

# 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  
\*No class on 4/5/16

## **THOSE TO SERVE**

**Announcements:**  
Kevin Smith

**Lead Singing:**  
Wesley Tucker

**Opening Prayer:**  
Andy Johnson

**Scripture Reading:**  
Nathia Whitley

**Lord's Table**  
Bill Vincent  
Bradley Smith  
Wesley Tucker  
David Dodd

**Closing Prayer:**  
Richard Jones

**Greeters (East)**  
Josh and Jennifer

**Greeters (West)**  
Johnny and Mae

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Devices of Satan  
**Scripture reading:**  
Genesis 3:1-7

**PM:** Spiritual Contrast  
**Scripture reading:**  
1Corinthians 3:1-5

## **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.

# BE CAREFUL LITTLE LIPS

By: Jonnie Hutchison

Many of our readers will remember the children's song which taught us to – "Be careful little lips what you say, be careful little lips what you say. For the Father up above is looking down in love, so be careful little lips what you say." It is good for children to learn the difference between good speech and evil speech at an early age. The author of this song has done much good in teaching little children to be careful to use their speech for good and not for evil.

Of course, some of us adults need to learn how to speak properly too. No, I'm not referring to the proper use of grammar or the correct pronunciation of every word one may speak. Even the great Apostle Paul indicated that he was "untrained in speech" (2 Corinthians 11:4). While it is good to have knowledge of proper grammar and to know how to pronounce the words we wish to say, there is something that is of greater importance to the Christian. The Bible teaches the child of God to, "*Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one*" (Colossians 4:6 NKJV). One's "speech" is the means of addressing others with a view to imparting a message. It is one of the means which humans use to communicate with one another. What we say and the way in which we say it has a big impact upon our relationships with others. Saying the wrong thing or something that is untrue can be very detrimental to ourselves and others. Likewise, saying the right thing, but saying it in the wrong way can be just as damaging. Thus, the divine instruction is to "*let your speech be always with grace . . .*"

The word "grace" in this passage is not a reference to divine grace or the unmerited favor of God. Instead it refers to "speech that is pleasant, marked by sweetness and courtesy . . ." (A.S. Peake). The context indicates that this kind of speech is associated with walking in wisdom before unbelievers (verse 5). Certainly,

since God instructs the Christian to use pleasant, sweet, courteous and kind speech before non Christians, we should likewise be expected to do the same in the presence of our brethren. Notice that the word "always" precedes the phrase "with grace." Under any and all circumstances then, our speech must be always under control and always uttered with kindness and courtesy.

One's speech should also be "*seasoned with salt*." Salt is a preservative. Salt has long been used to preserve meat and other food items to keep them from spoiling. It is certainly true that what one says and how he says it should be of such a nature as to preserve rather than to destroy one's good influence and/or the reputation of another.

The final phrase in Colossians 4:6 is "*that you may know how you ought to answer each one*." There is a right way and a wrong way to express oneself to others. Always keeping in mind that what one says and how he says it can either preserve or destroy is important to saying the right thing in the right way. Perhaps before speaking one should ask himself, "what impact will this have if I say it in this way?" Will it help or hurt? Will it preserve or destroy? Will it benefit those who hear it or will it be detrimental?

Sometimes situations require one to "*use great plainness of speech*" (2 Corinthians 3:12) or to "rebuke" another "sharply" (Titus 1:13). Yet, such situations do not justify harsh or unkind remarks. Rebuke can be done with candor and kindness and without being callous and insensitive.

Let us each remember and apply the teaching of the song we learned in childhood: "For the father up above is looking down in love, **so be careful little lips what you say.**"

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ David Dodd (4th)

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** 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!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** This Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** April 10-13 with Alan Adams. Make plans to be here this week.
- ⇒ **Potluck:** April 10 after AM service.
- ⇒ **Congregational singing and fellowship:** April 23 6:00-7:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Mixed Vegetables

## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasley (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher (Recovering from back surgery)
- ⇒ 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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You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

1Corinthians 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** schisma (σχίσμα)

**Pronounced:** *skhis'-mah*

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

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G4977; a split or gap (schism), literally or figuratively: - division, rent, schism. Thayer adds 1) a rent, 2) metaphorically a division, dissension

**Supporting verse:** 1Corinthians 12:25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

While I was in school, every day we would say the pledge of allegiance. These words are found in this pledge "...to which it stands, ONE NATION, under God, INDIVISIBLE...". Our nation is founded on unity, "the UNITED states". The whole idea of our flag is that we are not divisible but stand as one. This concept didn't start with our founding fathers, but back to Christ. In Matthew 12:25, Christ says, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand." Christ said this after being accused of doing works for Satan, when He was doing them for God. We as followers of Christ must be united, we must be one. Christ prayed for this in John 17:21, "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." Christ wants us to be one, but notice we have to be one on His terms, not on ours. If we all follow the will of God and Christ, and submit to them, and become one with them, then we will be one with each other. We can have unity. Notice in 1Cor 1 that there was division among them and Paul said in verse 10 that "...there be no division among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." This division was causing problems there and they need unity. We need unity in God, Christ and each other if we want to be pleasing to God.



**Bible question:** What two sinful cities were destroyed by fire and brimstone from heaven?

**Last week's question and answer:** On what mountain did Elijah challenge the priests of Baal?

**Answer:** Mount Carmel (1Kings 18:19)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Peggy Newsome