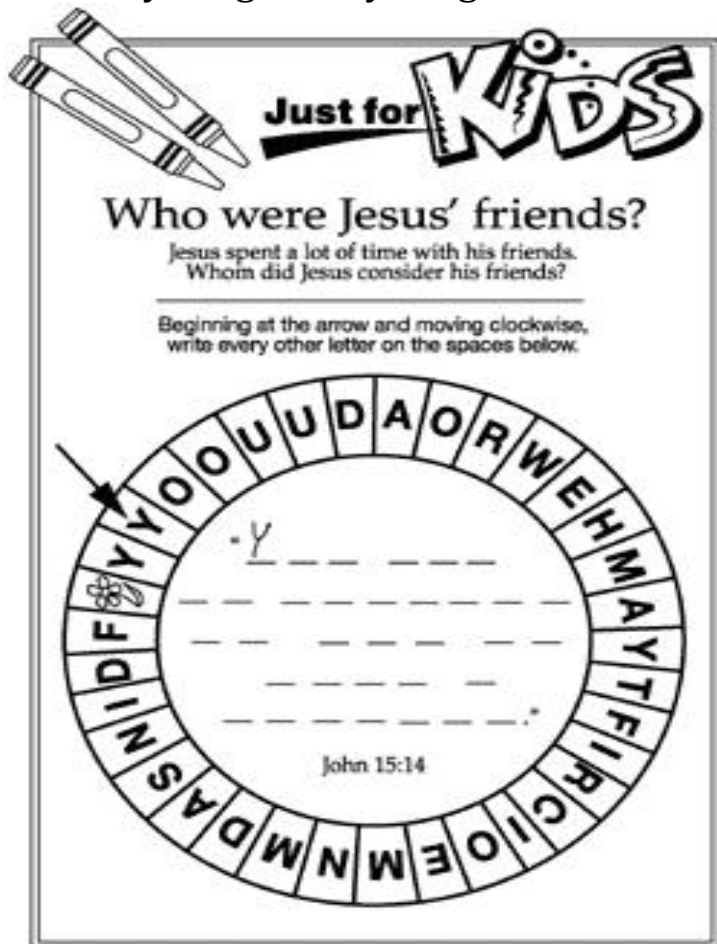


For the young...and young at heart!



Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome to our Services.....November 30, 2014

Thanks to Pete and Tammie for hosting Nadia Galvan for the week, and for the delicious, authentic Mexican food Sunday evening after services. Nadia had a great time during her visit and even managed to get to Chicago to visit relatives she hadn't seen in many, many years. She is back in Lubbock continuing her participation in the AIMs Program. Thanks to all of you for welcoming her and we hope to get to see her again soon.

Pete and Tammie will be traveling this week.

Thanks to Tim for taking over the class for Pete this Wednesday evening.

It was great to get to see Zach Slomers home for the holiday. We look forward to seeing him again soon.

Colin was able to come home for a few days. He's back in Montgomery but will be home for Christmas.

Ron and Barb Langley are out of town visiting family this weekend.

Loretta would like to start a quilting group with the ladies here in the next month or so. We would be making children's quilts and stuffed animals to give to needy children here and abroad. If you are interested in participating, please see Loretta. We would try to meet here every other week for awhile and see how it goes. This is just in the planning stages right now.

Our congregational meeting for 2015 will be on January 18th. Put this date on your calendars and plan on staying after services that day as we discuss events for the coming year.

If you have not had your picture taken for the picture board in the vestibule please see Loretta. A date will be set to get those done.

Today's Sermon..... I AM

Next Week's Sermon... Three Prayers of Thanksgiving

Wednesday Night.... Ezekiel- Tim

Wednesday Ladies Class....

Sun. Adult Bible Class... Fit For the Master

Sun. Night..... Luke Series

Service Times - Sunday: Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars...

1st Sunday night- Devotion: singing, prayer service
3rd Sunday – potluck – no evening service – next one Dec 21
October-November– Ladies Bible Class with Tammie Baker
Congregational Meeting: January 18th
Camp Indogan Lock-in - At the Camp- April 17th
Camp Indogan Spring Rally- May 15-17
Camp Indogan Dinner – June 6th

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

(Let Loretta know if someone should be added or taken off.)

Marvin Keifer – healing of broken arm
Nadia Galvan – work with AIM Program
Bob's Family - Brother-In-Law - passed away
Rachel Sprow – broken ankle
Joyce Akers – not been feeling well – tests have been done
Mary Owen – sister-in-law of the Owens' – breast cancer
Becky – friend of Langleys – rejection of lungs – passed away
Ruth Clutter– looped artery – elected to not have surgery
Harley – friend of Edna – cancer – now in Laurels
Jason – Edna's son – problems
Joyce Fosdick – Shirley's sister – Alzheimer's
Marilyn Fitz –resides at The Laurels of Coldwater, room 138
Amanda Spencer – Joyce Aker's sister – possible dementia

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:

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God Had a Plan

God said to Abraham, “Abraham!” And he replied, “Here I am.”
“Take your son,” said God, “your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will tell you.” (Genesis 22:1-3)

At first glance, God's demand of Abraham seems very cruel and inhumane. Why would God command any man, especially a great man of faith, to sacrifice his son? Does God crave human sacrifice? Is He expecting those who love Him to kill their children as a means of worship?

Obviously, God did not really want Abraham to kill his son. He sent an angel to stop him just before he slew Isaac. So, why would God make Abraham go through this awful ordeal?

First of all, God wanted to test the greatness of Abraham's faith. The angel said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me” (Genesis 22:12). In Hebrews 11:19, we learn that Abraham had so much faith that he believed God would raise his son from the dead. Therefore, he had every intention of obeying God. See God had a plan.

1. God told Abraham to offer his son on Mt. Moriah (Gen. 22:2). On this same mountain range, the temple was built (2 Chron. 3:1) and Jesus was crucified (John 19:16-17).
2. Abraham was to offer his “only” son (Gen. 22:2). God offered His only begotten Son (John 3:16).
3. Isaac carried the wood for the sacrifice (Gen. 22:5). Jesus carried the cross for His sacrifice (John 19:7).
4. The ram was caught by its horns in a thicket (Gen. 22:13). A crown of thorns was thrust upon Jesus' head (Matt. 27:29).
5. The ram became a substitute for Isaac (Gen. 22:13). Jesus is our substitute (1 Jn. 2:2; 1 Thess. 5:10).
6. Abraham told his son, “God will provide the lamb” (Gen. 22:8). God provided Jesus, the Lamb of God, for us (Isa. 53:7; Jn. 1:29; Rev. 5:6-13).
7. Abraham bound his son (Gen. 22:9). God bound His son (Phil. 2:8; Isa. 53:10; Matt. 26:39).

Yet, the most compelling aspect of this plan is that it pleased God to offer His Son (Isa. 53:10). He willingly offered His only Son so we could be given the opportunity to have fellowship with Him. Maybe that is reason why Jesus said, “God SO LOVES the world that He gave His only begotten Son” (John 3:16).
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