

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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### **ELDERS**

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Bob Austin  
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### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

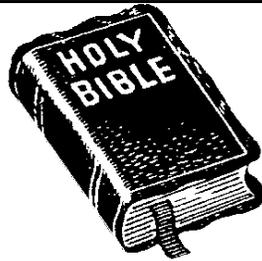
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

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:**

Josh Price

### **Opening Prayer:**

Andy Johnson

### **Scripture Reading:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Lord's Table**

Mitchell Smith  
David Dodd  
Bob Austin  
Ray Stembridge

### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

### **Greeters (East)**

Kristin and Elizabeth

### **Greeters (West)**

Richard and Tonya

### **LESSONS**

AM: The Godless Book

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Esther 8:3-13

PM: The Problem with

"Re-Baptism"

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Acts 19:1-7

# Fathers Provoke Not

*by Russell Carnley*

In Colossians 3:21 we read, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Many fathers today are guilty of this sin and they may not even realize it. But whether they realize it or not, the Bible teaches that each person is to be a good steward of that which is entrusted to him (Matt. 25; 1 Cor. 4:2). Every father is entrusted with the soul of his children. A good father would want to give his children the best chance to succeed in this life, as well as in the life to come. The Bible teaches that parents are responsible for their children, and it also teaches principles for successful child rearing. In Ephesians 6:4 we read, "And, you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." This task requires discipline, love, and encouragement.

## **Discipline**

Proper discipline is required in raising children. "Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction" (Proverbs 19:18). Discipline does not mean abuse. It should be administered out of love and concern for the child's well being, never out of anger or without cause. Let the punishment fit the offense, but don't let the offense go unpunished. Remember that "He who spares his rod hates his son" (Proverbs 13:24). Discipline is not always pleasant, but it is the right thing to do. In the first four chapters of 1 Samuel we read of Eli, a powerful man, but one who did not discipline his sons. God was displeased at this and punished him as well as the nation of Israel for his sin. God will also punish those who disobey His commands today. Discipline teaches children to respect authority, and they must respect the authority of God and of His word in order to get to heaven. Fathers, please do not provoke your children by failing to give them the discipline that they need.

## **Love**

Children also need love, as do all humans. But, sadly, many are not given the love that they need by their father. Fathers must avoid favoring one child over another, as this leads to jealousy and bitterness between siblings. In Genesis 37 the brothers of Joseph hated him because their father loved him more than them. This hatred finally led to the brothers selling Joseph into slavery. A father must realize that each of his children need his time and affection. And love is much more than working 60 hours a week and bringing home a paycheck. Children are precious and their souls are more valuable than any earthly possessions (Mark 8:36-37). Each will be judged according to his works (Rom. 2:6; Rev. 20:12). Fathers, please do not provoke your children by failing to give them the love that they need.

## **Encouragement**

Finally children need encouragement from their fathers. They need to know that they are worth something in this world. Talk with them and give them time. Don't be aggravated when they ask you "Why this?" or "Why that?" Remember that God has given you an opportunity to help mold a young mind and guide that mind toward Him. Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God," (Mark 10:14). Also "to whom much is given, from him much will be required..." (Luke 12:48). Fathers, you have been given the responsibility to care for a young soul which will live on for eternity in one place or another. Child rearing is not strictly "women's work," but is the dual responsibility of both parents. This is why the fathers are specifically mentioned in Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21. Children need the guidance, direction, and godly example of a good father to help them succeed. Don't get caught up in the rat race of life, slow down and give the children some time and energy. What could be more important?

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st and 2nd Timothy
- ⇒ **Team 3** 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:** Thanks to all who were here and helped support this work.
- ⇒ **Workday:** On 6-28-14 at 8am
- ⇒ **Fellowship Meal:** On 6-29-14 after AM service
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation we will visit Mt Olive on 6-29-14.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Green Beans

## **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
- ⇒ Teri Hale (Recovering from back surgery)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones (having tests run)
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ Bob Austin
- ⇒ 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.



# THE GODLESS BOOK (*An account of God's providence*)

What nation was saved in the book of Esther? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who did God use and how to save this nation? \_\_\_\_\_  
Whose name is not used in the book of Esther? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does the word providence mean? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Accomplishing God's Will.

- Names two ways that God accomplishes His will. \_\_\_\_\_
- Which one has ceased? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which one does He still use today? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2. General Providence

- What is General Providence? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does God have natural laws that are given to all? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 3. God's Providence at Work.

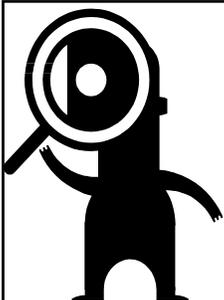
- List things that happened to Joseph in his life: \_\_\_\_\_
- Did God use Joseph for a reason? If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_
- What things happened to Paul? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who helped Paul and in what way? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 4. God's Providential Care.

- When do we realize that God's providence had been at work? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who knows best? \_\_\_\_\_ What does that mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- In what way can we make requests known to God? \_\_\_\_\_
- List verses that talk about God's providence: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bible question: Who said "Mine eyes poureth out tears to God?"

Last week's answer: Naomi (Ruth 1:20)

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