

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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ELDERS

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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:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Bill Vincent
Josh Price
Bradley Smith
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Wesley and Whitney

Greeters (West)

Reagan and Kayla

LESSONS

AM: Why Don't You
Open The Door?

Scripture reading:

Revelation 3:14-22

PM: The Life I Now
Live

Scripture reading:

Romans 6:1-7

CHRISTIANS WITH NO DENOMINATIONAL TIES

By: Bill Hall

God places great emphasis on names. He changed Abram's name to Abraham (Gen 17:5). Sarai's name to Sarah (Gen 17:15), and Jacob's name to Israel (Gen 32:38). He gave to John and Jesus their names before they were born (Luke 1:13, 31). He has given to His people of this age the name "*Christian*" (Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16). He has given no sectarian or denominational names, but rather condemns them (1 Cor 1:10-13). The great need of our day is for men and women to forsake their denominational ties, be nothing but Christians, and call themselves "Christians", with no other religious names.

It is of interest to note that leaders in the prominent denominations, including some of their founders, recognized and preached this truth. N. B. Hardeman, in his *Tabernacle Sermons* (Vol. 4, pp216-217), gives quotes from Charles Spurgeon, Martin Luther and John Wesley in which they plead for unity.

Charles Spurgeon, a prominent Baptist preacher, is quoted as saying: "I look forward, with pleasure, to the day when there will not be a Baptist living. I hope they will soon be gone. I hope the Baptist name will soon perish; but let Christ's name endure forever." (*Spurgeon's Memorial Library*, Vol. 1, p168).

The quote from **Martin Luther**: "I pray you to leave my name alone, and call not yourselves Lutherans, but Christians. Who is Luther? My doctrine is not mine. I have not been crucified for anyone. St. Paul would not let any call themselves after Paul, nor of Peter, but of Christ. How then, does it befit me, a miserable bag of dust and ashes, to give my name to the children of God? Cease, my dear friends, to cling to these party names and distinctions:

away with them all; and let us call ourselves only Christians after Him whom our doctrine comes." (*The Life of Luther*, by Stork, p289).

Brother Hardeman's quote from **John Wesley**, founder of the Methodist church: "Would to God that all party names and unscriptural phrases and forms which have divided the Christian world were forgot; that we might all agree to sit down together as humble, loving disciples at the feet of a common Master, to hear His words, to imbibe His

spirit, and to transcribe His life into ours." We cannot help but wonder what changes would have taken place in religious history had the followers of these men heeded their pleas. The pleas, however, went unheeded.

Denominationalism with its religious division exists and will continue to exist until our Lord comes to "root it up" (Matt 15:13). But meanwhile, no one has to be a part of the denominational system; no one should be a part of it. Today, one can be just a Christian - as was Paul, or Peter, or James, or John with membership in nothing but a local church made up of other Christians. Faithful churches of Christ, with no denominational affiliations, meet throughout the world.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ David Dodd (4th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2Kings
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 (**Wesley Tucker**) 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.
- ⇒ **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:** April 4th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Congratulations:** Taylor Hassa was baptized into Christ on 3-22
- ⇒ **Singing and fellowship:** Saturday 4-22 at 6pm
- ⇒ **Congregation Visit:** We will visit New Concord on 4-30
- ⇒ **5th Sunday potluck:** 4-30 between services
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Lima Beans
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon (Continuing rehab in Spring Creek Room 319)
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Richard Jones (Having tests run)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones (recovering from car accident)
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison (Having test run)
- ⇒ Kim Scott (continuing treatments)
- ⇒ Teri Mercer (At home recovering)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ 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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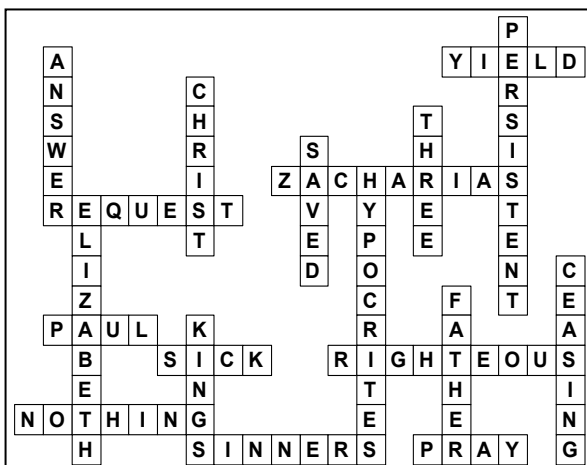
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Hear

Worldliness

Heaven

Yoke



Bible question: What group of Christians examined the Scriptures daily to see if Paul was truthful?

Last week's question and answer: Who prompted the Jews, after their exile, to put away their foreign wives?
Answer: Ezra (Ezra 10)

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