

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

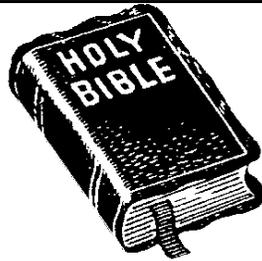
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **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:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Scripture Reading:**

Kevin Smith

### **Lord's Table**

David Dodd  
Ray Stembidge  
Mitchell Smith  
Bob Austin

### **Closing Prayer:**

Richard Jones

### **Greeters (East)**

Ima and Milodean

### **Greeters (West)**

Gerald and Shirley

### **LESSONS**

AM: 2014 Goals Review

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Ephesians 4:11-16

PM: Song Service

Scripture reading:

# THE LORD'S ARMY

*By: Luke Puckett*

As a younger child I would always look forward to our summer vacation bible school. It was a time not only for the adults to have a class, but also us kids, too. Maybe I enjoyed to the time of fellowship and refreshments after service. After all, who doesn't love cookies and punch? Also, I loved the "children's songs" that we sang. One of my favorites was I'm in the Lord's Army. Maybe you remember the song that went something like this: I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery. I may never fly over the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's army. Yes, as kids the songs were exciting to us, but also they have so much meaning in them. Isn't this one of the reasons we are to sing praises to God, to teach? In Col 3:16, it tells us that we are to "Teach and admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." We are to TEACH. For kids and adults there is so much teaching in this song.

We see that we are in the Lord's army. This implies that there is a war going on. As Christians, we are in a war. Time and time again we see this fact in the New Testament. In Jude 1:3, we see that we are to "CONTEND earnestly for the faith". To contend means to strive or fight for a prize. Paul tells Timothy in 1Tim 6:12 to "Fight the good fight" and also tells him in 2 Tim 4:6-8 that he had "fought the good fight". Paul and Timothy both knew and understood that we are in war.

If we are in a war, what kind is it and who is it against? Obviously, as Christians, we are not in a physical war but a spiritual one. We are fighting against the world and our adversary, the Devil (1 Peter 5:8). God does not love the world and if anyone loves the world then the love of God is not in the person (1John 2:15-17). Maybe the best passage we can look at comes from Eph 6:10-18.

Notice that we are to put on armor that spiritually protects us. Look at verse 11, "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the WILES OF THE DEVIL". And also look at verse 12-13. We are fighting a fight against a very wicked and powerful enemy. Satan has a lot of deceitfulness and wickedness at his disposal. That is why we need to have on this Christian armor at all times. We are always at battle against the devil. Notice what we are to wear. 1. Our waist girded with TRUTH. 2. Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS. 3. Feet shod with the preparation of the GOSPEL OF PEACE. 4. Shield of FAITH. 5. Helmet of SALVATION. 6. Sword of the spirit which is the WORD OF GOD. If we always wear this armor, then we will always be ready for battle. We need to be prepared and understand that we are in battle, and we are trying to defeat Satan.

Remember in the song when we say I'm in the Lord's army, yes Sir? What a wonderful army that He has, and we should be proud to be in it. We should be proud to do anything that the Lord wants (John 14:15) and to answer with a "yes, sir".

Yes, we are in a spiritual war. We will battle to the end of time with this great enemy. We are fighting for God, Christ, The Holy Spirit, and for an eternal home in Heaven with God. We are either fighting for God or against Him (Luke 11:23). We can't be on both sides (Matt 6:24) We must choose whose side we are fighting for (Josh 24:15). If we choose wisely, fight for God, and be in the Lord's army, then great reward awaits us.

We are all fighting in this battle and are on one side or the other. Which side are you on? Who are you fighting for? Are you in the Lord's army or Satan's. Why not make the choice to be a soldier for Christ and fight on His side?

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Delbert Newsome (30th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st and 2nd Timothy
  - ⇒ **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:** Thanks to all who helped at the workday.
  - ⇒ **Fellowship Meal:** Following AM service today.
  - ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation, we will visit Mt Olive this evening at 6.
  - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Mustard
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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
- ⇒ 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.



# 2014 Goals Review

Did you set spiritual goals at the first of the year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been achieving these goals like you should? \_\_\_\_\_

List the goals that you were challenged with for this year: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Why Goal Setting is Important.

a. What does goal setting give us? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What does the word strive mean in Luke 13:24? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What else does goal setting give us? \_\_\_\_\_

d. Why is hope important? \_\_\_\_\_

e. What else does it give us? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## 2. What Does Striving, Hope, and Direction Have to do With Goal Setting?

a. Where do all the goals we set come from? \_\_\_\_\_

b. If we love Christ, what will we keep? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Are Christ's commands too hard for us to keep? \_\_\_\_\_

d. What are we ultimately striving and hoping for, and which direction are we heading? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## 3. 2014 Goals Revisited

a. Which goals did you set? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Which goals do you need more work on? \_\_\_\_\_

c. How many days of this year do you have left to start focusing more on spiritual things? \_\_\_\_\_

d. List any goals and scriptures that you hope to improve on: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Bible question: What King of Israel had a reputation as a fast and furious chariot driver?

Last week's answer: Withered hand or Leprosy (Matt 12:13, Mark 1:39-42)

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