

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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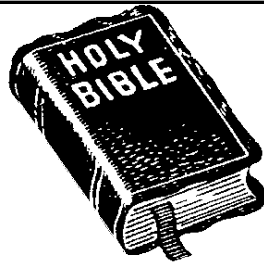
Luke Puckett

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:

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Wesley Tucker

Lord's Table

Gerald Rule
Mitchell Smith
Richard Price
Ray Stembridge

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Ray and Jill

Greeters (West)

Richard and Tonya

Guest Speaker

Glen Tattersall

BEING IN THE WORLD AND NOT OF IT

By: Luke Puckett

Have you ever had a dream or thought about what it would be like to live alone on an island? One that you owned, and you set the rules. You could be there with your friends and other faithful members of the church. You could remove most temptations. No drinking, immodesty, or foul language. No seeing sin day in and day out. We can dream of this, but unfortunately, this is not the case. We all live in places where sin is all around us.

Before we obeyed the gospel of Christ, we were of the world. We were sinners, but we have been washed in the blood of Christ; we have been called out of darkness and put into the light. We are no longer of the world, but we are of Christ. Yet knowing that we are no longer of the world, we still live in it. We work, go to school, and have our daily lives in the world. We don't live on an island with just other members of the church. We are not shielded from seeing the sins of the world and being tempted by Satan. This is why we must know that we live in the world, but we are not of it.

Look at Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Notice that we can't be conformed to this world. We can't be of it. We are to be transformed from it. If we live a life being conformed to this world, then we are molded to it, and we are following after the world; we are of the world not just living in it. On the other hand, if we transform ourselves out of the world, then we still live, work and play in the world, but we are different from it. We are transformed out of the dark sin of this world, having nothing to do with sin, and we are conveyed into the wonderful light of righteousness.

Notice 1John 2:15-17 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. (17) And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." Look at how bad the world is. If we are of the world, then we are partakers of the evil deeds of it. God doesn't love the world and we can't either. We can't love the evil, sinful deeds of the world. Notice here that we have a choice. We can either love God or love the world. There is no straddling the fence or being lukewarm (Rev 3:16). There is not serving two masters (Matt 6:24). We must choose who we are going to serve and then serve them (Josh 24:15).

How then do we live in the world and not be of it? This is a question that as Christians we should ask ourselves every day. As we go to work, school, play, workout, or shopping, we must know that we are going in the world. We are going to be around those who do not follow after God. We are going to be around sin, and we WILL be tempted by it. First, we must remember that God is with us and He will not allow us to be tempted over what we can handle (1Cor 10:13). Second, we must study God's word (2Tim 2:15) so that we will know what God would have us to do and so that we will not sin (Psa 119:11). Also, we must be willing to resist the devil and not give in to him. If we do so, he will flee (James 4:7). We must also not put ourselves in bad situations. We must be careful who we are around (1Cor 15:33) and avoid evil places (1Thes 5:22). Last, we must pray that we can overcome temptation and not be lead into it (Matt 6:13, Matt 26:41).

Yes, as Christians we live in the world. We work, play, and go to school in it. There are not too many days in which we are not out in the world, but as Christians, we can't be of it. We must not be partakers of the world and its sinful deeds.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Tonya Jones (19th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st & 2nd Peter
- ⇒ **Team 3** 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.
- ⇒ **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: Peanut Butter

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)

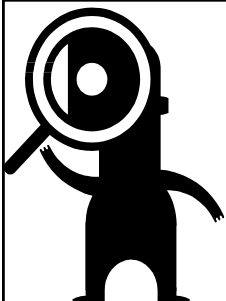
Heaven can be your
home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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.

WELCOME

We are pleased to have Glen Tattersall with us today. We currently support Glen and the wonderful work he and his family are doing in Launceston, Tasmania in Australia. Glen is joined in this work by his son, Trevor. Glen and Trevor work for the Balfour Street church of Christ in Launceston. Glen also works with the Tasmania Bible school. They are supported and under the oversight of the Southaven church of Christ in Southaven, Mississippi. If you have any questions or would like to help this work in any way, please see Glen, and he will be glad to tell you about this work. You can also visit www.churchofchrist.com.au for more information on the work in Tasmania.



Bible question: What kind of nuts did Jacob send as a gift to Joseph in Egypt?

Last week's answer: Two female bears mauled them (2Kings 2:24)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Johnny and Mae Downs, Rachel Adams