

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
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Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

## **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:**

Bradley Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Scripture Reading:**

David Dodd

### **Lord's Table**

Andy Johnson  
Kevin Smith  
Wesley Tucker  
Johnny Downs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Gerald Rule

### **Greeters (East)**

Chris and Theresa

### **Greeters (West)**

Wesley and Whitney

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** The Enemy of the Home

### **Scripture reading:**

Genesis 3:1-7

**PM:** God is

Longsuffering

### **Scripture reading:**

2Peter 3:7-13

# 3 THINGS NOT TO DO THIS SUMMER

By: *Andy Brewer*

It may not technically be summer yet, but school is out so for all intents and purposes summer is here. Summer is a time of excitement, both for kids and adults. Vacations are in full swing, boats are being uncovered for the first time in months, sports are raging, and the winter weather is being replaced by warmth and sunshine. Summer holds a lot of anticipation for a lot of people – things to do, places to go, and people to meet. But summer also carries with it its own unique set of temptations. So while I hope you have a fun filled, family oriented, memory-filling summer; there's a few things I hope you don't do.

This summer, **don't excuse immodesty**. I know it sounds cliché, but it's true – when the temperatures go up, the hemlines go up and the necklines go down. Women eagerly trade in their winter clothes for short shorts,

barely there shirts, and practically nothing there swimsuits; while men proudly parade around in no shirt at all. Somehow we, as a society, have come to assume that weather, location, or activity somehow changes the dynamic on what is appropriate to cover/not cover our bodies. I'm particularly disturbed

by the number of Christians who proudly flaunt their summer pictures all over social media looking absolutely no different than the worldly people around them. God must weep at such indifference. Men and women both should be concerned with adorning themselves in modest apparel (1 Timothy 2:9) as befitting a person separated from the world and dedicated to God. Don't let the allure of the summer heat and the trends of fashion cause you to excuse immodesty. Instead let's adorn ourselves "in the incorruptible apparel of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:4).

This summer, **don't forget about God**. It's amazing to me how some people's church attendance habits drastically change during the summer. People who normally wouldn't think

about skipping Bible class or worship go on vacation, go to the lake, or have a ball tournament weekend and all of a sudden God apparently isn't as big of a priority anymore. Sleeping in, spending extra time on the beach or amusement park, or trying to catch the big one out on the lake suddenly is an acceptable alternative to worshipping God. It doesn't matter whether it's winter, spring, summer, or fall – God still expects us to make our time spent together with God's people and with Him a priority (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:25). If it is not a priority at any point of the year it is an indictment on our relationship with God year round.

This summer, **don't neglect your soul**. I love summer as much as the next person, but it is terribly busy. Traveling, ball games, yard work, backyard barbecues, normal year round responsibilities, and yes, even church activities (VBSs, youth series, church camp, etc.). In the midst of it all it can really easy to assume there's just no time left for personal time with God (Bible study, prayer, etc.). But even when He was busiest, Jesus would take the time to leave everything behind

and go to spend time with the Father (Luke 5:15-16). Our need to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus surpasses most everything else that is going on in our lives (2 Peter 3:18). We cannot afford to get so busy that we make no time for God and in the process neglect the health of our souls.

I know very few people who don't anticipate summer. It doesn't matter if you're young or old, everybody loves the warmer weather, the longer days, and everything that's associated with the summer months. But in the midst of everything you do this summer, please don't fall prey to these dangerous and eternally devastating habits.

- This summer don't:
1. Excuse immodesty
  2. Forget about God
  3. Neglect your soul

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Ima Barnes (17th)
- ⇒ Grayson Fulcher (17th)
- ⇒ Johnny Downs (20th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Galatians and Ephesians
- ⇒ **Team: 2** meets today
- ⇒ **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 our service!
- ⇒ **VBS:** Thanks to all who helped out this year.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: **Pepper**

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Clemmie Black (At Spring Creek room # 420 B in station 4)
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge—Sick with an ear infection
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs (Received great news from the doctors :)
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Rita Price (hurt ankle)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Brandon Patrick (Friend of Josh and Jennifer, was in a car wreck)
- ⇒ 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.



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (8) For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** aiōnios (αἰώνιος)

**Pronounced:** ahee-o'-nee-os

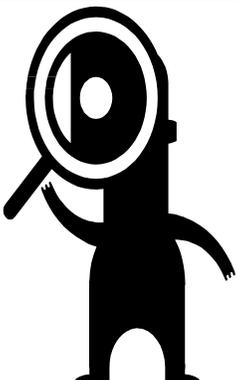
**Translated** into the word we use today: **Everlasting or Eternal**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well): - eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began). Thayer adds that it is without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be. Thayer goes on to add without beginning, without end, never to cease, everlasting.

**Supporting verse:** 2 Peter 1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we look back at Galatians 6:7-8, we see, hopefully, what is a familiar passage. We read that a man will reap what he sows. If we are to plant a tomato seed, what will grow? A tomato plant, of course. If we were to plant any type of seed then what we will plant is what will grow and what grows is what we can harvest. The same is true with our spiritual lives. If we plant the seed of the flesh, worldliness and unrighteousness, then we will reap corruption and everlasting punishment from God (2Thes 1:7-9). On the other hand, if we plant spiritual things, godliness and righteousness, then we will reap everlasting life. What a very basic understanding here: we can plant something, and what we plant will grow. If we want EVERLASTING ETERNAL life with God, then we have to do those things which are pleasing in His sight. We have to “plant” the seed of righteousness. If we do this, then we can be FOREVER with God in heaven someday. But if we don’t, then we will be ETERNALLY separated from God in punishment.



**Bible question:** What feast did Mordecai prescribe his letters to the Jews in Persia?

**Last week’s question and answer:** The elders of what city wept over Paul?  
**Answer:** Ephesus (Acts 20:37)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams, Peggy Newsome