

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

Tuesday 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:**

Richard Price

#### **Lead Singing:**

Bradley Smith

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Andy Johnson

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Gerald Rule

#### **Lord's Table**

Mitchell Smith  
Andy Johnson  
Josh Fulcher  
Kyle Hobbs

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Richard Jones

#### **Greeters (East)**

Richard and Rita

#### **Greeters (West)**

Kevin and Tammy

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Let The Lower  
Lights Be Burning

#### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 5:13-16

**PM:** Run The Race

#### **Scripture reading:**

Hebrews 12:1-3

# WHAT ABOUT "SAME-SEX" MARRIAGES?

By: Jerry Joseph

In today's news, you hear much about what is called "same-sex" marriage. What is promoted by such is a man married to a man or a woman being married to a woman. What about such marriages? Are they approved of God? In discussing such issues, many want to leave God out of the picture. Some are more concerned about the feelings and the thinking of man than the will of God. As we turn to the Bible, we can see, understand and know how God feels about "same-sex" marriage.

***"The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"*** (Matthew 19:3-6).

Concerning marriage, God from the beginning ordained that it was to be male and female to be joined together. In Genesis 2:18, we read that God said, "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called

Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Genesis 2:21-23). God made "woman" not another "man" for man. As one has said, God gave Eve, not Steve, for Adam!

Notice the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:1-3, "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband." Paul said that a "man" is to have his own "wife" and a "woman" is to have her own "husband." It is not "man" with "man" or "woman" with "woman." "Same-sex" marriages are contrary to God's plan. Marriage is to be between "man" and "woman." This has been true from the beginning.

"Same-sex" marriages are not pleasing to God for they constitute a homosexual relationship. Homosexuality is condemned by the Scriptures (Genesis 19:1-14; Leviticus 18:22-23; 20:13; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Timothy 1:8-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Since homosexuality is condemned by God and "same-sex" marriages are homosexual, we must therefore conclude that such marriages are not approved by God.

Since God is the originator of marriage, he knows what is best. We had better listen to God and make our marriages according to his will. Let us build our marriages upon his Word and they will be pleasing to God.

—Via St. Peters Proclaimer

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Johnny Downs (20th)
- ⇒ Bradley Smith (25th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Philemon, James, and Jude
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Note:** Spring Quarter ends on Wednesday June 29!
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Coffee

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## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ 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 (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Shane Black
- ⇒ 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

James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, (3) knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** peirasmos (πειρασμός)

**Pronounced:** pi-ras-mos'

**Translated** into the word we use today: **Trials or temptations**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G3985; a putting to proof (by experiment [of good], experience [of evil], solicitation, discipline or provocation); by implication adversity: - temptation, X try.

**Supporting verse:** 1Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Oh, the trials or temptations we face daily by the great tempter. We know that Satan is the one who tempts us (Matt 4:1-10), and it's not God (James 1). We must understand and know who is putting us through all these things so that we can overcome. We face many different types of trials in this life. Daily, we are tempted to engage in sin by worldliness. The pull of Satan and the world is strong, and it can be difficult to overcome it at times. We are also put through different types of persecution. Either we are physically persecuted by being beat or put in jail, or we are made fun of and mocked. In James 1, though, we are told to "count it all joy when you fall into various trials". How can we count it joy when we are being persecuted and tempted? In 1Peter 4:15-16 it says, "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evil doer, or as a busy body in other people's matters. (16) Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter." See, if we suffer because we have done something wrong, then that is shameful to us and God, but if we haven't done anything wrong and we are being mistreated, then we are just like Christ, and we bring honor and glory to Him and God in this. Remember, with God we can overcome and have heaven as our eternal home.



**Bible question:** What mountain smoked like a furnace and quaked greatly?

**Last week's question and answer:** What ruler gave his own ring to a man who interpreted his dream?

**Answer:** Pharaoh (Genesis 41:42)

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