

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Johnny Downs
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Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Will resume in
the fall

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:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Scripture Reading:

Kevin Smith

Lord's Table

Wesley Tucker
Johnny Downs
Richard Price
Luke Puckett

Closing Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Greeters (East)

Amber and Boys

Greeters (West)

Nathia and Ashlee

WELCOME

AM: Overcoming Envy

Scripture reading:

Genesis 4:3-9

PM: Becoming

Estranged

Scripture reading:

Ephesians 5:23-33

BEING MOTHERS OF SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN

By: Tim Dooley

Robert R. Taylor, Jr., in his work “Christ in the Home,” speaks of the unique role of motherhood. He says that the child whom a mother brings into the world “will in a few years take his place as a responsible individual in society.” He goes on to say that this child “has both an earthly and eternal role to fill.” Sobering thoughts for all of us. But it is the question he asks that ought to bring us to our knees; the question is, “Will the world be a better or worse because this child passes through?”

A mother guides her children.

I firmly believe that success in this life will be determined solely upon the eternal destination of the soul. If I do not go to heaven when this life is over, I lose!, and the devil wins. “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 26:16). Secondly, I believe success will, in part, be based upon whether or not my children also go to heaven. Now I understand that the “soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself” (Ezekiel 18:20). However, there are some things a mother can do to improve the odds of success.

Put God First. You cannot ensure spiritual success if you do not put God first in your life! It is the basis upon which all spiritual blessings are offered (Matthew 6:33). You simply cannot be the mother your children need you to be if God is not the top priority in your life. You are either with God or against God (Matthew 12:30). For a fact your children are watching you and will see what is most important to you. You cannot serve both God and physical things (Matthew 6:24). In other words what takes priority in your life? Whatever it is will most likely be what your children will emphasize as well.

Love Your Husband. Your children need to know that you love your husband (Titus 2:4). Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be heavily based upon what they see at home. When they see their mother disrespect and dishonor their father it will have a profound affect on their understanding of marriage and the home. Show them you love their father!

Love Your Children. It seems odd to many of us that mothers would have to be told this (Titus 2:4). But the fact is that society has conditioned us to be so selfish that many young women have no idea how to be the sacrificial Christian mothers, or physically caring

mothers, their children need. This means they need nurturing, discipline, and structure. This child is meant to be your BFF. You’re a loving Christian mother first and foremost!

Drag Them To Church. If the first three things we have talked about here are in place this will not be an issue. When you became a Christian you made a commitment to God and your desire to go to heaven supersedes every other aspect of your life. So you are faithful to the assembling together of the saints (Hebrews 10:25). Your children grow to understand the importance of Bible Class and worship, they receive supplemental instruction in God’s Word, and they build relationships with other Christians of all ages. They will learn to love the church if you love the church!

Teach Them The Word. In the aforementioned suggestion I said that Bible Classes are supplemental. Because it is not the churches primary responsibility to raise your child in the way they should go, spiritually speaking. The instruction of Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19 is worthy of our consideration, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” The sad fact is the Israelite people failed to do this and it lead to their demise. Sadder yet is that we haven’t learned from their mistake. None of us are as diligent with this imperative as we need to be!

Pray! Pray with them. They need to see you pray, they need to hear you pray, and they need to know how to communicate with the Father of their souls! Pray for them. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [mother] avails much” (James 5:16). No mother can guarantee the spiritual success of her children. When the end of time comes each individual will stand before God and give an answer to Him for the way they have lived, for their own individual decisions (Romans 14:10–12). The admonition of Paul to Timothy seems appropriate here: “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you” (1 Timothy 4:16).

Are you the kind of mother you need to be, that your children need you to be, that God wants you to be? Will the world be a better or worse because your child passes through it? Take honest stock in your relationship with God and your family. Do what you need to do and what they need you to do.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Andy and Maddie (24th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Isaiah
 - ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (**Andy Johnson**) meets today
 - ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
 - ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, 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 services.
 - ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Aug 1st at 6:30pm
 - ⇒ **Singing and Fellowship:** Thanks to all who supported this.
 - ⇒ **Fish Fry:** Friday July 28th at 6:30 here at the building (see Josh Fulcher for more info and be sure to sign up)
 - ⇒ **Workday:** 7-29 at 8am
 - ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck:** July 30th
 - ⇒ **Congregation visit:** We will visit New Concord 7-30 at 6pm
 - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Coffee
 - ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.
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Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson (Having tests run)
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Kristen Scott
- ⇒ Sue Owczyk (Peggy N. sister)
- ⇒ Trish Puckett (recovering from knee surgery)
- ⇒ Sonny McManus (Member at Seven Oaks, has colon cancer)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ 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)

