

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Kevin Smith
Richard Jones
Chris Smith
Nathia Whitley

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Kay and Linda

Greeters (West)

Ima and Milodean

LESSONS

AM: God Is Calling
The Prodigal

Scripture reading:

Acts 8:13-24

PM: The Body

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 12:12-23

FIVE THINGS I THANK GOD FOR EVERY DAY

By: Andy Brewer

Prayer is an ever-evolving aspect of our lives. Our needs, our life experiences, what's happening with those around us – all of these things are always changing. And with those changes comes a change in how we approach prayer, what we pray for, and how we react to whatever way God chooses to answer. Some things that drove my prayer life 15 years ago don't necessarily drive it today, and what drives my prayer life today probably won't be the exact same thing that drives it 15 years from now. But while our prayer lives may evolve over time in a lot of different ways there are always those things that are constant. I got to thinking the other day about my own prayer life and realized that while many things come and go there are at least 5 things that I thank God for every single day.

Every day I thank God for my family. I try not to take the blessing of having a loving Christian wife and two healthy daughters for granted. I know of so many who have not been as fortunate. I've lived long enough to appreciate what the wisdom writers said about a godly wife and children – a godly wife (worthy woman) is more valuable than rubies (Proverbs 31:10) and children are a heritage of God and man's reward (Psalm 127:3-5). If I truly believe these things (and I do) then I would be remiss if I didn't thank God for them every single day.

Every day I thank God for the opportunity to be one of His children. Paul counted being adopted into God's family as among the greatest of spiritual blessings that God has granted humanity (Ephesians 1:3-5). And when we truly understand the full benefits of being one of His children it's easy to understand why he spoke of it in such a way. God's children have access to worship, to grace, to redemption, and ultimately to heaven. It is such a blessing to be able to call God our Father – how could I not thank Him for it?

Every day I thank God for the church. In a day and age when the concept of organized religion is mocked there is still eternal value in the church. I

mean isn't the church the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:10-11)? Isn't the church the blood bought body of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28)? Wasn't the church God's means of making all of humanity one (Ephesians 2:12-16)? Isn't the church God's means of saving mankind (Ephesians 5:23)? It is all of these things and so much more. Why would I not thank Him for it?

Every day I thank God for redemption. I have no grand illusions of being perfect or anywhere close to it. Like Jeremiah I live with the reality that "the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). In my sin I was lost without any hope in the world, at least I was until I submitted my life to Jesus and obtained redemption (Hebrews 9:12). That means that even though I was guilty in sin by the blood of Jesus I am considered by God to be innocent. He's forgiven me, cleansed me of my unrighteousness, and He'll remember my sins and iniquities no more. I once was lost, but now I'm found and I thank God for it every day.

Every day I thank God for the gospel. How to lead my family; what it means to be one of His children; everything we know about His church; and the information we need to accept His redemption? It's all contained in the gospel, the good news (Romans 1:16). It's profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, and it is able to perfect man before God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It has the power to take the hardest of hearts and slice through it like a hot knife through butter (Hebrews 4:12). It can transform us (Romans 12:2). And when I see what I once was, but now am because of the power of the gospel how can I not give Him thanks?

Are there other things for which I give thanks? Absolutely. But some things come and go. These are blessings of which I am reminded every day and fall before God in appreciation for all He has done for me.

—Via www.biggerbetterfaith.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Bill Vincent (7th)
- ⇒ Junior Furgerson (10th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Judges
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 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: Canned chicken

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Linda Jones (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Gerald Rule
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Phyllis Furgerson (recovering from knee replacement)
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson (having test run)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Kim Scott (Has cancer, will be starting treatments)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law)
- ⇒ 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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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Judges 2:2 And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: hupakouō (ὑπακούω)

Pronounced: hoop-ak-oo'-o

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: From G5259 and G191; to hear under (as a subordinate), that is, to listen attentively; by implication to heed or conform to a command or authority: - hearken, be obedient to, obey.

Supporting verse: Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we look back when Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan and into the promised land, God told them to “drive out all the inhabitants of that land”. Israel did not heed this command of God, they didn't OBEY IT. God says, “but you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?” Could you imagine God saying to us, “why have you done this?” “Why haven't you obeyed my voice?” This is a scary thought to me, and I hope it is to you. Unfortunately some, no many, will hear this. They will hear that they haven't obeyed God on that day of judgment. In Matt 7:21-23 Christ says, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (22) Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' (23) And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" Many will hear this sad saying that they have not obeyed. At this point, it will be too late to change, but if you aren't obeying God, then you still have time to change now. Let us all examine our lives and see if we are obeying God or not.



Bible question: Who said “Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel?”

Last week's question and answer: Who told us to “remember Lot's wife”?
Answer: Jesus —(Luke 17:32)

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