

# 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:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Lead Singing:**

Kevin Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

David Dodd

### **Scripture Reading:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Lord's Table**

Bob Austin  
Mitchell Smith  
David Dodd  
Ray Stembridge

### **Closing Prayer:**

Gerald Rule

### **Greeters (East)**

Bob and Susanna

### **Greeters (West)**

Josh and Jennifer

### **LESSONS**

AM: If I Were a  
Preacher for the Devil  
By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
2Corinthians 11:10-14

PM: Guest Speakers  
By: Isaac and Daniel  
Scripture reading:  
Hebrews 11:6-19

# THAT'S WHAT MY PREACHER PREACHES—IT MUST BE SO

*By: Jerry Joseph*

Have you ever had a religious discussion with someone and they tried to prove their point by saying, "that's what my preacher preaches and it must be so." Some people will use their preacher as the final authority in religious matters.

It is believed by some that if the preacher states it, it has to be right and cannot be wrong. Some think that their preacher or any other preacher would never lie nor deceive them. So, they go through life blindly accepting and doing whatever the preacher says.

Does not the Bible teach that we are to put to the test those who teach (1 John 4:1)? Let us be like the Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Some believe it is wrong to question the teachings of any preacher. In fact, I have encountered some preachers who thought they were "above being questioned" about their belief, teaching and practice. But, we must examine what is being taught no matter who the proclaimer may be. It doesn't matter the popularity, prestige, power or personality of the preacher, put him to the test. Examine what he proclaims & practices in light of what is taught in the Bible. This examination must be done because (1) God commands it (1 John 4:1); (2) Hearers can be led astray (2 Peter 2:1-3) and (3) the preacher must "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2) to please God.

It is certainly possible for a preacher to teach false doctrine (Matthew 7:15). If he does, then out of love, he must be corrected. Apollos, a preacher, had to be corrected for some of the things he was teaching (Acts 18:26). The belief by some that the preacher is "hands-off" concerning his belief, teaching and practice is not in the Bible. What does your preacher preaches?

Does your preacher preach a "**corrupt**" message? When one teaches a "corrupt" doctrine is he speaking the "Truth"? Not according to God's Word. God's Word is truth (John 17:17). It is possible to teach a corrupt or perverted message (Galatians 1:6-9).

Does your preacher fail to teach the "**complete**" Truth? When a person will not declare the "whole" truth, is he speaking that which is "Truth"? Declaring a "partial" message is not pleasing to God. Paul kept back nothing that was profitable (Acts 20:20) nor had he shunned to declare all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27).

Does your preacher preach a "**compromising**" message? A person who proclaims a "compromising" gospel is not teaching that which is "true". God doesn't want something watered down, diluted message, but the Truth (2 Timothy 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9).

Is your preacher more concerned about speaking a "**comforting**" message than a message that is needed? When one is more concerned about speaking "smooth things" than "right things", he is not speaking the "Truth" (Isa. 30:10). Paul in 2 Timothy 4:2-4 makes it very clear that the message to be proclaimed is "the Word" and it must be preached "in season and out of season". Let us realize it is God's Word (John 12:48) that is our standard of authority and not the "words of man". Don't trust your eternal destiny upon man's word but upon God and His Word (Proverbs 3:5-6).

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon (26th)
- ⇒ Elizabeth Smith (28th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st and 2nd Timothy
- ⇒ **Team 4** 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!
- ⇒ **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: Pork & Beans

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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)
- ⇒ Gerald Kilcoyne (Andrea Fulcher's Grandfather)
- ⇒ 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.



# IF I WERE A PREACHER FOR THE DEVIL

How do False teachers sometimes present themselves? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Satan have ministries? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. God and Satan are Enemies.

a. With whom did sin originate? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What words do you associate with Satan? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What does God hate? \_\_\_\_\_

d. If one is the devil's preacher, where will their loyalty lie and what will they teach? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Things Preachers for the Devil Preach.

a. List below things that preachers for the devil would preach:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Why would they teach these things? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

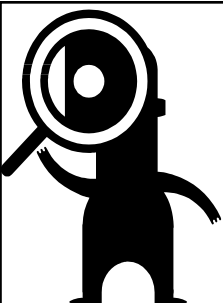
## 3. Who are the Devil's Preachers?

a. What do they often time come in as? \_\_\_\_\_

b. How will we know them? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What standard can we judge their teaching by? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



Bible question: What was the affliction of the man Jesus healed in a Galilean synagogue?

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

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