

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
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### **DEACONS**

Bob Austin  
Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

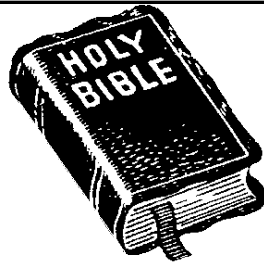
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **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:**

Kevin Smith

#### **Lead Singing:**

Josh Price

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Bill Vincent

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Josh Fulcher

#### **Lord's Table**

Richard Jones  
Josh Price  
Bill Vincent  
Wesley Tucker

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Bob Austin

#### **Greeters (East)**

Bill and Maria

#### **Greeters (West)**

Josh and Jennifer

### **LESSONS**

AM: The New  
Testament Church  
By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
1Corinthians 12:12-20

PM: God or gods  
By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
Acts 17:16-23

## **WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST** *by: Luke Puckett*

The name church of Christ is a biblical name as seen in Romans 16:16. The church of Christ is exactly what it claims to be, Christ's church. Read Matthew 16:18. Here, Christ is saying that he is going to build HIS CHURCH. The church of Christ belongs to Christ. It is his church, the one we read about in the Bible.

Christ only established one church. He did not come and set up more than one, but only one, the one he died for. In Ephesians 4:4 we are told that there is one body, but what is the body? It is the church. Ephesians 1:22-23 says the body and the church are one in the same. The body and the church are the same thing. So, if there is one body then there is just one church. In Matt 16:18, as we already stated, Jesus says I will build my church. He did not say that I will build my churches. The Bible is very clear on stating that there is but one true church, the one that Christ built.

The church that Jesus built was done so at the right time and place. When Christ said that he will build his church in Matthew 16:18, it was used in a future tense. He was going to build it. It was not yet built. Every time that we read about the church, up until Acts the second chapter, it is referred to in the future tense. In Acts the second chapter we see the apostles in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, right after the ascension of Jesus back to heaven. Here, on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem, we have the apostles preaching to the Jews about Christ being the Lord and King. In verse 41, we see people being added to the church, and in verse 47, God is the one who added them. In this verse, the church is referred to in the present tense for the first time. The church of Christ was established at the right time, on the day of Pentecost, and at the right place, Jerusalem. Churches that were established before or after this time, at any other place, or by anyone other than Christ were done so at the wrong place, wrong time, and by the wrong person, and therefore cannot be the church of Christ.

Christ is the head of the church. Eph 1:22-23 and Colossians 1:18-20 both state this. It is clear here that we are talking about Christ. He is the head, the founder, the beginning of his church that he built. Any other man who claims to be the founder of a "church" has only made a man-made church not the true church of the Bible, the church of Christ.

The church of Christ is nondenominational. The word denominational comes from the word denominate which is to divide. Denominationalists are groups that have split or divided one from another. Am I saying there have been no splits in the church of Christ? Of course not. There have been men to come along and try to change the true message of what the Bible teaches, and what the church of Christ stands for. There is one thing that they can not change. That is, the true Church cannot be changed. With Christ as the head, it is unchangeable. The church of Christ will always stand for the truth even though there will be those who will try to change it. Christ wants unity. In John 17:20-21 in Christ's prayer, he prayed to God for unity that we all might be one. The key is that we are one in Christ as he is one in the Father. 1 Corinthians 1:10 tells us the same thing, that we should be one in Christ. Christ does not want any division in Him or His church, so there is none. Man can change things by starting their own "church", but the true church of Christ cannot change or have any division in it. As long as we are following after the teaching of Christ, God is doing the adding, and we are not adding to the words of Christ or taking away from them, then we can be perfectly joined together in the church of Christ.

The church has always been in the mind of God, even before He created the world. Read Ephesians 3:10-11. The church is the ETERNAL PURPOSE. It is not plan B. It is the Kingdom, and it has come with power. Christ came to this earth to established His church and to shed His blood for it. He only died for ONE church, the church we read about in the New Testament. It was started at the right time and place. This is what the church of Christ is, Christ's church, the one He shed His blood for and established.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Kevin Smith (19th)
- ⇒ Josh & Jennifer (21)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Song of Solomon
- ⇒ **Team 3** meets today
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Congratulations** to the Vincent family on the birth of Annabelle
- ⇒ **Homecoming:** 5-25-14 with Brad McNutt; Potluck will follow AM service
- ⇒ **Wedding Shower** for Jason and Katie on 5-31-14 at 2:00 pm
- ⇒ **VBS:** 6-14-14 at 9:00am. Theme is Hall of Faith; Hebrews 11
- ⇒ **Community Cookout:** On 6-07 there will be a cookout at 4:30pm for the community.
- ⇒ **Flyers:** On the foyer tables, there are invitation flyers for Homecoming and VBS for you to hand out to friends and family.
- ⇒ **New Pathways items:** Needing cleaning supplies, food, or juice.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: ???

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## **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
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ Wesley Tucker
- ⇒ 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.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org](http://www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org). You will find  
bulletins, sermon outlines,  
and other helpful links  
and material.



# THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

Has the church always been in the mind of God? \_\_\_\_\_  
List other names for the church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Who makes up the church? \_\_\_\_\_  
List things the church was not established to be: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Distinctive Features of the church

- a. Who is the founder, builder, and head? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What did Christ give in order to purchase the church? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Whose name could the church reflect? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How many churches did Christ die for and establish? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. When and where was the church established? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. What are the members called? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. We Should Want to be Members

- a. How much do God and Christ love us? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Should we want to return this love and why? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What are we delivered from in the church? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Where are the saved added, and who adds them? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 3. The Creed of the church

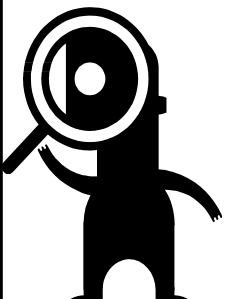
- a. What is the creed for the church? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is it good enough to last forever? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Why does the church not follow after men's creeds? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Terms of Entrance into the church

- a. Is there a vote or decided by men? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. List the steps one must follow in order to be saved and for God then to add them to the church: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bible question: What prophet dates the beginning of his book as being before a great natural disaster?

Last week's answer: Nathan (2Samuel 12:7)

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