

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Johnny Downs
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Josh Price
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PREACHER

Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Will resume in
the fall

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:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

Josh Price

Lord's Table

Chris Smith
Nathia Whitley
Kevin Smith
Richard Jones

Closing Prayer:

Gerald Rule

Greeters (East)

Andy and Maddie

Greeters (West)

Joshua and Jennifer

LESSONS

AM:

Scripture reading:

PM:

Scripture reading:

MEN'S CHOICES

By: Jerry Brewer

Many people have heard the statement, “Attend the church of your choice,” so often they may believe it is actually in the Bible. “Attend the church of your choice” implies that Christianity is like a cafeteria where one can choose to accept any part of God’s Truth which he likes and reject any which does not suit his taste, regardless of what God has said. This approach to religion makes man—not God—the final authority.

The Bible does *not* teach that Christianity offers multiple choices which God will accept. While it’s true that there are many different denominations from which to choose, it is also true that Christ built *only one* church (Matthew 16:18) purchased *only one* with his blood (Acts 20:28) and will save *only that one church* (Ephesians 5:23). We have the freedom of choice because God made man a creature of free will. But that does not mean God accepts every choice man makes. God expects all men to choose what *He* has commanded. He won’t prevent us from making wrong choices, but He will not accept religion that is not prescribed in His Word.

The Bible is full of examples of men who made choices. Some of those pleased God and some did not. For instance, Noah did not have the “wood of his choice” when he built the ark. God told him to, “*Make thee an ark of gopher wood*” (Genesis 6:14). If Noah had reasoned that pine was a light wood and easy to work with and would do just as well as gopher wood, pine would have been the wood of *Noah’s choice*. But God gave him no choice in the kind of wood he was to use, and Genesis 6:22 says Noah “did according to all that God commanded him.” In order to save himself and his family from the flood’s destruction, Noah had no other choice.

Cain had no “sacrifice of his choice” in Genesis 4. The Bible says, “And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he

also brought of the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect” (Genesis 4:3-4). Hebrews 11:4 says Abel offered his sacrifice, “by faith.” Cain did not. Since “*faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God*” (Romans 10:17), Abel heard and obeyed God. Cain did not.

Man has only two choices in religion. He can do what God specifies in His word, or do what man chooses and ignore what God has said. Jesus said the overwhelming majority of the human race will be lost because they travel the way of man’s choice instead of God’s (Matthew 7:13-14). God’s choice is that we believe (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24) repent of our sins (Acts 17:30) confess our faith in Christ (Acts 8:37) and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). These are the things of *God’s* choice, and when men obey Him, he adds them to the church of *His* choice, not of men’s choice (Acts 2:47).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Josh and Jennifer Price (21st)
- ⇒ Nathia Whitley (23rd)
- ⇒ Isaac Whitley (23rd)
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome (25th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Job
- ⇒ **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:** June 6th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Homecoming:** With Richard Guill on May 28
- ⇒ **Potluck:** May 28th after AM service, for homecoming
- ⇒ **Cookout:** Hosted by Team 1 on June 3 at 5:00pm
- ⇒ **VBS:** Saturday, June 10th
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Dishwashing liquid
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Richard Jones (Having tests run)
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson (Having tests run)
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison (Having test run)
- ⇒ Tammy Smith
- ⇒ Kim Scott (continuing treatments)
- ⇒ Teri Mercer (At home recovering)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon
- ⇒ 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)

