

# 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

## **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:**

Bill Vincent

### **Lead Singing:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Bill Vincent

### **Scripture Reading:**

Gerald Rule

### **Lord's Table**

Richard Price  
Luke Puckett  
Gerald Rule  
Johnny Downs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Hyland Darnell

### **Greeters (East)**

Helen and Peggy B

### **Greeters (West)**

Ima and Milodean

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Time Enough

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**Scripture reading:**

Acts 24:24-26

**PM:** Flee Idolatry

**Scripture reading:**

1Cor 10:12-14

# MAINTAINING OUR SPIRITUAL FIRE

*By: Kevin Cauley*

This past week I saw a video on the news of a man stepping outside with a boiling pot of water, tossing the water into the air and its instantaneously changing into snow. He was near the top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire and it was thirty-five degrees below zero. My first reaction was, "Hey, that's kind of cool." Then I thought, "Wow, that's really cold." And finally, "That guy's crazy going outside in that kind of weather." Consider that water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit; water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. That's so cold that the water cooled down 180+ degrees in less than a second. The water froze because of a failure to maintain the fire. What can we do to maintain our spiritual fire?

Lesson #1: Much energy was needed to warm the water; but very little was needed to cool it. In order to boil water one must have a significant energy source. It takes 398 BTUs to change frozen water to boiling water. Energy is required! To the contrary, however, to cool water down takes practically no energy at all. A flick of the wrist and the boiling water was frozen. This reminds me of Paul's words to the church in Ephesus to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). Paul also said to the Galatians (5:6) that what avails is faith working (the Greek word ENERGEIO – energy!) through love. Even spiritually speaking, energy/effort/work is required in order to stay warm; but what is required to freeze? Just do nothing. Work, that is, the input of energy, is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

Lesson #2: Together the water was warm; separated, it became cold. Those trillions of water molecules in that boiling pot stayed warm so long as they were in close proximity to each other; they kept warm off each other's heat. However, once they dispersed they quickly cooled not having the company of their

"brethren" to keep them warm. Ecclesiastes 4:11 says, "Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?" The story is told of the preacher who visits the unattending member and, without a word, while sitting in front of the fireplace, merely pulls a coal out of the fire to watch it slowly die. Yet, putting it back in, the coal warms to a soft red glow again. We need to exhort one another daily and not forsake our assembling together! (Hebrews 3:13, 10:25) Togetherness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

Lesson #3: Someone "stirred" the pot. That water didn't become snow without someone agitating the pot! If the pot had been left on the fire it would have stayed warm, but it was moved, stirred, agitated. This resulted in the decrease of heat and the increase of cold. Agitation in the church often has the same results. Paul told the church at Philippi, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings" (Philippians 2:14). He said in Colossians 3:13 "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Instead of murmuring and quarrelling we need to practice forgiveness to keep ourselves warm and lively. Forgiveness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

We all know what it means when a body has "assumed room temperature." Warmth equals life. Cold equals death. Let us do all to avoid assuming room temperature and do everything in our power to maintain our spiritual fire!

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Luke and Amber (6th)
- ⇒ Josh and Andrea (7th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Esther and Lamentations
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 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 5th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Note:** We start the new summer quarter today!
- ⇒ **Singing and fellowship:** 7-23 at 6:30 here at the building
- ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Walnut Grove on 7-24.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Lima Beans

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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)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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

Esther 1:11-12 to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing her royal crown, in order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, for she was beautiful to behold. (12) But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command brought by his eunuchs; therefore the king was furious, and his anger burned within him.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** aselgeia (ἀσελγεία)

**Pronounced:** *as-elg'-i-a*

**Translated** into the word we use today: **LEWDNESS OR LASCIVIOUSNESS**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From a compound of G1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed σελγής selgēs (of uncertain derivation, but apparently meaning continent); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices): - filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.

**Supporting verse:** 2Peter 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

When King Ahasuerus wanted to show off his wife, Vashti, to all the people gathered because she was beautiful, he wanted everyone to look at what HE had. He also wanted to “show her off”. She refuses to do so, and this angers the king. What if we had more Vashtis today? What if more women and men had that much respect for their bodies and God? Then we would see less immodesty and more godliness. Today, people like to wear as little clothing as possible, and now that we are in the hotter months, we will see more and more of it. Not only this, but people like to entice others to lust after them. Not only by the way they dress but the way they move their bodies, dance, walk and even talk. If Vashti was this way, then she would have pleased the king and others who were there, and then Esther would have never been made queen. People today disrespect themselves and, most importantly, God by lewdness. What is so sad is that they do it willingly and don't care. They want to entice lust and cause wantonness. They want other people to look at them and lust after them. Let us as Christians never put others in that situation, by our dress, dance, or talk. Let us honor God in all that we do!



**Bible question:** What man, who was a robber, was released from prison at the time of the Passover?

**Last week's question and answer:** What surname did Jesus give to James and John, and what is the meaning of it?

**Answer:** Boanerges—Sons of Thunder (Mark 3:17)

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