

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
January 22, 2017

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ELDERS

Richard Price
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DEACONS

Johnny Downs
Josh Fulcher
Josh Price
Wesley Tucker

PREACHER

Luke Puckett

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:
Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:
Kevin Smith

Scripture Reading:
Mitchell Smith

Lord's Table
Richard Jones
Chris Smith
Nathia Whitley
Kevin Smith

Closing Prayer:
Bradley Smith

Greeters (East)
Tammy and Kristin

Greeters (West)
Chris and Theresa

LESSONS

AM: Trial Before
Caiaphas

Scripture reading:
Luke 22:63-71

PM: God and the
Galatians

Scripture reading:
Romans 8:14-17

THE BIBLE IS GENUINE AND AUTHORITY

By: Dan Flourney

Is the Bible reliable? Can we rely on its statement of fact? Must we bow to its claims of authority? What evidence is there to demonstrate that the Bible is genuine? That is, how can we be sure that men like Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Peter and Paul actually wrote the books ascribed to them? Briefly, let us observe that the Scriptures were authoritative from the time of writing. As Moses wrote the Pentateuch, the Israelites accepted his writing as being from God. They observed the numerous signs which demonstrated that God was with him. Even the magicians of Egypt said, "This is the finger of God." (Exodus 8:19). Thus, as each Old Testament book was written, it was accepted, copied, preserved and placed in the collection of books that eventually became the 39 books of the Hebrew Bible. Likewise, the apostles and prophets of the New Testament wrote and confirmed their word by signs and wonders (Hebrews 2:4; Mark 16:17). Paul said "truly the signs of an apostle were worked among you" (2 Corinthians 12:12). Early Christians kept, copied, collected and preserved the New Testament document with such care that we can say that the New Testament is the best attested document in all of ancient literature! There are about 1,000 Hebrew manuscripts (copies) of the Old Testament in existence. Over 5,000 Greek manuscripts of the New Testament are available today. In addition to these, there are thousands of early translations of the Bible. For example, the New Testament was translated into Syriac, Egyptian, and Latin between the end of the first century and end of the fourth century AD. Furthermore, early Christians often quoted from the New Testament letters as they wrote to one another. By taking the quotations of New Testament books in the writings of Christians up through about 325 AD, scholars have been able to reproduce the entire New Testament with the

exception of fewer than a dozen verses. In comparing the documents which support the genuineness of the Bible with those that support other ancient literary works, one can be certain of the Bible's authenticity. F.F. Bruce, professor of biblical criticism and exegesis in the University of Manchester, has said: "The evidence for our New Testament writings is ever so much greater than the evidence for many writings of classical authors, the authenticity of which no one dreams of questioning. And if the New Testament were a collection of secular writings, their authenticity would generally be regarded as beyond all doubt." (The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?, p. 15). We stand amazed at the abundance of evidence for the genuineness and authenticity of the Bible. God in His providence has preserved the sacred text. We need have no doubt as to its reliability. The Bible indeed is from God, its authority is unquestionable and its statements are infallible. Therefore, we must obey its commands and may derive hope from its promises.

NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

- ◆ Family of God: A Study of the New Testament Church by Batsell Barrett Baxter (Added in memory of Rayburn Pendergrass)
- ◆ From Vultures to Hummingbirds, 6 Attitudes to Eliminate, 7 Attitudes to Cultivate by Mary Alice Wilhelm (Added in memory of Mabel Douglas)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Ashlee Whitley (23rd)
- ⇒ Isaac Fulcher (23rd)
- ⇒ Jordan Hobbs (24th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1Kings
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 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 Green Plain on the 29th at 6pm.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tea bags
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ Remember we have had several sick with head colds and allergies.
- ⇒ 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 Teasley (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)

