

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
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SUNDAY SERVICE

Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesday: 10:00am

A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Nathia Whitley
Kevin Smith
Richard Jones
Chris Smith

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Richard and Rita

Greeters (West)

Debbie and Vicki

LESSONS

AM: Why Did Jesus Die?

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 15:1-11

PM: Concluding Challenges

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 16:13-24

TO TELL THE TRUTH

By: <http://www.churchofchrist.com/articles/to-tellthe-truth>

Truth is an elusive quality today. Everybody talks about the truth. Everybody claims to want the truth and to place a high value upon the truth. The truth is, though, we are great abusers of truth. We really want truth to conform to our desires as to what we want the truth to be, and we have become quite skillful at reshaping and redefining truth in order that it will conform. With many people truth is no longer a set of observable, rational, objective facts. Rather, it has become “the truth according to me...” In many cases we are no longer left with the real truth, but instead a distortion thereof. What is even worse is that many people accept distorted truth as the real thing, if the case has been made persuasively enough.

God is a God of truth. Not halftruths, not redefined or distorted truth, not truth that is supposedly more relevant to the times. Cold, hard, objective reality. What God has communicated through His word is “truth” (Jn. 17:17). It is the fact of the matter.

What He has commanded or instructed in His word must be followed in order to be true to Him.

Some today try to argue that God’s truths can be changed, though they might not put it in quite those words. For example, God instructed Noah to build the ark of “gopher wood” (Gen. 6:14).

Would it have mattered if Noah had used some other kind of wood? After all, some might reason, wasn’t the important thing that Noah went ahead and built the ark? Did the kind of wood really matter? If Noah had used an alternate wood, what would have happened to the ark when the floods came? Would God have sunk it just because Noah used a different kind of wood?

Such is human reasoning. The truth is Noah used gopher wood. He did it just as God had instructed him to do. One of the main reasons God chose to spare Noah and instruct him to build the ark was because Noah had a history of being faithful to God, which means he was true to God’s teachings

and instructions. When God told him to do something, Noah did it. If Noah had used a wood other than that instructed by God, he would not have been true to God. Many similar illustrations could be given throughout the Bible.

Jesus stated that those who want to truly worship God must worship Him in “truth” (Jn. 4:24). When God says a person must repent of his sins and be baptized in order to be forgiven (Acts 2:38), that is exactly the way it has to be. Since the word “baptism” means “immersion” (Rom. 6:4), nothing but immersion will suffice. When God’s word instructs those who worship Him to offer the sacrifice of their lips (Heb. 13:15), why would anyone want to add the noise of an instrument? When God has instructed that we remember the death of His Son through the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), why would some reason that some other day will be just as good? When God has instructed His church to meet together in worship to Him upon the first day of the week (Heb. 10:25), why would anyone who cares about being true to God not be there each first day? When a person can clearly read that the Lord adds the saved to His church (Acts 2:47), how can that person believe that being a part of the church does not matter?

God’s truth is the standard for our being true to Him. We cannot change His truth and still have the truth. If we want to be faithful to God, we must follow Him His way, and that is the truth!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Charles Andrew (Andy) Johnson (9th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1Kings
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **2** meets today
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Feb 7th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Fellowship:** 5th Sunday potluck on 1-29 after AM service
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit New Concord on the 29th.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Spaghetti Noodles
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Kim Scott (continuing treatments)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Romona White (Mitchell's roommate's mother has cancer)
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

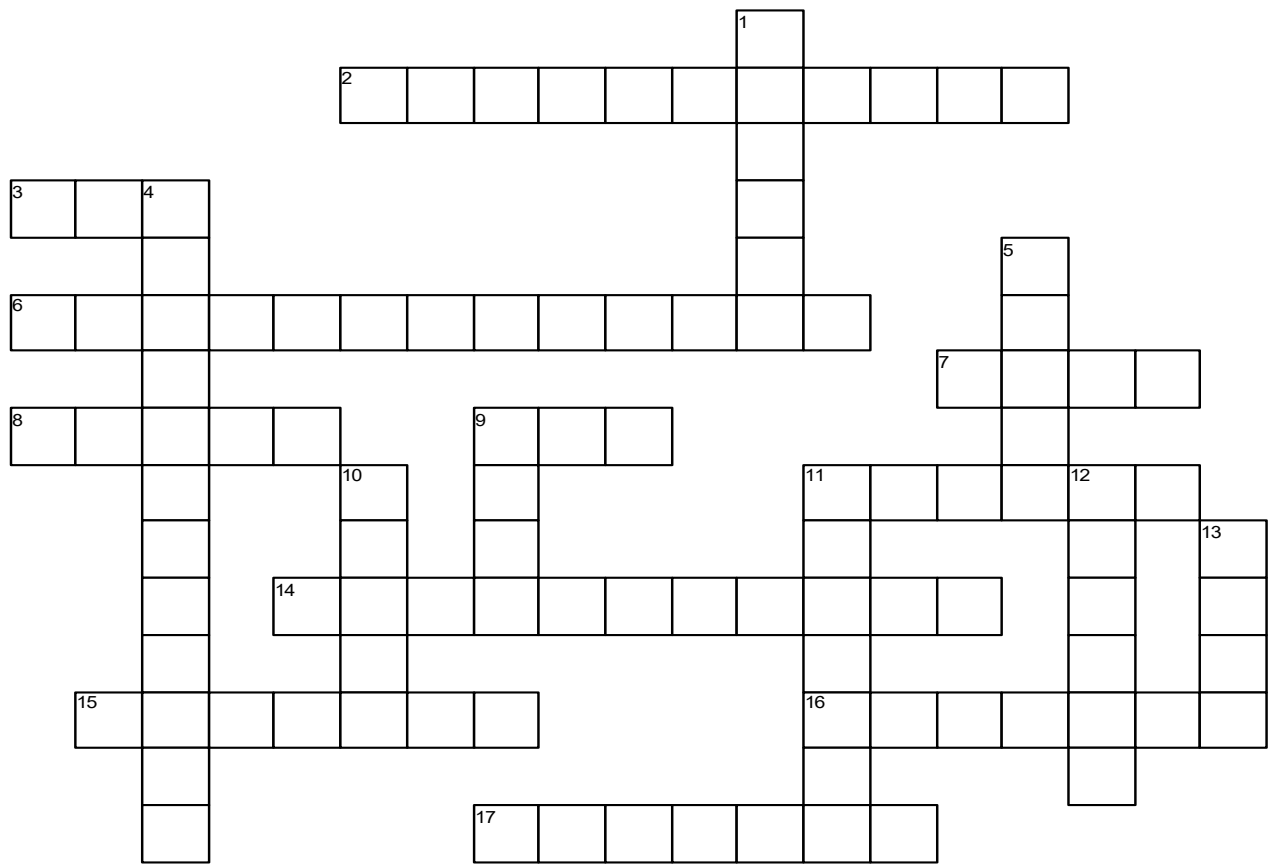
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your
home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.





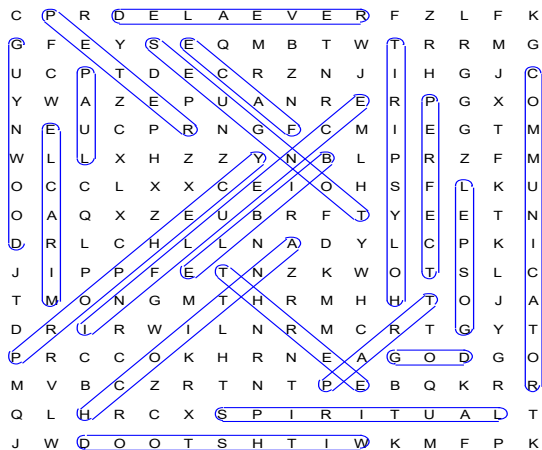
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ACROSS

- 2 Number of brethren who saw Christ at once after His resurrection
- 3 represents the blood of Christ
- 6 what brought us near to God
- 7 we had none of this without Christ
- 8 Day Christ rose (number)
- 9 What Christ came to fulfill, not destroy
- 11 day of week we remember the death of Christ
- 14 Why we partake of the Lord's Supper
- 15 what of Christ's is not of this world
- 16 length of Christ's kingdom
- 17 how we are buried with Christ

DOWN

- 1 Christ was made lower than them
- 4 Christ is this for our sins
- 5 What Christ offered for our sins
- 9 God showed us by sending His Son
- 10 represents the body of Christ
- 11 what we were when Christ died for us
- 12 before Christ we were this (concerning His kingdom)
- 13 apostle born out of due time



Bible question: Who said “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you”?

Last week’s question and answer: According to Jesus, what causes angels to rejoice?

Answer: Repented sinner (Luke 15:10)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams