

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)*  
**August 28, 2016**

## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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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

## **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:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Scripture Reading:**

David Dodd

### **Lord's Table**

Bill Vincent  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker  
Hyland Darnell

### **Closing Prayer:**

Ron Hutchison

### **Greeters (East)**

Amber and boys

### **Greeters (West)**

Nathia and Ashlee

## **LESSONS**

**AM:** Stand Up For  
Jesus

### **Scripture reading:**

Ephesians 6:10-17

**PM:** Spiritual Gifts

### **Scripture reading:**

Mark 16:15-20

# WHY LOVE GOD?

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

There is much said in the Bible about God's love for man. One of the most familiar of all passages in the Bible on this subject is John 3:16 which expresses the extent of God's love for all of us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." It seems difficult for many to grasp that "God is love" (1 John 4:8, 16). Love is at the heart of His very essence and nature. One commentator wrote, "Love is God's reigning attribute that sheds an amiable glory upon all of his other perfections." There can be no doubt of God's love for us for it is proven both by the provisions He has given us in this world and by what He has done to deliver us from the bondage and the eternal consequences of sin (Romans 5:8-9).

We know how God has shown His love for us but how do we show our love for Him? The answer is given by Jesus when He said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). This is further emphasized in the book of 1 John where the Bible says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). It should be obvious from these verses that one who intentionally fails to obey what God has commanded does not possess genuine love for God. Love is not expressed only by what one says but also by what one does. "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

It is the case, however, that one may go through the form of externally obeying what God has commanded but fail to love God. But one must love God in deed and in truth. Ones

love must be free from any pretense or doubt. It must be genuine and true. True love for God will manifest itself in doing His will because we want to express our love for Him. This great truth has not changed: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). This passage expresses the fact that ones love for God must develop into a very personal, deep and abiding love. We love Him with every fiber of our being!

## WHY LOVE GOD?

1. Because He is our Creator and provider (Acts 17:24-26).
2. Because He has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16,17).
3. Because He has provided forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-9; 6:23).
4. Because of the certainty of His promises (1 John 2:25; Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:17-19; 2 Pet. 3:9).
5. Because He cares for us and we can cast our cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:7).
6. To return the love He first showed to us as underserving as we are of His love (1 John 4:10, 19; Rom. 5:8 -9)

—Via The Green Plain Proclaimer

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Kayla Stenbridge (28th)
- ⇒ Ronnie and Joanne (30th)
- ⇒ Josie Price (2nd)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Revelation
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 meets today
- ⇒ **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, Sep 6th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Ladies Class:** Will start back on Tuesday Sep 13 at 10am
- ⇒ **Ladies Day:** September 17th
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tuna fish

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Linda Jones (having surgery on the 30th)
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Gerald Rule
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Phyllis Furgerson (recovering from knee replacement)
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Kim Scott (Has cancer, will be starting treatments)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasley (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ 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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[www.coldwatercoc.org](http://www.coldwatercoc.org).  
You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** pseudēs (ψευδής)

**Pronounced:** psyoo-dace'

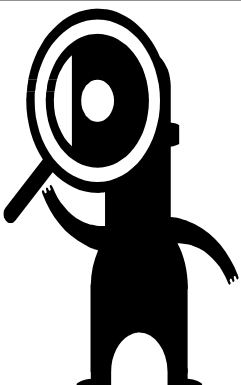
**Translated** into the word we use today: **Liar**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G5574; untrue, that is, erroneous, deceitful, wicked: - false, liar. Thayer adds: 1) lying, deceitful, false

**Supporting verse:** Revelation 2:2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We all remember the story of the little boy who cried wolf. While watching over the sheep he would call out "WOLF" and others would come to help him, but he lied, there was no wolf. This happened a second time. Again, others came to help him, and again, there was no wolf. Finally, one day the boy was watching the flock when a real wolf came up, and the boy yelled "WOLF, WOLF", but no one came to help. They knew him to be one who lied and couldn't be trusted. God, in his word, tells us not to lie or be deceitful. He does not want us to be like the boy so no one will trust us. As vessels for Him, we have to be trusted. We must try our best to live peaceably with all men and provide things honest. Can you imagine if we were to "cry wolf" or others thought of us as liars? How could we present the gospel of Christ to others? They would think it was not true because it was coming from an untrustworthy source. Our character as Christians is very important. Others need to be able to trust us. Christ tells us to let our "yes's be yes and our no's be no". If we can prove to others that we are not liars, that what we are saying is true, then we build trust with them. In return, this will greatly help us to preach the word to them. Let us always be truthful in everything we say and do, no matter how much it might hurt to tell the truth!



**Bible question:** Who told us to "remember Lot's wife"?

**Last week's question and answer:** What King of Israel had a reputation as a fast and furious chariot driver?

**Answer:** Jehu—(2Kings 9:20)

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