

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Johnny Downs
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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:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Josh Price

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Chris Smith
Nathia Whitley
Kevin Smith
Richard Jones

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Tammy and Kristin

Greeters (West)

Amber and Boys

LESSONS

AM: To Die in Faith
Requires Living in Faith

Scripture reading:

Hebrews 11:35-40

PM: Some Shall Not
Inherit the Kingdom of
God

Scripture reading:

Galatians 5:19-21

“WHO IS THE LORD THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIS VOICE”

By: Johnnie Hutchison

Since the completion of the revelation of the Word of God to men in its written form there have been those in every generation who have doubted its relevancy and rejected its divine origin. Some have called it a “dead letter.” Others have referred to its accounts as mere “myths” and still others have claimed it to be full of contradictions. Many have the same sort of attitude toward the God of heaven and His revelation to men as the Pharaoh of Egypt. When Moses declared, *“Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness’ Pharaoh’s response was, ‘Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go’* (Exodus 5:1-2). **Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?**

Pharaoh’s failure to obey God was the result of his own ignorance. He said, *“I do not know the Lord...”* However, through a series of ten plagues sent upon the Egyptian people by the power of God, Pharaoh came to know that the God of Israel not only was real but was much more powerful than he. Though he continued to reject and rebel against God, Pharaoh came to know the utter hopelessness of defying the God of heaven and earth.

Pharaoh's failure to obey God was the result of his own self-exaltation. One can almost hear the sarcasm and derision in the voice of Pharaoh in the words, *“Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice....?”* The Pharaoh of Egypt, and his people, considered him to be a god. He had a very high estimation of his position and no doubt considered any other “god” to be inferior to himself including the God of Israel. However, his arrogance eventually proved insufficient to sustain him as he was humbled by the God of heaven

suffering the death of his own firstborn son and finally relenting to the demands of the God of heaven to “Let my people go.”

Pharaoh’s failure to obey God was the result of willfully ignoring the most obvious evidence of who God is. God told Moses, *“And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them”* (Exodus 7:5). Even after Pharaoh had witnessed the severity of the plagues and the suffering of his own people, he continued to reject the evidence that was so plainly seen of the power of the God of Israel, hardening his heart and refusing to relinquish.

Ignorance of God and His Word, self-exaltation and willfully ignoring the obvious evidence of who God is, still is the motivation of many who ask, **“Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?”** When you begin to think in these terms, remember Pharaoh and do not harden your heart against the God who loves you and who gave His only begotten Son to die for you .

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Justin and Kristin (17th)
- ⇒ Kevin Smith (19th)
- ⇒ Josh and Jennifer (21st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Deuteronomy
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 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:** Thursday, June 9th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Homecoming.** May 29 with Tim Roland. A potluck will follow the morning service.
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Union Grove on 5-29. They start at 6.
- ⇒ **VBS:** June 11th starting at 9:00am
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Dish Soap

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Shane Black
- ⇒ 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.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Deuteronomy 4:2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: entellomai (ἐντέλλομαι)

Pronounced: en-tel'-lom-ahee

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

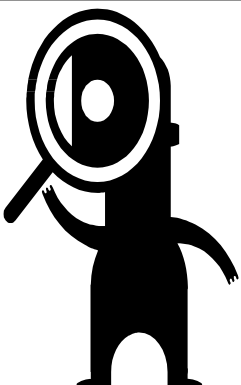
Meaning: according to Strong is: From G1722 and the base of G5056; to enjoin: - (give) charge, (give) command(-ments), injoin. Thayer adds 1) to order, command to be done, enjoin

Supporting verse: Matthew 28:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In Matt 7:21-37, Christ says "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (22) Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' (23) And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' (24) "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: (25) and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. (26) "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: (27) and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Notice that it is all about hearing and DOING his commands. We don't have the right to take away from them or add to them. We must follow them completely if we want heaven to be our home.



Bible question: What, according to Proverbs, lifts its voice up in the streets?

Last week's question and answer: What servant killed Elah, king of Israel, and then what did he do some seven days later?

Answer: Zimri, He burned the house down on himself (1Kings 16:8-18)

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