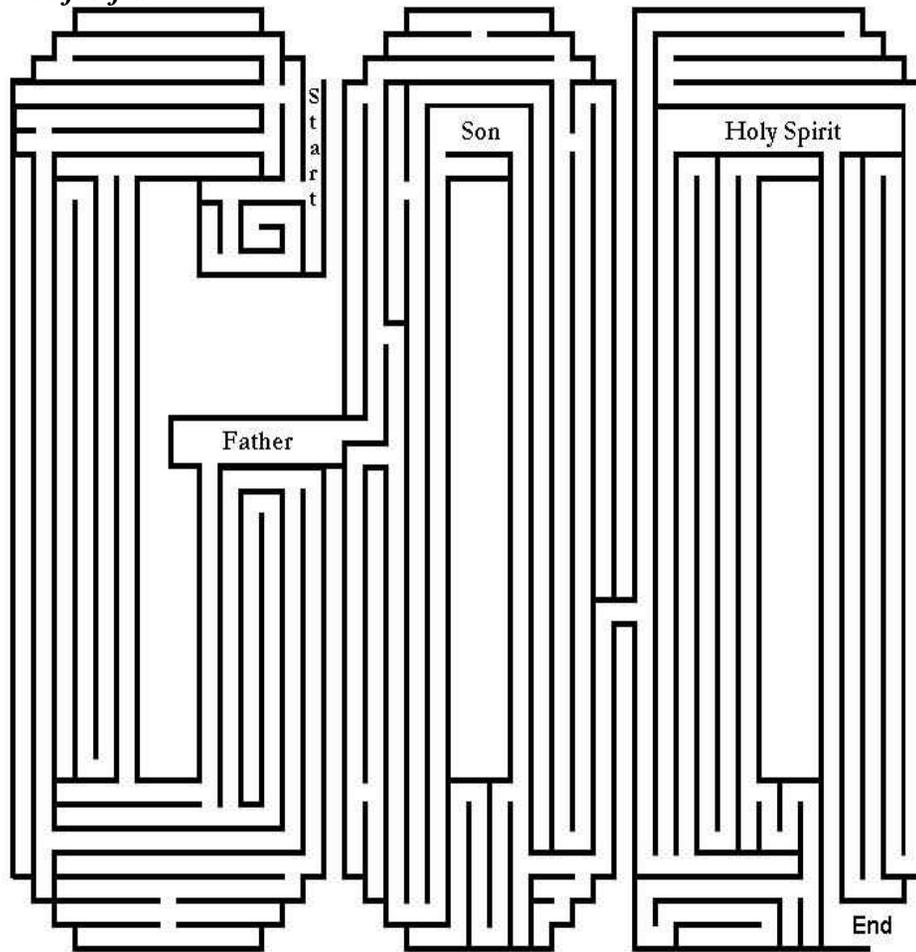


Just for fun:



# Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome to our services! May 19, 2013

**WELCOME FAMILY AND FRIENDS! PLEASE STAY FOR OUR MONTHLY POTLUCK AFTER SERVICES.**

*\*Our first "Kindness in Action" activity was yesterday morning. Eight of our number turned out to pass out donuts and coffee, and wash windshields. We had 8 cars pass through our parking lot and gave out about 2 ½ dozen donuts. We waved and smiled at about 400 hundred cars and many people smiled and waved back. We all agreed it was a wonderful way to show God's love. Thanks to all who helped out!*

*\*T-shirts are here. See Loretta.*

*\*Wanda has a new phone and cell number and now has internet access. Her new numbers are listed on the bulletin board.*

*\*Joyce Akers is having knee surgery in the future. Please keep her in your prayers.*

*\*Joyce Fosdick is having trouble with heaviness in the legs. Prayers are appreciated.*

*\*Charles' brother, Clayton, passed away this past week. He was the father of Katrina Rome, which many of us know. Please keep the family in your prayers. No word on the planned Memorial Service.*

*\*We are saddened to hear that Wendi Baker's insurance denied the request for coverage on the new treatment for asthma. She will be appealing so please continue to pray that the appeal will be successful.*

*\*Cathleen spent some more time in the hospital this week, but is home now. It seems they may have released her prematurely the last time. She is being treated for pneumonia and is very weak. Please keep her in your prayers, and Huey as well as he cares for her.*

