

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Bob Austin  
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### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

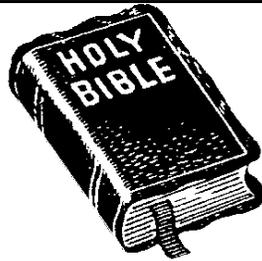
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **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:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Lead Singing:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Opening Prayer:**

Bill Vincent

### **Scripture Reading:**

Ray Stembridge

### **Lord's Table**

David Dodd  
Bob Austin  
Ray Stembridge  
Mitchell Smith

### **Closing Prayer:**

Hyland Darnell

### **Greeters (East)**

Johnny and Mae

### **Greeters (West)**

Bill and Maria

### **LESSONS**

AM: What I Have I Give  
to You

By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
Acts 3:1-10

PM: Preaching Christ  
Crucified

By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
Acts 18:1-8

# **MIRACLES** *by: Luke Puckett*

All throughout the Bible we read of God allowing miracles to be done. From the Old Testament to the New, God did miracle after miracle. Prophets of God, Apostles of Christ and Christ Himself all did miracles from healing the sick, controlling the rain and other natural events, even to the raising of the dead. Why were these done? Are they still done today? If not, why then and not know?

We have all heard of so called “faith healers”. They have supposedly been given the Spirit of God and can do these things just like Christ and others did in the first century and before. The thought of God still allowing miracles to be done today is wide-spread. TV evangelists heal hundreds, if not thousands, a year, and make thousands, if not millions, of dollars from the so-called miracles. But, if they can't heal someone then their faith is lacking. Is this how and why miracles were done by Christ and the Apostles? Did it matter about the faith of someone, and did they make money as the reason they did them?

First, before we can answer all these questions, we must see and understand why miracles were allowed in that time and why and when they ceased. Miracles were given by the power of God for the purpose of confirming the word. You see, at this time there was not a completed written Word of God. They could not say “turn to Acts 2:38 and see why baptism remits our sins”. Why? The Bible was not completed and put into its entire inspired form at this time. So, when someone like Paul or even Christ was teaching a new doctrine, they had to be able to prove this was the will of God. That is why God gave them the ability to do those miracles. Look at John 3. Here Nicodemus comes to Christ. Christ had been teaching the New Law and doing miracles to confirm it. Notice what he says to Christ in John 3:2, “this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him”. Nicodemus says no one can do these signs or miracles that you are doing. Christ was doing these to confirm who He was, the Son of God. Read John 20:30-31. Notice that it says that these are written that you may believe. The miracles of Christ and others were done and written that we may know that Christ is from God and that the apostles are, too. Before Christ ascended back to heaven, he told his apostles to go and preach the word to everyone. Read Mark 16:15-20. Christ tells them that they will be able to do amazing things. Now notice verse 20. Christ tells them as they are out preaching the word that these signs, amazing things, or miracles would confirm the word! This is the purpose of miracles and why they were needed. They did not have the Bible, so when teaching this New Law of Christ they had to be able to back it up or confirm it with these miracles.

For the same reason miracles were needed then is the same reason we don't need them today. Why? Now we confirm the word by book, chapter, and verse with God's word, the Bible! If we want to confirm the New Law of Christ, we open the Bible and read it. Notice 1Corinthians 13:9-10. Paul says “we know in part and we prophesy in part”. What does he mean here in verse 9? He is saying that all the knowing, prophesying, and miracles that were done are in part, or that which was parted or given to them by Christ and the Holy Spirit. Now notice verse 10, “But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away”. What is THAT which is perfect? This is not Christ, because Christ would be HE which is perfect. So what is that? It is God's word, the Bible. The Bible is that which is perfect. When it is come, then that which is in part, that which was parted or given, the miracles will be done away with. So we see here that it clearly states that when the Bible is come and complete, then the miracles will cease or be done away with. This is exactly what God wanted: for us to believe Him. We have the word of God in the Bible, written that we might believe or have faith in Him, so we no longer need miracles today.

We have not seen miracles done today like Christ and others did, that are written for us in the Bible. Like when Christ restored the severed ear of Malchus (John 18). It was done right then with no medicine, just by the touch and words of Christ. Why don't we see that today if miracles are still done, or the raising of the dead (John 11, Acts 9, and other)? No where do we see the faith of others dependent on Christ's healing or if they could pay him or not. So, why don't we see miracles like that done today or why are others asking for money or blaming the lack of healing on the faith of others? Miracles are no longer done today because we have the all inspired word of God that confirms the word (2Tim 3:16-17).

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Wesley Tucker (9th)
- ⇒ Richard Price (10th)
- ⇒ Eddie Black (12th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st and 2nd Timothy
- ⇒ **Team 2** meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings 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!
- ⇒ **VBS:** 6-14-14 at 9:00am. Theme is Hall of Faith; Hebrews 11
- ⇒ **Community Cookout:** Thanks to all who helped!
- ⇒ **Flyers:** On the foyer tables, there are invitation flyers for VBS for you to hand out to friends and family.
- ⇒ **Fellowship Meal:** On 6-29-14 after AM service
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation we will visit Mt Olive on 6-29-14
- ⇒ **New Pathways items:** Needing cleaning supplies, food, or juice. Bob will take commodities to them on 6—9-14
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Corn

## **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
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Michael Inman
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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.



## WHAT I HAVE I GIVE YOU (ACTS 3)

Who were the two men of God, and where were they going? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long had the man been lame, and what was he asking for? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did this miracle lead to? \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Miracles Confirmed the Word.

- a. What did this miracle prove? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Why were miraculous gifts given? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. When did miracles cease, and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 2. Silver and Gold I Don't Have.

- a. At least how long had the man been lame? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Did he need help, and how did he get it? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are we to help those in need? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How are those in need? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. What I Do Have I Give You.

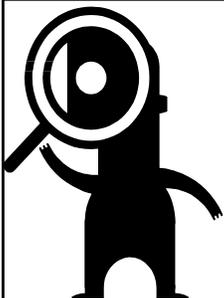
- a. Did Peter and John have material things to give them? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What did they give him? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What do we have today that we can give to people? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4. The End Result.

- a. What was the end result with the lame man? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What was the end result of those who saw this? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What can be the end result of our good word and us sharing the gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bible question: Who called herself Mara?

Last week's answer: Flies, Frogs, Lice, and Locust (Exodus 7-11)

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