

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)*  
**July 24, 2016**

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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:**

Josh Price

### **Opening Prayer:**

Kevin Smith

### **Scripture Reading:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Lord's Table**

Richard Price  
Luke Puckett  
Gerald Rule  
Johnny Downs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Chris Smith

### **Greeters (East)**

Ron and Joanne

### **Greeters (West)**

Kay and Linda

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** I Want to be a  
Worker

### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 9:35-38

**PM:** The Importance  
of Imitation

### **Scripture reading:**

1Corinthians 11:1-2

# MY WILL OR “HIS” WILL

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

Every human being possesses what the Bible calls the “heart.” This is **not** the fleshly organ that pumps blood throughout the body. The Bible heart consists of the intellect which thinks (Proverbs 23:7), understands (Proverbs 8:5) and believes (Romans 10:10). The Bible heart also consists of the emotions which desire (Romans 10:1), love (Matthew 22:37) and trust (Proverbs 3:5). The third part of the Bible heart which every human being possesses is the will. The will of man is that part of him which makes decisions. It is with the will that man intends (Hebrews 4:12), purposes (2 Corinthians 9:7) and obeys (Romans 6:17).

God also has a will. His will is revealed in written form in the Bible. His will for man is His spiritual law which consists today of the New Testament of Jesus Christ. Every human being born since the death of Jesus on the cross has been and is subject to the will of God in the New Testament. The Bible makes it abundantly clear that only those who do the will of God will be saved eternally. Jesus, the divine Son of God, declared, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father** in heaven.” Matthew 7:21 (NKJV). Obviously, before one can do the will of God he must first know what God’s will requires of him. Through diligent study one may come to know with certainty what the will of the Lord is and, thus, what God requires of him/ her (John 8:32; 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). For example, the question of what one must do to be saved is clearly revealed in the New Testament. The Bible teaches the necessity of hearing the gospel which is the source of faith (Romans 10:17). When one has heard he then must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (John 8:24; Acts 18:8). These

first two steps to salvation appeal to the intellect as well as the emotions. The third step is repentance which has been defined as a change of mind which results in a change of direction in life. Repentance is an act of the will for it requires a change of one’s mind. In repentance one purposes to do the will of God and turn away from sin (Acts 2:37-38, 41). When one has repented of sin then he may obey the Lord’s command to verbally confess faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37). This is an act of emotion for it expresses one’s trust in and love for the Son of God. Finally, baptism is that act which puts one in contact with the blood of Christ whereby one’s sins are washed away (Acts 2:38, 22:16; Rev. 1:5; Romans 6:3ff). Obviously, the whole of man’s Bible heart is involved in obtaining the salvation that is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 2:10).

When one comes to the necessary knowledge in recognizing that he or she is lost in sin and what to do about it—it then becomes a question of wills. Am I going to do my will or “His will”? Let each of us submit our will to His will. Those who do so will enter into life and enjoy the bliss of heaven for eternity. “God resists the proud but give grace to the humble” “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” (Jms. 4:6, 10).

—Via The Green Plain Proclaimer

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Andy and Maddie (24th)
- ⇒ Luke Puckett (30th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Esther and Lamentations
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 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, August 2nd at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Workday:** 7-30 at 8am here at the building.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday:** 7-31 will be potluck and song service
- ⇒ **Visit:** Walnut Grove on August 14 at 6:00pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Instant Potatoes

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Mary Vincent
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ 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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## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Lamentation 1:18 "The LORD is righteous, For I rebelled against His commandment. Hear now, all peoples, And behold my sorrow; My virgins and my young men Have gone into captivity.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** dikaios (δικαιος)

**Pronounced:** dik'-ah-yos

**Translated** into the word we use today: **RIGHTEOUS**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G1349; equitable (in character or act); by implication innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively): - just, meet, right (-eous). Thayer adds 1) righteous is observing divine laws

**Supporting verse:** 1John 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Lamentation 1:18 starts out "The LORD is righteous". The Israelites had done wrong against God, and He allowed them to be carried away into captivity. The people had sinned greatly against Him, and now He was judging them righteously. Many of the Israelites didn't think this was fair and that God was not treating them right, but the inspired writer of Lamentation says that He is righteous. Everything that God does is right. He is the creator of this world and us. He has given us all things that we need, and Christ will be the righteous judge some day (2Tim 4:8). Just as He rightly judged Israel to be found wanting, many on the final judgement day will come up short as well (Matt 7:13-14). We are told that some will even cry out "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonder in Your name." See, many will think on that day that they don't deserve eternal punishment, but notice what Christ says to them "And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" You see, we must practice or live a righteous life if we are to be righteous like Him (1John 3:7). Let us all strive to be found righteous by living a righteous life.



**Bible question:** To whom did God ask "How long will this people provoke me?"

**Last week's question and answer:** Whose last words were "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge?"

**Answer:** Stephen—(Acts 7:59-60)

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