

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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### **ELDERS**

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### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

Tuesdays at 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:**

Bill Vincent

### **Lead Singing:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Opening Prayer:**

Andy Johnson

### **Scripture Reading:**

Richard Price

### **Lord's Table**

Andy Johnson  
Richard Price  
Hyland Darnell  
Ray Stenbridge

### **Closing Prayer:**

Gerald Rule

### **Greeters (East)**

Josh & Andrea

### **Greeters (West)**

Bob and Susanna

### **LESSONS**

AM: Works of the Flesh  
By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
2Peter 2:1-10

PM: 3-16

By: Kevin Smith  
Scripture reading:

## **HERESIES** *by: Luke Puckett*

We see in Galatians 5:19-21 that heresies is listed as a work of the flesh, and those who engage in this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What is heresies? It comes from a word in the Greek meaning a group of men that follow their own tenets. It is also translated as sect in Acts 5:17, Acts 26:5, and in Acts 28:22. We see then that this work of the flesh known as heresies is to go against God's word and start something new and different from His word.

We have been given a divine law from God. It is His plan for us to follow after. In 1John 3:4 we are told that if we do not follow this law then we have sinned. Sin is breaking God's law. In any form or faction. If we change or alter what God has said, and then we get people to follow after that, then we have committed the sin of heresy. After Christ established His covenant, after His death on the cross, men started to change it. In the book of Revelation, while Christ is addressing the seven churches of Asia, He says in chapter 2:6 and 2:15 that he hates the deeds of the Nicolaitans. This group had, in some way, changed the law of Christ and stated to follow after what this man, Nicholas, was teaching. It was so bad and different that Christ said he hated the works they were doing. All through the Bible we see of men changing the truth into a lie. During the times of Isaiah the prophet he was warning the Children of Israel that they were going to be carried away into captivity for 70 years because of their ungodliness. The people did not like this. In Isaiah 30:9-10 it says, "That this is a rebellious people, Lying children, Children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seer, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits." The people did not want to hear the truth! So what did they do? They turned to others who would pervert the words of God. They followed after someone or became part of a sect that believed a lie rather than the truth. There were some in Galatia that had done the same thing. In some way they had started following men rather than the word of God. In Galatians 1:6-7, "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ." They had followed after men's perverted gospel, because they were followers of a sect rather than followers of Christ. This is why Paul tells Timothy to always preach the word. In 2 Timothy 4:2-5, "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. We see that so many are following after men rather than God. That is why in 2Peter 2:1-2 we have this warning, "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who brought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And man will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of the truth will be blasphemed." Notice they are "secretly bringing in destructive heresies" and "many will follow their destructive way". This tells us that in the first century this was going on. Men were changing God's law to what pleased them and not only bringing themselves down but those who follow after them.

Do we not see this happening today: men continuing to change God's law? Some are even writing their own "gospel" or the other gospel of Christ. People are changing God's word or teaching something besides what is in His word. This is why we have so many denominations today. Man will do what is right in his own eyes and then teach it to others. Before long you have a sect or people who are different than what Christ has ordained. Not only do we see this outside the church, but, unfortunately, it is also in the body of Christ. There are many false teachers in the church teaching things that are not in God's law, but in their own mind on issues like worship, allowing mechanical instruments of music in worship, or dividing the assembly by having "children's church" while we are suppose to be together. Some are teaching error on God's law on marriage, divorce and remarriage, trying to accommodate peoples' wants rather than their spiritual needs as God has set forth on this matter. Many are doing what pleases them or what will bring in a bigger crowd rather than trying to please God. Yes, friends, heresies is a work of the flesh. Whether we are the one who "starts" a sect and causes that division form God or if we are the ones following after the erroneous teaching, we are still engaging in sin. We have God's word and His law. It is simple, and all we have to do is follow it. We don't follow some man or the teaching of a false creed book, just God and the Bible. We can be one with God, and heaven can be our home, if we only follow Him.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Mark
- ⇒ **Team 4** meets today
- ⇒ **Bible bowl** plans made with Green Plain congregation for May 3rd . Ages are Kindergarten through 12th grade. If interested please see Luke Puckett or Wesley Tucker. Topic will be miracles and parables of Christ.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singing classes 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 our service!
- ⇒ **New Pathways items:** Needing cleaning supplies, food, or juice.
- ⇒ **Guest Speaker:** On 5-4-14 Rick Burse from New Pathways will give a report and message. Following services, we will have a potluck. There will be an extra 30 guests from New Pathways.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: White beans

### Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Garret Austin (Bob and Susanna's grandson has fatty tumor on hip)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Tonya 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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bulletins, sermon outlines,  
and other helpful links  
and material.



# WORKS OF THE FLESH (wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies)

## 1. Outbursts of Wrath

- What is wrath? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is there a difference between being angry and wrath? \_\_\_\_\_
- Give examples of outbursts of wrath in the Bible: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How and what type of wrath is wrong? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do we control these outbursts of wrath? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2. Selfish Ambitions or Strife

- What is selfish ambitions? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are strife, contentious, and selfish ambitions all related? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Give an example, and what did it lead to? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 3. Dissensions or Seditions

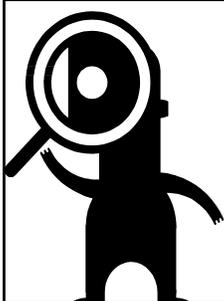
- What are dissensions? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are people trying to cause division today? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are some causing division today? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are we to do with those who cause division? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do we overcome division? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 4. Heresies

- What is heresies? \_\_\_\_\_
- Name some groups or sects in the first century: \_\_\_\_\_
- List some sects today: \_\_\_\_\_
- How do heresies and dissensions go hand and hand? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bible question: Who was not allowed to mourn the death of his wife?

Last week's answer: Jonathan & Ahimaaz (2Samuel 17:17-21)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black, Bob & Susanna Austin, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams