

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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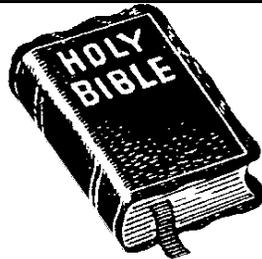
Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm



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:

Kevin Smith

Scripture Reading:

Ray Stenbridge

Lord's Table

Mitchell Smith
Richard Price
Ray Stenbridge
Gerald Rule

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Johnny and Mae

Greeters (West)

Bill and Maria

LESSONS

AM: Pierce My Ear

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Exodus 21:1-6

PM: The Convenient
Time

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Acts 24:22-27

BAD LANGUAGE *By: Luke Puckett*

It is hard to go an entire day without hearing one curse word. The world has come to use and say these words without second thought. We hear them at work, school, or just out doing daily activities. They are in TV shows and movies. These words are all around us. What are curse words? What does the Bible say about such words? How can we protect ourselves and families from these words so that we won't use them? All of these are questions that we as Christians should ask ourselves and have the answer for.

Profanity is a word, expression, gesture, or other social behavior which is socially constructed or interpreted as insulting, rude, vulgar, desecrating, or showing disrespect. There are around 100 profane words used in the English language.

Go back and read the definition given for what a curse word is. It doesn't just have to be words; it can be a gesture or an expression. Also, note that these words or expressions go against everything a Christian should stand for. They are vulgar, rude and show disrespect. Words often change meaning, and what is used as profanity today might be different or new words from the time of Christ. When the curse word became one is not the question, but rather what we should ask is how does man view it and, more importantly, how does God.

Let us look at what God has said on this subject. We find that words, especially profane ones, can defile us. Look at Matt 15:11 where Christ says "not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." Continue on and read Matt 15:17-20, and notice again that it is that which proceeds out of the mouth, that which a man thinks, which defiles him. We should not want to defile ourselves by letting profane words proceed from our mind to our mouth.

Also, notice that what we say reflects our inner man. Look at Col 3:8 "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, **FILTHY COMMUNICATION OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.**" Also, note Eph 4:29, Eph 5:3-7, James 3:9-10 and 1Peter 3:10. Why would we want to let filthy and profane words out of our mouth when we can use it for good and to glorify God?

Another issue that we face is euphemisms. A euphemism is the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh or blunt. Today many think they can change the word and it will not be profane. Remember that from our mind proceed these profane words and thoughts. If we think one word and another comes out that is the same thing only pronounced differently, we are still using profane words! Today we hear a lot of euphemisms used by Christians, but they might as well be saying the word that the euphemism is replacing. Also, we hear words like darn, heck, gosh or geez; all euphemisms for words that we should not use to take the Lord's name in vain. Have we heard something like gosh darn it? Do you know what you are really saying? What about crap, or other words like this?

We must protect ourselves and our minds from these words as much as possible. When we do hear them, we must tell ourselves that this type of language is not from God but from the devil. Don't let profane things enter your mind and then proceed from your mouth. Don't let the same mouth you use to praise God one minute have profanity come out of it the next. Read this passage to see just how important the tongue is and how profanity is not accepted by God. James 3:5-10 "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! (6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. (7) For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: (8) But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. (10) Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

What will proceed from your mouth?

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st & 2nd Peter
- ⇒ **Team 2** meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings 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!
- ⇒ **New Directory:** Information forms are on the back tables. Please take one and fill it out, and turn in to Luke or Amber. Also, picture sign up for directory is on the board.
- ⇒ **Church Get-together:** Card games and fellowship on August 16 at 6:30. Bring a deck of cards, snacks/drinks, and a friend.
- ⇒ **Workday:** on August 30 at 8:00 am
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation we will visit Union Grove on 8-31
- ⇒ **Potluck:** After am service on 8-31
- ⇒ **Bob and Susanna's new address:** 105 Plume Court, Lake Placid, FL 33852
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Chili

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Gerald Kilcoyne (Andrea Fulcher's Grandfather)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Michael Inman
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Glen Burse
- ⇒ James Jenkins (Whitney Price Jenkins' father-in-law)
- ⇒ 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)

Deacon Selection

Wesley Tucker is being considered as a deacon by the elders. If you have comments or concerns, please see the elders by August 24.

Pierce My Ear

1. How Hebrew Slaves Became Slaves.

a. List four ways in which one would become a slave:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

b. Could a slave request to be the slave of their master forever? _____

c. How would they show they had done this? _____

d. Why would they want to be a slave forever? _____

Notes: _____

2. The Song Pierce My Ear.

a. What are the lyrics to this song? _____

b. What do they mean to you? _____

Notes: _____

3. They had a Choice to Remain a Servant.

a. Do we have a choice of masters today? _____, If so, who are they? _____

b. How many masters can we serve? _____

c. If we choose God then how must we listen and obey? _____

Notes: _____

4. They Considered if they Loved Their Master.

a. What has our Master, Christ, done for us? _____

b. When considering this love, what else must we consider? _____

c. What will our Master, Christ, do for the faithful in the future? _____

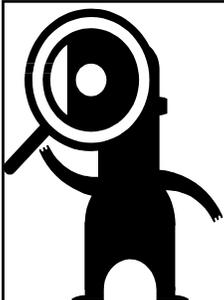
Notes: _____

5. They Made a Lifetime Commitment.

a. How do we make a lifetime commitment to Christ today? _____

b. What two things must we pledge in? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: What happened to the children who mocked Elisha's bald head?

Last week's answer: Cedars of Lebanon (Psalms 29:5)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black, Bob & Susanna Austin, Helen Tidwell