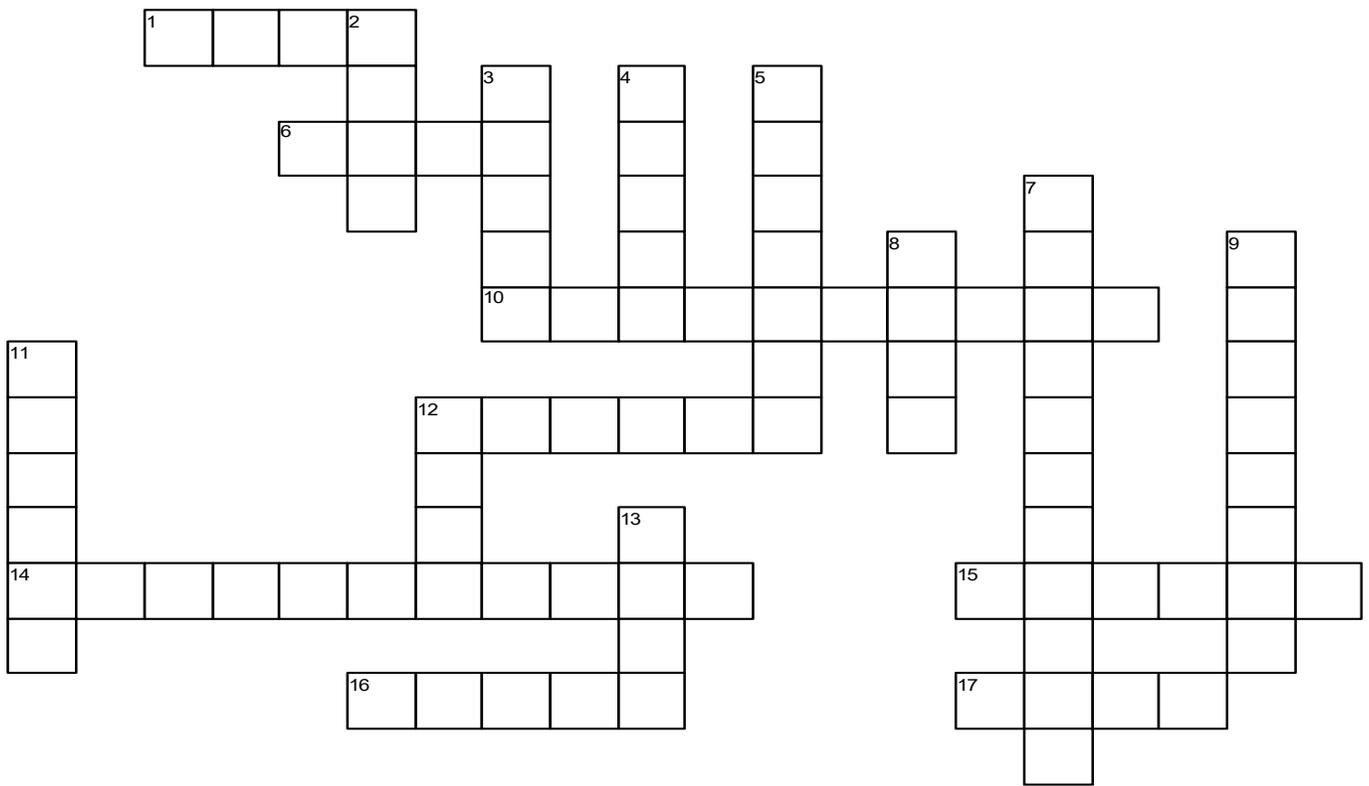
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

Please visit our website at www.coldwatercoc.org. You will find bulletins, sermon outlines, and other helpful links and material.





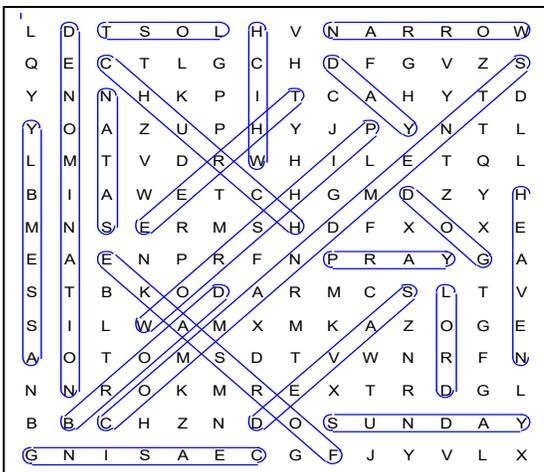
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ACROSS

- 1 Was killed by his older brother
- 6 Where envy is so is this there too
- 10 Proverbs says envy is this to the bones
- 12 The Jews handed Him over because of envy
- 14 They envied Isaac for his great possessions
- 15 Envied her sister because she was barren
- 16 Envy is listed in the works of this
- 17 Murdered his brother Abel

DOWN

- 2 Does not envy
- 3 Which son envied the other because the father made a feast for the other
- 4 Joseph's brother sold him into this place
- 5 Whatever state we are in we should be this
- 7 What the world is doing (2 words)
- 8 Discontent and resentment over a desire for another's advantages
- 9 Said "envy is the daughter of pride"
- 11 Jacob loved this son the most
- 12 Jacob made Joseph one of this (many colors)
- 13 Sister of Rachel



Bible question: What military man captured 31 kings?

Last week's question and answer: What king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen?

Answer: Solomon (1Kings 10:26)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Daniel Puckett, Rachel Adams, Jordon Hobbs