*\*Shirley Ware's sister Bonnie was given only 4-6 months to live. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.*

*\*The Schultz Lewis commodity items this year are drinks. They'd like water, Hawaiian Punch, Crystal Light, etc. They have a new pantry and plenty of room to stock up for the year. Please bring your items in by the middle of July. Thanks.*

*\*All the ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower for Heidi Cornett. It will be held after services on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. See Loretta if you want to help.*

*\*You are all invited to the Wedding of James and Heidi Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. An invitation and sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board if you are attending. No individual invitations will be sent. See invitation for details.*

*\*The L.A.C.I. group is meeting on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Camp and have invited the ladies here. See the flyer on the bulletin board.*

*Today's Sermon..... Family /Friends*  
*Next Week's Sermon..... Memorials*  
*Sun. Adult Bible Class... Barnabas Factor*  
*Sun. Night..... Potluck no service*

Service Times: *Sunday: Bible Class..... 10:00 a.m.*  
*Worship:.....11:00 a.m.*  
*Evening.....6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday:..... 7:00 p.m*

## Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars...

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday night- Devotion: singing, prayer service

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – potluck – no evening service

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night - Youth Group

June 1 – LACI meeting @ camp

June 30 – after services - Bridal Shower for James and Heidi

July 27 - James and Heidi's wedding

August 17- Give-Away Day

August 4-10- Fair Booth

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

Cathleen Waites – ulcer on foot – weakness – pneumonia

Boston family – passing of Clayton

Bob and Shirley Flaughner – continued healing

Wendi Baker –insurance coverage – appealing denial

Joyce Akers – knee surgery

Lenore – granddaughter of Huey and Cathleen – liver tumor

Bonnie Dalman – lung cancer-months to live

Meaghan Boston – cyst in brain – wait and see

Karen – friend of Joyce Aker – disease damaging bones

Joyce Fosdick – many health problems – heaviness in legs

Sharon Keifer – liver cancer

Diane – Ruth's daughter –lymphoma – doing well

Thad – Beth's son-in-law – foot infections

The work here and elsewhere.

Our Kindness in Action activities.

*Know Your Bible Charter 10:30 pm Mon-Fri. on channel 19*

*Website: [coldwatercoc.com](http://coldwatercoc.com)*

*e-mail: [coldwatercochristoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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: Tom Cornett 269-719-5748

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## THE FAMILY!

Looking through the Gospels, Jesus -- Whom we may acknowledge as the Master Teacher -- was a master at using questions. Perhaps you would find it interesting to read through one of the Gospels paying close attention to the questions Jesus asked and consider why He might have asked them and how it impacted people.

On one occasion when Jesus was teaching in a house, his mother and brothers came looking for Him, but were unable to get in due to the crowd. They conveyed through another individual that they wanted to speak to Him and Jesus' response began with a question. We read...

"But he replied to the man who told him, 'WHO IS MY MOTHER, AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS?'" **Matthew 12:48** Jesus' question was such as would have directed the mind to consider where life's closest bonds are truly found. Each one present would have known who their mother and father and brothers and sisters and other relations were. They would have logically understood Jesus knew who His were as well. I imagine this question caught their attention with where this Master Teacher was going with such a line of thought.

There are "brotherhoods" (and sisterhoods) and considerations of a sense of family in various spheres of society. We find such mentioned among firefighters, police officers, and civic organizations. Though these relationships are not blood relationships there is a strong sense of camaraderie and a kindred spirit that creates a close bond between them. However, Jesus' focus turned toward the SPIRITUAL KINSHIP that joins us together now and transcends this realm.

Jesus went on to answer His own question by stating...  
“(49) And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! (50) For WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.’” ( **Matthew 12:49-50** )

Though physical family relationships are precious and have responsibilities associated with them that are not to be neglected ( **Mark 7:9-13; 1 Timothy 5:8**), Jesus noted this SPIRITUAL KINSHIP as holding even greater significance. Just as those within a physical family share certain likenesses (looks and mannerisms), there is even something visible that can be noted among those sharing the SPIRITUAL KINSHIP within God's family; the doing of His Will! I pray each one of us is experiencing the preciousness of this relationship we have through the Lord that encompasses both Heaven and earth.

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