

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **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:**  
Richard Price

**Lead Singing:**  
Ron Hutchison

**Opening Prayer:**  
Bill Vincent

**Scripture Reading:**  
Kyle Hobbs

**Lord's Table**  
Josh Fulcher  
Chris Smith  
Andy Johnson  
Kyle Hobbs

**Closing Prayer:**  
Hyland Darnell

**Greeters (East)**  
Ima and Milodean

**Greeters (West)**  
Kay and Linda

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Trumpets,  
Pitches, and Torches  
**Scripture reading:**  
Matthew 5:13-16

**PM:** Fellowship in  
Christ

**Scripture reading:**  
1Corinthians 1:5-9

# WANDERING CHRISTIAN, PLEASE COME HOME

By: Robert Hatfield

Dear Christian brother or sister who is wandering in sin,

Will you please come home?

Listen, we are family. It's not just that we miss you when you aren't at worship and Bible study, though we do miss you there. It's deeper than that. We miss the encouragement that we get when we see your smiling face. We miss working alongside you at church activities.

What was it that caused you to get to this point? Was it charismatic false teaching that carried you away? Was it a misunderstanding with someone here? Was it the ceaseless struggle with sin that burdened you down and caused you to be weary? Whatever it is, want you to know that none of it is stronger than Christ. He loves you, and so do we.

Satan will try to tempt you into thinking that nothing is wrong with your current situation. He will tempt you to believe that we are reaching out to you out of pride and self-righteousness rather than out of love. Don't listen to that. We are concerned for your soul. Don't you remember the reason why you became a Christian? Do you remember the gratefulness you felt for God's grace, and the awe you felt for the cross of Christ? Do you remember how good it felt to finally have your sins washed away in baptism? None of us here are sinless.

We're forgiven. Please, my brother or sister, come home.

We are praying for you to return. In fact, many of us mention you specifically by name every day. Sometimes it even brings tears to our eyes because we have been praying for a while now. Please know that we want you to come back. Please know that God wants you to return. He, your Heavenly Father, is the Father portrayed in Jesus' story of the lost son. When that son returned home, his father was waiting with open arms. The father initiated a celebrating at his son's return. Jesus said that it will be the same in heaven if you will return. Won't you come home?

*Isa 55:6-7 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. (7) Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*

**Let's wrap it up:** I hope you will consider coming home to Jesus and to His church. I know there are probably several hurtles that you will have to clear for that to be possible. It may even seem overwhelmingly difficult. Is there something that we can do to help ease that burden? We can't claim that it will be easy, but we can assure you that it will be worth it.

Acknowledge the sins in your life before God. Cease all activity that is sinful in His sight, and ask for His forgiveness in prayer. Know that He loves you. Know that we love you, too.

Love, your brothers and sisters in Christ.

---via [roberthatfield.net](http://roberthatfield.net)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Joel Tracy (10th)
- ⇒ Phyllis Furgerson (11th)

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Luke
- ⇒ **Team:** Team 1 meets today
- ⇒ **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 our service!
- ⇒ **Fellowship:** Fellowship/super bowl party will be at the Puckett's house tonight at 5pm. Please bring finger foods.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Moved to Feb 09 at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Senior Luncheon:** Will be held on Feb 14 after the morning service.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cereal

## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Colton Johnson (Been sick with ear infection)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards (Josh Fulcher's)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Maria's sister-continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ronnie's mother)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ 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](http://www.coldwatercoc.org).  
You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** Iēsous (Ἰησοῦς)

**Pronounced:** ee-ay-sooce'

**Translated** into the word we use today: **Jesus**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: Of Hebrew origin [H3091]; Jesus (that is, Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites: - Jesus. Thayer adds, Jesus = "Jehovah is salvation", 1) Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind, God incarnate, 2) Jesus Barabbas was the captive robber whom the Jews begged Pilate to release instead of Christ, 3) Joshua was the famous captain of the Israelites, Moses' successor (Act 7:45, Heb 4:8), 4) Jesus, son of Eliezer, one of the ancestors of Christ (Luk 3:29), 5) Jesus, surnamed Justus, a Jewish Christian, an associate with Paul in the preaching of the gospel (Col 4:11)

**Supporting verse:** John 11:35 Jesus wept.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go. How true these words are. Jesus is the greatest name there is because of who He is and what all he has done and continues to do for us. Jesus is God and the creator of this world (John 1). He is also the savior of it. See, the world sinned and was in need of redemption. So, Christ left His home in heaven and came to this earth in a miraculous way. He was born of a virgin by God. He lived here on this earth as both God and man. He took on this form to save man from their sins. Jesus is also called Immanuel which means "God with us". He is also Jesus the Christ because He will "Save the people from their sins" (Matt 1:21). Indeed Christ is referred to in different ways but they all come down to the fact that He is God and He died for our sins. This makes His name the sweetest and most precious name known to man. According to Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other NAME under heaven given among men by which we must be saved". Jesus is the only way to salvation (John 14:6). That is why He did everything for us and that is what His name means, Salvation!. He offers it freely to all who would live for Him. Are you obeying the sweetest name there is, Jesus?



**Bible question:** What nation sent back the ark of the covenant on a cart pulled by two cows?

**Last week's question and answer:** Who was Paul's teacher?

**Answer:** Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams, Johnny and Mae Downs