

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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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:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Wesley Tucker

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Gerald Rule
Bradley Smith
Bill Vincent
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Bill and Maria

Greeters (West)

Josh and Jennifer

LESSONS

AM: The Pouting Son

Scripture reading:

Luke 15:25-32

PM: Dying in Vain

Scripture reading:

Galatians 2:15-21

“THAT’S WHAT MY PREACHER SAID”

By: Jerry Joseph

Have you ever had a religious discussion with someone and they tried to prove their point by saying, “**That’s what my preacher said.**” Some think that the preacher is somehow the “final authority” in religious matters. He is not!

It is believed by some that if the preacher states it, it has to be right and cannot be wrong. So, they go through life blindly accepting and doing whatever the preacher says without examining such in light of what the Bible authorizes.

Does not the Bible teach that we are to put to the test those who preach and teach to the extent that their message must be compared with the Bible to see whether it is scriptural? Look closely at 1 John 4:1, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” Notice what is stated concerning the Bereans in Acts 17:11, “Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so.”

One must examine what is being taught no matter who the proclaimer may be. It doesn’t matter the popularity, power or personality of the preacher, put him to the test. It doesn’t matter if he is a member of our family or the number of years we have known him, or if we have considered him a close friend, put him to the test. Even if he may have baptized us or we attended the same school, put him to the test. The belief by some that the preacher is “hands-off” concerning his belief, teaching and practice is not true. **This examination must be done because...**

1. **Pleasing** God demands this personal obligation from each individual as we have seen in previous verses.

2. **Precious** souls can be led astray and therefore find their soul in a lost condition (2 Peter 2:1-3).

3. **Preachers** have a duty to “Preach the word...” (2 Timothy 4:2) to please God.

It is possible for a preacher to teach false doctrine (Matt. 7:15). Notice that we are referring to false doctrine, not just something that I personally dislike or disagree with.

One cannot assume or prove that God has authorized something by saying, “**that’s what my preacher said.**” It is foolish to rest the destiny of one’s soul upon a message that has not been checked out with what God has revealed in His Word. Just because something “seems” to be or “sounds” right, does not mean that it is (Prov. 14:12).

One must look to God’s Word for the standard of authority for what is believed, proclaimed and practiced (John 12:48; Colossians 3:17).

As we learn it and live by it, then we have the hope of heaven (John 14:1-3; Titus 2:11-12; Rom. 1:16-17; Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:9-10; Mk. 16:16; Rev. 2:10).

Via—The Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Gerald Rule (18th)
- ⇒ Judy black (21st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **3 (Josh Fulcher)** 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:** May 2nd at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **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: Pancake mix
- ⇒ **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)
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker (Having surgery on 4-26)
- ⇒ 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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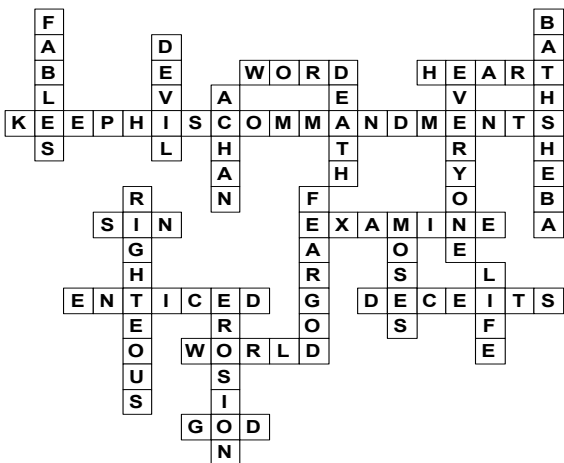


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 Wasteful
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Bible question: Which king of Israel had two golden calves made for worship and in what cities were they placed?

Last week's question and answer: What congregation was known for hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans?

Answer: Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-6)

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