

# 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

### **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:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Chris Smith

### **Scripture Reading:**

Josh Price

### **Lord's Table**

Richard Price  
Wesley Tucker  
Johnny Downs  
Luke Puckett

### **Closing Prayer:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Greeters (East)**

Kristin and Tammy

### **Greeters (West)**

Chris and Theresa

## **WELCOME**

Kyle Overbey

# DOES GOD OWE US SOMETHING?

*By: Mike Riley*

A lack of dependability pervades every kind of relationship in today's society. Forty to fifty years ago, we used to routinely hear phrases like: "You have my word on it." "A promise is a promise." "You can count on me." "My word is my bond." And for the most part, folks meant these statements when they made them. However, if you hear someone say, "I guarantee it" today — it's usually an advertising slogan — not a genuine or sincere commitment to act.

People think nothing of saying they will do something, then failing to follow through with it. For example, someone takes a job agreeing to do a certain amount and quality of work for a specified amount of pay, then can't be counted upon to show up and complete the work. Another person borrows money from another, agreeing to repay the loan within a certain time, then reneges on the payments. A man or woman vows to assume the responsibilities of marriage — then vacates the relationship the very moment things turn from better to worse, or can't be trusted to faithfully forsake all others, or is long gone long before death is on the horizon.

The saddest scene is when Christians deal with God in the above manner. We make a commitment to serve Him when we become disciples of Christ, but conveniently forget the obligations of that commitment whenever it suits us. We can't make time to assemble with the saints as we should (Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42). We can't be bothered to share the gospel with others (Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:4). It's too much of a burden for us to be dead to sin and live for righteousness, or make ourselves a living sacrifice (Romans 6:1-14; Romans 12:1-2). And then we become angry when someone calls to our attention the fact that we're not living up to our duty to the Lord in any of these areas.

On the other side of the coin, we expect God to keep His promises to us. Suppose God decided to neglect this commitment:

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more" (Hebrews 8:12).

What if He said: "Yes, I know I agreed to forgive your sins and forget them, but I changed my mind. I'm going to hold those sins against you anyway."

Where would we be then? If we count on God to do what He has said He'll do, should He not be able to depend on us?

This writer fears that sometimes we allow ourselves to believe God owes us something — we rely on His providence and mercy because we think we deserve what we receive from Him. But Jesus tells us that the master owes the servant nothing, even if the servant is obedient in every way:

"Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do" (Luke 17:9-10).

Brethren, God does not owe us His thanks or reward for a job well done. On the contrary — we owe Him our most diligent, faithful service because of what He has done for us (John 3:16-17; cf. Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:8-11). In the same way, whatever commitments we make in life, we should honor them simply because it's our duty to do so.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Luke Puckett (30th)
- ⇒ Gerald and Shirley (3rd)
- ⇒ Joe and Rhonda (3rd)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (5th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Isaiah
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **leaders** meet 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
- ⇒ **Fish Fry:** Thanks to team 3 and Mike Smith for this event
- ⇒ **Workday:** Thanks to all who helped
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck:** After AM service today
- ⇒ **Congregation visit:** We will visit New Concord 7-30 at 6pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Sugar
- ⇒ **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)*

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You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.

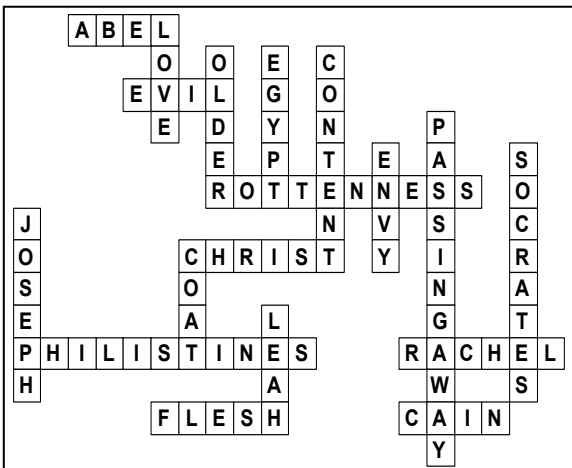


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Timothy  
Titus



**Bible question:** What leper carried a letter from the king of Syria to the king of Israel?

**Last week's question and answer:** What military man captured 31 kings?  
Answer: Joshua (Joshua 12:9-24)

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