

# 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  
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:**

Kevin Smith

#### **Lead Singing:**

Bradley Smith

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Andy Johnson

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Chris Smith

#### **Lord's Table**

Richard Jones  
Richard Price  
Gerald Rule  
Hyland Darnell

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

#### **Greeters (East)**

Josh and Jennifer

#### **Greeters (West)**

Josh and Andrea

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Are You a  
Hypocrite?

#### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 23:23-33

**PM:** Consequences  
of Sin

#### **Scripture reading:**

Romans 6:16-23

## For What Do You “Hope”?

*by: Jonnie Hutchison*

For what do you hope? Do you hope to win the lottery or a sweepstakes, have a bigger home, a boat, a luxury car, or a higher paying job? Do you hope for success in business or in your career? Do you hope for world peace? Do you hope that those impacted by famine will be fed? Do you hope for a cure for cancer and other life threatening diseases? Our hopes run the gamut depending upon what we are focused on in our lives. There are some very noble things for which one may hope. However, it is often the case that our hopes are never fulfilled. It may be that for which we hope is unrealistic and unobtainable. The Bible has much to say about hope. The hope of which the Bible speaks is something that is real and obtainable. This hope is “a living hope” (1 Peter 1:3). It is the hope for which faithful Christian eagerly await (Galatians 5:5). It is a “good hope” (2 Thess. 2:16), a “blessed hope” (Titus 2:13), and a “better hope” (Hebrews 7:19). It is a hope which is “laid up in heaven” which one may hear about in the Word of the truth of the gospel (Colossians 1:5). It is the hope of eternal life which God promised before time began (Titus 1:2). It is the hope which anchors the soul and is both sure and steadfast (Hebrews 6:19). Spiritually speaking “hope” is exclusive in that there is only “one” and not many different kinds (Ephesians 4:4). The word “hope” has been defined as “favorable and confident expectation.” Hope describes the “happy anticipation of good.” Hope for the Christian is the happy anticipation and confident expectation of obtaining a home in heaven for eternity. Yet, there are many in this world who do not have the hope of heaven. Inspiration describes the Ephesian’s spiritual condition before they became Christians as “at that time you

were without Christ; being aliens from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12). What a terrible condition in which to be— HAVING NO HOPE! However, having “no hope” was no longer their spiritual condition for they had completed the steps necessary to get into Christ and are then described by the words, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been bought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13). To obtain the hope of eternal life one must be “in Christ.” To get into Christ one must obey the Lord’s commands to hear, believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, repent of sin, confess faith in Christ and then to be baptized (immersed in water) into Christ (Rom. 10:17; John 8:24; Acts 17:30; Matt. 10:32-33; Romans 6:3 -4; Galatians 3:26-27). Once one is baptized into Christ he/she is granted the hope of eternal life. However, one may lose that hope by returning to the practice and bondage of sin. Thus the warning, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23; See 1 Pet. 1:13- 16). For what do you hope? Our prayer is that you will have the desire to obtain the hope of heaven.

—Via The Green Plain Proclaimer

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Maria Vincent (11th)
- ⇒ Nathan Puckett (11th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Philippians and Colossians
- ⇒ **Team: 2** meets today
- ⇒ **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 our service!
- ⇒ **Workday:** August 29
- ⇒ **Potluck:** For 5th Sunday on August 30 after AM worship.
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation we will visit Union Grove on 8-30
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Mac n Cheese

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## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Clemmie Black (At Spring Creek room # 420 B in station 4)
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Ricky Puckett (Luke's uncle)
- ⇒ 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.



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** politeuomai (πολιτεύομαι)

**Pronounced:** pol-it-yoo'-om-ahee

**Translated** into the word we use today: **Conduct, Lived**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: to behave as a citizen (figuratively): - let conversation be, live. Thayer adds: 1) to be a citizen, 2) to administer civil affairs, manage the state, 3) to make or create a citizen, 3a) to be a citizen, 3b) to behave as a citizen, 3b1) to avail one's self of or recognize the laws, 3b2) to conduct one's self as pledged to some law of life

**Supporting verse:** Act 23:1 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have **lived** in all good conscience before God until this day."

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Think back to what Paul, through inspiration, told the Philippian brethren in Phil 1:27, "only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ". This statement has to reign true in our lives today as well. Just think about what is being said here. The way you live your life has to point towards Christ. Paul goes on to say that whether he is there or not, he will hear of their affairs and that they should have "one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel". We as Christians must work together as the family of God and our actions must bring honor and glory to His great name. Look back at Acts 23:1 where again Paul says "I have LIVED in all good conscience before God until this day. Paul is saying that he through his actions or his conduct had been pleasing to God. This is how we must live our lives today. Remember in 2Cor 3:2 that "you are our epistle written in our hearts, KNOW AND READ BY ALL MEN", and Christ says in Matt 5:16 "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven". Yes, we have a great responsibility to the world around us, to ourselves and to God to live our lives in a way that is faithful to God and that points others to Him. This is by our dress, our speech and our actions. How is your conduct? Is it worthy of the gospel of Christ?



**Bible question:** Who is the only female judge of Israel and where is she said to have judged from?

**Last week's question and answer:** What was the name of the foreign god that many Israelites had sacrificed their children to by making them pass through fire? **Answer:** Molech (2Kings 23:10, Lev 18:21)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams, Peggy Newsome