

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Richard Price
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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:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Gerald Rule
Richard Price
Luke Puckett
Johnny Downs

Closing Prayer:

Josh Price

Greeters (East)

Amber and boys

Greeters (West)

Kristin and Elizabeth

LESSONS

AM: Room in God's
Kingdom

Scripture reading:

Matthew 13:31-34

PM: Song service

Scripture reading:

CONTROL YOUR TONGUE

By: Corey Sawyers

Leading up to James 3, the half-brother of Jesus has talked about the tongue in every chapter. Though he begins with the strict warning of the seriousness of being a teacher, he goes on to point out the warnings of the tongue apply to everyone. In James 1:26 he says if we think ourselves to be religious and do not bridle not tongue our religion is worthless. In James 2:14-26's teaching about faith and works, notice how many times he warns of deceiving ourselves through the use of "If we say..." If we can get the tongue under control we can control the rest of our body. The Godly will control the tongue. However, we will only if we understand the three warnings about the tongue in verses 3-13 of James 3.

First, he warns of the POWER of the tongue (3-4). A rider is in charge of the horse but only with a bit. We have to take control of the mouth. If not, just like the horse, the mouth wants to run off in another direction. The pilot steers the ship but uses the rudder to control it. What power in such small parts that they can control something so large! In the same way, the tiny tongue has the power to control what direction our entire lives are heading.

Second, he warns of the PERIL of the tongue (5-8). Like a small spark can cause a giant wildfire so can the tongue. Things get to running out of control if they are not kept in check. Sometimes we cannot just say I am sorry! That does not "put the toothpaste back in the tube." That does not undo a raging wildfire that destroys thousands of acres. The tongue is a FIRE, that you may not can put out. The tongue also shows what is in your heart. It can defile or pollute the entire body (Mt. 5:29; Mt. 15:11-20). The tongue is a restless evil. Picture

the tigers in the zoo pacing back and forth - that is a great demonstration of restless evil! Leave that cage door open just once and peril will follow! It is the same with the tongue.

Third, he warns of the PROBLEM of the tongue (9-12). How can we praise the Creator and curse the creation? That makes no sense. Man was made in the likeness of God, and Christians especially so (James 1:18). Does it make sense, with a fountain or spring, to have poisonous and good water coming from the same place? It isn't even possible! If you do not believe God and what he says about this inconsistency look around and nature teaches you the same thing! How easy is it for us to bless God in worship? How easy is it to curse His creation on the way home?

We are demonstrating we have an evil heart!

So, this week, use your words, your communication, your tongue to bless, to show grace, and to edify (Eph. 4:29). Take the time to tell your brothers and sisters in Christ how much you love and appreciate them. Tell your elders, deacons, and ministers how much you appreciate all they do. Stop by and pray for them. Control your tongue and use it to bring glory and honor to God and His church!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Gerald and Shirley (3rd)
- ⇒ Joe and Rhonda (3rd)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (5th)
- ⇒ Peggy Bazzell (6th)
- ⇒ Bill and Maria (6th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Esther and Lamentations
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team leaders meet
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday:** Today will be potluck and song service
- ⇒ **Visit:** Walnut Grove on August 14 at 6:00pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned Potatoes

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Mary Vincent
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law is in rehab)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Remember the family of Rachel Guill who passed away last week.
- ⇒ 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

Lamentations 5:21 Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we will be restored; Renew our days as of old,

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: (katartizō) καταρτίζω

Pronounced: kat-ar-tid'-zo

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: From G2596 and a derivative of G739; to complete thoroughly, that is, repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust: - fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore

Supporting verse: Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

After Israel turned their back on God and went after other gods, He allowed them to be taken captive. Israel was in a bad place because of their disobedience to God. This did not mean that God had given up on them or that they couldn't come back. In Lamentations 5:21, we read "Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we will be restored; Renew our days as of old". Israel could be restored or made like new with God again if they would repent and come back home to Him. Today is no difference. Sometimes as Christians we sin and leave God. When this happens, we need to be restored back to the way we were before we left Him and went back into sin. This happened with Simon in Acts 8. He was told that he would perish with his money and that he needed to repent of his wickedness and pray to God that his sins might be forgiven him. This is the path back. Luke 15 is a wonderful chapter that talks about those once "found" things that become "lost" and then were "found" again. Sometimes we wander away and need to be restored. Also, we need to pray to God that WE will TURN back to HIM. This is the only way we can be restored is if we turn back to Him.



Bible question: Who commissioned Ezra to teach the law of God to those who did not know them?

Last week's question and answer: To whom did God ask "How long will this people provoke me?"

Answer: Moses—(Numbers 14:11)

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