

# 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



## **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:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Opening Prayer:**

Bill Vincent

### **Scripture Reading:**

David Dodd

### **Lord's Table**

Josh Price  
Josh Fulcher  
Wesley Tucker  
Andy Johnson

### **Closing Prayer:**

Bob Austin

### **Greeters (East)**

Johnny and Mae

### **Greeters (West)**

Ronnie and Joanne

### **LESSONS**

AM: Preach the Gospel

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Mark 16:14-20

PM: Remembering

Jesus' Words

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Acts 20:31-38

# FORGIVENESS

*By: Luke Puckett*

Forgiveness is to forgive someone of something they have done. We often hear these words said when someone did something to someone else that was harsh or upsetting. Suppose a husband and wife got into an argument. Later on, the husband says to the wife, "I'm sorry for what I did. Can you ever FORGIVE me?" The wife says "I forgive you." We understand that forgiveness was just asked for and given. I'm sure we have all been in situations like this; either we have been the one asking for forgiveness or the one giving forgiveness. Read Genesis 50:17. After Joseph's brothers had done a lot of evil to him, they came to him begging for forgiveness.

Have you ever found yourself in a situation in which someone asks for forgiveness, but you don't really want to forgive them for what they have done? Have you ever told someone you have forgiven them, but you really didn't? Have you brought up to someone something they did after you had offered them forgiveness? I think this happens time and time again. We need to have a better understanding of forgiveness. We must turn to God and His word to see where forgiveness comes from and what forgiveness is so we can have a better understanding of forgiveness.

God tells us that man has sinned, Romans 3:23. Sin entered the world when the first man and woman broke God's law in the Garden of Eden, Romans 5:12. Sin is breaking God's law, 1John 3:4. Sin means to miss the mark, as in archery, not to hit what you are aiming at. The same is true spiritually. When we aim to please God by being obedient to His will and doing what He says to do, but we come up short or miss the mark, then we have sinned; which we all have done. God hates sin. Sin leads to eternal death, Romans 6:23. Sin also separates us from God, Isaiah 59:1-2. It is a horrible thing that man does that God disapproves of. When we sin, we are rebelling against God and "slapping Him in the face". Regardless of all the wrong we have done, if we obey God, He will forgive us of all that wrong. Look at passages like Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14. We have forgiveness of our sins through the gracious gift of the blood of Jesus the Christ. This is the ultimate forgiveness. Once God forgives us of our sins, they are never brought back up again. God will forgive even the chief of sinners, as He did with Saul, later the apostle Paul.

Do you know that our forgiveness from The Father is contingent upon us forgiving others? Read Mark 11:25-26. We must be willing to forgive like God forgives. This is never bringing up past actions and as many times as one asks for it, Matthew 18:21-22. Could you imagine on the judgment day standing before Christ, having obeyed His will and had our sins washed in His blood; standing there having lived a good, faithful Christian life, and when we did miss up, we prayed for forgiveness. And He says to us "I know I told you I forgave you of your past sins when you were baptized and when you prayed for forgiveness, but now I'm going to bring them back up". Would that be the fair, just, and righteous judge? Of course not! Don't we sometimes do this? We bring up the past after the fact that we have forgiven that person of whatever we are bringing up. We should not do this.

Many times aren't we like the man in Christ's account in Matthew 18:23-35. Read this passage and see how much that the master forgave the servant. The master is God forgiving us. God forgave a debt that we have, sin, which we could never pay back. Then this servant went out and found a fellow servant who had a very small debt, and demanded that he pay him. The fellow servant could not pay, so the servant had him thrown into prison till he could repay this small debt. The servant is us, and the fellow servant is our fellow man. If we can't forgive them whatever small thing they have done, then how can we expect God to forgive us of the large thing we have done?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Joshua
- ⇒ **Team 2** 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!
- ⇒ Revelation for Christians Today by Lonnie Woodruff has been placed in the library in memory of Delbert Newsome.
- ⇒ **Baby Shower:** For Josh and Jennifer Price on 7-27 from 2:30-4 in the multi purpose room.
- ⇒ **New Directory:** Information forms are on the back tables. Please take one and fill it out, and turn into Luke or Amber.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned Peas

### 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)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Glen Burse (bone cancer in left shin)
- ⇒ James Jenkins (Whitney Price Jenkins' father-in-law)
- ⇒ Continue to remember the family of Delbert Newsome as they mourn the loss of Delbert.
- ⇒ 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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# PREACH THE GOSPEL

Who gave the great commission, and who was it given to? \_\_\_\_\_

Does it still apply to us today? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the great commission given? \_\_\_\_\_

What verses record the great commission? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. The Authority of Christ.

a. Who has all authority and where? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is a reason that Christ has all authority? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Does the name of Christ have authority? If so, to what? \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2. The Gospel is for all.

a. Has God now cleansed all nations? If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Does everyone need the gospel? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Was the gospel once delivered to EVERYONE? \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 3. The Gospel is the Means of Salvation.

a. What must be preached? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Can we preach something besides Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Why must the gospel be preached? \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 4. Salvation is Conditional.

a. How would you define conditional? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is salvation ever promised unconditionally? \_\_\_\_\_ How is it promised? \_\_\_\_\_

c. How is one saved, or what is the condition in Mark 16:16? \_\_\_\_\_

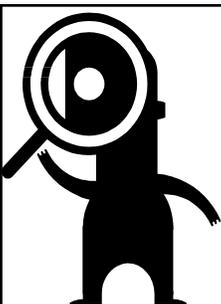
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## 5. Man's Lost Condition and Destiny of the Unbeliever.

a. Is man lost, and do they need to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the end result of someone who does not obey? \_\_\_\_\_

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



Bible question: What two birds did Abram sacrifice to God?

Last week's answer: Molech or Baal (2Kings 23:10, Jer 32:35, Jer 19:5 )

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