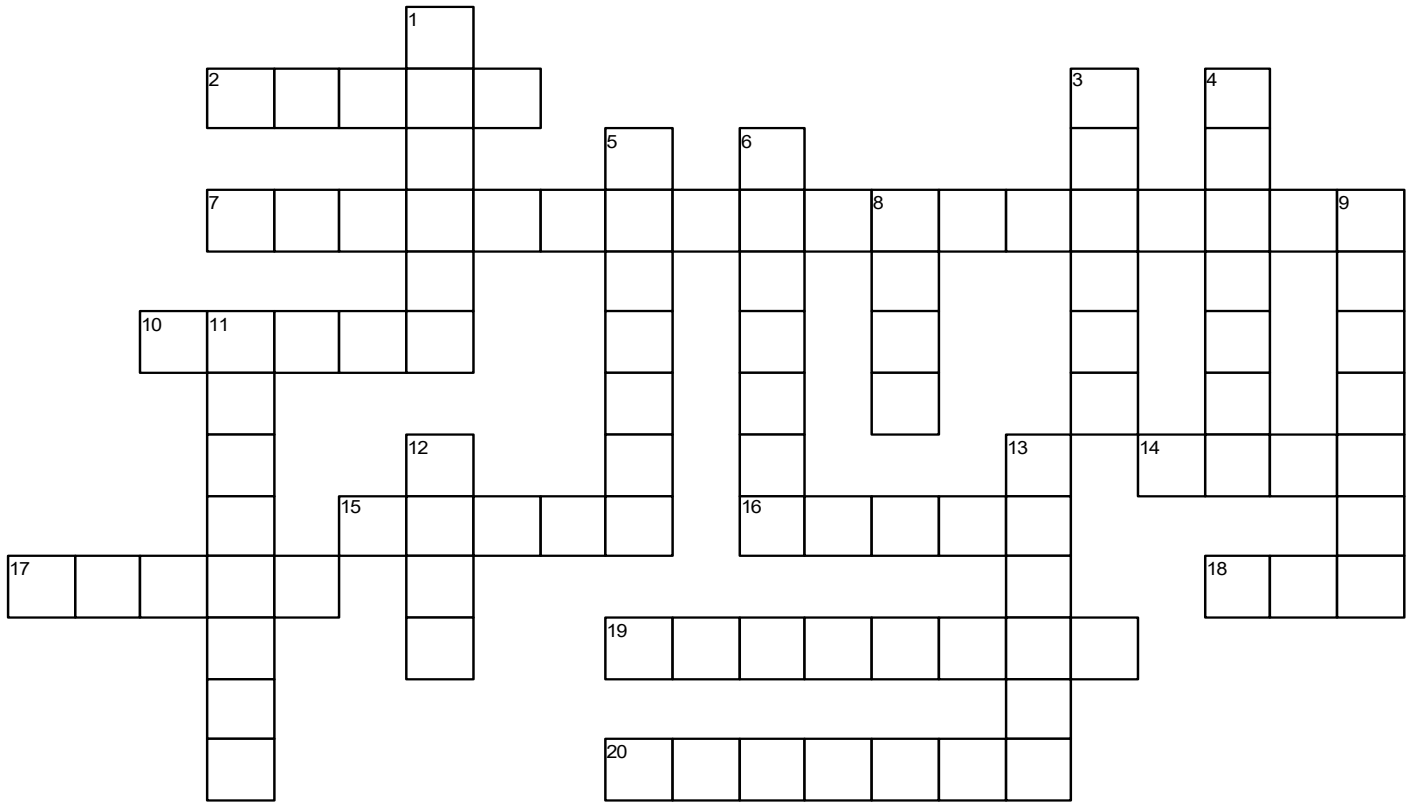
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.





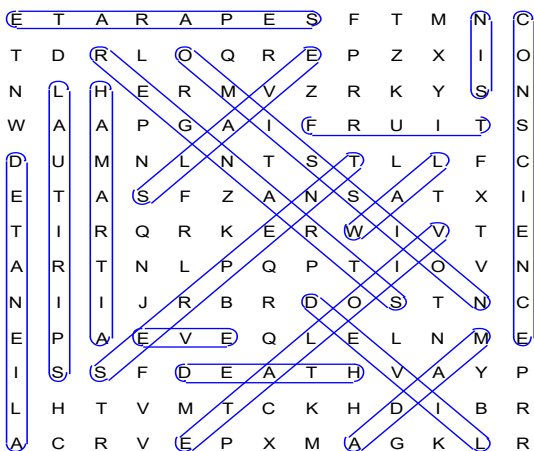
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ACROSS

DOWN

- 2 Other name of Israel
- 7 Son of Isaiah born by prophetess and named by God
- 10 Swallowed by a fish
- 14 Left handed assassin (killed Eglon)
- 15 Wife of Hosea
- 16 Married a harlot by God's Command
- 17 Killed a giant
- 18 Mother of all living
- 19 Took Judas' place
- 20 God made him a three fold promise

- 1 Favorite son of Jacob
- 3 Led Israel across the Jordan river
- 4 Nurse of Rebekah's
- 5 Slew Philistines with an ox goad
- 6 Husband of Hannah
- 8 Priestly tribe
- 9 James and John's father
- 11 Servant of Philemon
- 12 Ate locusts and wild honey
- 13 Spoken to by a donkey



Bible question: Who stood up against Israel and moved David to take a census of Israel?

Last week's question and answer: Who threw stones at David and his servants while he accused David of being a violent man?

Answer: Shimei (2Samuel 16)

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