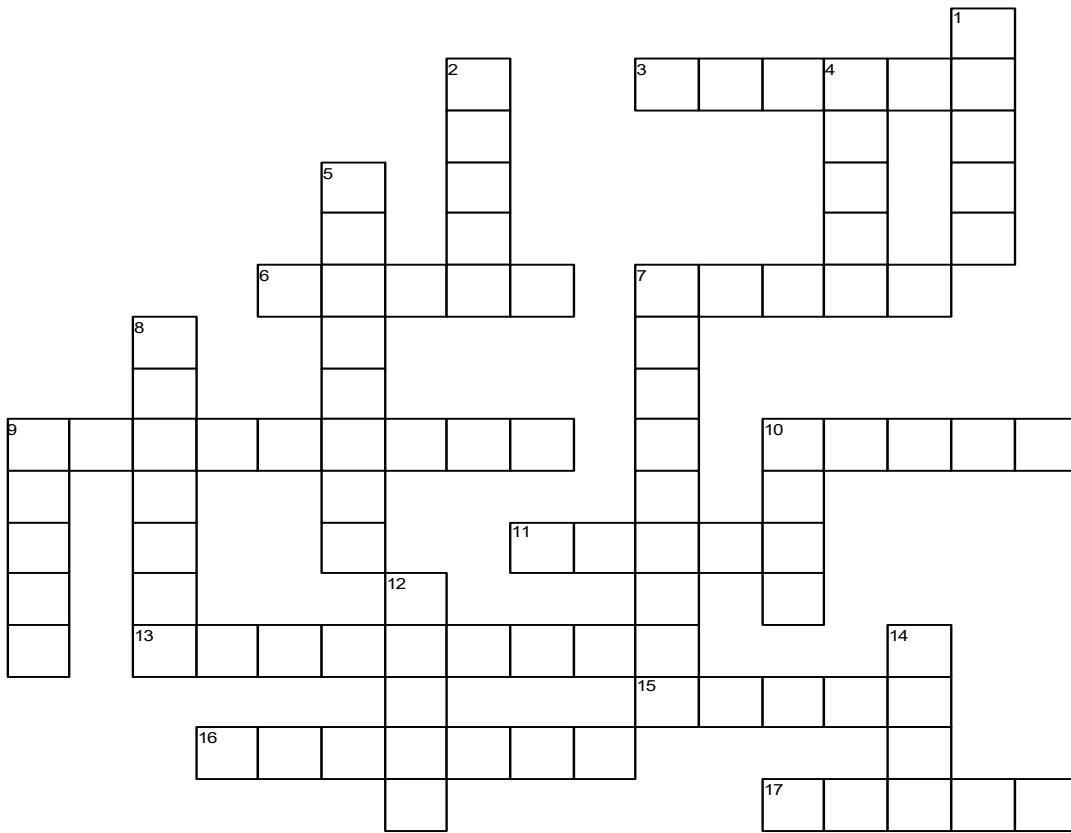
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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.





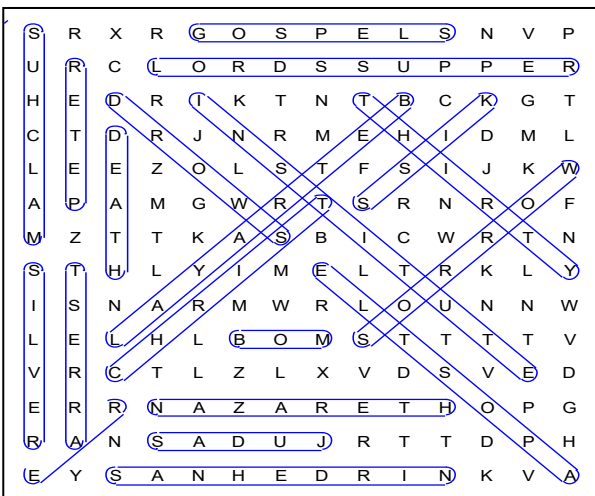
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ACROSS

- 3 Roman governor, over Judah, at the time of Christ trial
- 6 This should shine before men
- 7 Type of testimony sought against Jesus
- 9 What the high priest said that Jesus spoke
- 10 What men will think of us for Christ's name sake
- 11 Who had ruling authority over Judah
- 13 Work out our own
- 15 Number of days that Christ would "build the destroyed temple of God"
- 16 How we get in Christ
- 17 Who followed Jesus at a distance into the courtyard

DOWN

- 1 Father of lies
- 2 What penalty the Jews were seeking for Jesus
- 4 Father-in-law of the high preist
- 5 High priest during Christ's trial
- 7 shows God's handiwork
- 8 Declares the glory of God
- 9 How Jesus was sent to Caiaphas from Annas
- 10 What the officers struck Jesus with
- 12 What the just shall live by
- 14 What Caiaphas did to his clothes



Bible question: What lieutenant of David had his barley fields destroyed by Absalom?

Last week's question and answer: What king had a feast where a mysterious hand wrote on the wall?
Answer: Belshazzar (Daniel 5)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams, Joshua and Jennifer Price, Nathia and Ashlee Whitley