

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

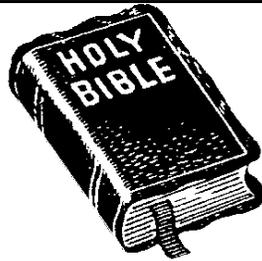
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **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:**

Kevin Smith

### **Lead Singing:**

Kevin Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

Bill Vincent

### **Lord's Table**

Wesley Tucker  
Richard Jones  
Josh Price  
Bill Vincent

### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

### **Greeters (East)**

Richard and Rita

### **Greeters (West)**

Andy and Maddie

## **Welcome**

Brad and Brooke  
McNutt

# WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

*By: Luke Puckett*

When we think of salvation, we must first understand about salvation and see that it is something that we all need. The word salvation in its basic form means to be saved from. But saved from what? We are considering spiritual things in this paper so we are talking about spiritual salvation, or being saved from our sins. We have all sinned. Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” We also see that our sins separate us from God. Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Therefore, we must be reconciled to God, brought back to him, because we all have sinned. But, how? How are we reconciled to God? How are we saved? First of all, we see that it is by the Grace of God. John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Second, it is by the blood that Christ shed for us. Ephesians 2:13 “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.” So we see that God and Christ have done their part for us. What about our response to Christ’s invitation? Matthew 11:28-30 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Christ says, “come unto me”. We also see that salvation is to those who OBEY Christ. Hebrews 5:8-9 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (9) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;” Here we see that eternal salvation comes only to those who obey him!

What is it then that we must do to obey him, to humble ourselves and submit to his will? We must first have a knowledge of, or hear, the gospel of Christ. Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Before we can believe or have faith, we must first know about what we are to believe or have faith in. After we have heard of the gospel of Christ, it now becomes the hearers’ responsibility to either believe, have faith in it, or not to believe it. John 8:24 “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” If we hear and then believe the words that we have heard, we must then make a change in our lives. The Bible calls this change repentance. Luke 13:3 “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” Repentance is a change in our minds that leads to a change in our lives. It is something that others can see. Matthew 3:8 “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:” John tells the Pharisees and the Sadducees who had come to him to be baptized that they must first show that they had repented, to show him that they had changed. So if we were living in sin, maybe in adultery, and we wanted to obey the gospel of Christ, we would need to repent and get out of that sinful relationship. After we have heard, believed, and repented, it is time to make it known before men with a sweet confession that Christ is deity. Romans 10:9-10 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” What confession should we make? Acts 8:37 “And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” With this confession, we are making it known before others that we are ready to give our lives over to Christ and be a Christian. Let us note that in Romans 10:10 it tells us that confession is made UNTO salvation. It does not say, nor does it say anywhere in the Bible, that confession saves us. We often hear of the “sinner’s prayer” and that we can be saved by saying that. Where is the sinner’s prayer in the Bible? Where does it say that confession saves us? Oftentimes we will hear ones who believe that we are saved here use passages like Romans 10:13 and Acts 2:21 which say (Romans 10:13) “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” As we will look at this verse and the one in Acts, we will see later on what it means to call on the name of the Lord. The ideal of calling on the name is not a voice call, but a submission to the authority of the Lord. *(continued on page 4)*

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Peggy Newsome (25th)
- ⇒ Mitchell Smith (29th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Song of Solomon
- ⇒ **Team 4** 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!
- ⇒ **Potluck** will follow AM service today for our homecoming
- ⇒ **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 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: Black pepper

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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 (having tests run)
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ Wesley Tucker (Broken ankle)
- ⇒ Glen Burse (bone cancer in left shin)
- ⇒ James Jenkins (Whitney Price Jenkins' father-in-law)
- ⇒ 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)*

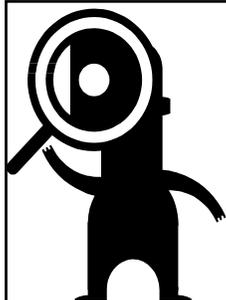
Heaven can be your  
home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

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bulletins, sermon outlines,  
and other helpful links  
and material.



(continued from page 2) Hopefully, we have seen by the Word of God that up to this point we are not saved. Just belief alone is not enough. James 2:17-19 “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. (18) Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. (19) Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.” Belief is not enough, but we must show a submission to the will of God. So after we have heard, believed, repented and confessed, we next must be baptized into Christ. This is where we get the remission of our sins. Let us look at several Bible passages that show us that baptism is the point at which we are saved. Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” 1 Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:” Every example of conversion in the book of Acts ends with the person being baptized immediately for the remission of their sins: the Jews on Pentecost in Acts 2, the Samaritans in Acts 8, the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8, Saul of Tarsus in Acts 9 and 22, Cornelius in Acts 10, Lydia in Acts 16, The Philippian jailer in Acts 16, the Corinthians in Acts 18, and the Ephesians in Acts 19. If these examples and the verses sited were not enough, God gives us more. Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:” If all spiritual blessings are in Christ, how do we get into Christ? Galatians 3:26-27 “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” As we stated before, the blood of Christ is what washes away our sins. How then do we contact the death of Christ? Romans 6:3-6 “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: (6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” Romans 6 tells us that we contact the death and blood of Christ by baptism. That our old man, the old man of sin, is put to death where? In baptism! Then after baptism, we are raised a new creature, that is a Christian, one who no longer has sins and is now a child of God.

We can also look at Saul of Tarsus, or later the Apostle Paul. Was he saved on the road to Damascus? The Bible says that Christ tells Paul to go into the city and it will be told of him what he must do. We then see that when Ananias comes to him, he tells Paul, (Acts 22:16) “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” Paul was told to be baptized to do what? To wash away his sins. If Paul was saved on the way to Damascus, then why did he still have sins when Ananias told him to be baptized to wash his away? It is because Paul was not saved on the road to Damascus but had salvation and his sins washed away when he was baptized. We have seen that baptism saves us (1Peter 3:21, Mark 16:16), washes away our sins (Acts 22:16), gives us remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and puts us into Christ (Gal 3:27). I do not know how so many people will ignore God and His commandment to be baptized. The Bible is very clear on what we must do to obey him, and it includes hearing the Word, believing the Word, repenting of our past wrong, confessing before others that Christ is the Son of God, and then being baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptism is as much as a part of our salvation as anything else is. We must follow all of God’s commands for us, including baptism, if we want our sins remitted and heaven to be our home.



Bible question: Who is the only king referred to as “the Mede”?

Last week’s answer: Amos (Amos 1:1 ; two years before the earthquake)

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