

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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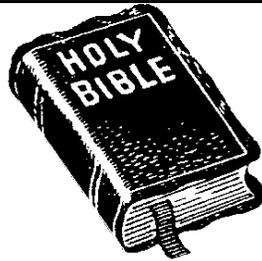
Luke Puckett

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:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Bill Vincent

Josh Price

Wesley Tucker

Richard Jones

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Ima and Milodean

Greeters (West)

Johnny and Mae

LESSONS

AM: Modern Day
Revelations?

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

2 Timothy 3:14-17

PM: Where I Ought to
Be Judged

By: Luke Puckett

Scripture reading:

Acts 25:6-11

Courage to Stand for God *By: Luke Puckett*

Do you remember watching the movie Wizard of Oz? Dorothy is following the yellow brick road to get to the powerful wizard of Oz, so she can get back home. On her journey, she meets three main characters who travel with her to Oz, all seeking help. She meets the tinman who is in search of a heart. She also encounters a scarecrow who is in search of a brain. Then she meets a lion who is in search of courage. When we think of a lion, the king of the jungle, we rarely think of them being cowardly or in need of courage, but sometimes those who we think are courageous actually need help in finding their courage.

Much is the case with Christians today. We think of those who have chosen to give their life to God as very courageous people, but just like the lion, sometimes they need help finding their courage to stand for God.

As we look back in God's Word, we see several of His servants showing courage and standing up for God. One that comes to mind is Joshua. Joshua had been a faithful servant of God, one of two of the twelve spies who came back with a good report. He had been mentored by Moses, but when Moses died, Joshua was chosen to "take over" and lead the children of Israel into the promise land. In Joshua 1, the Lord is telling Joshua that Moses is dead, and that he will be leading God's people into the promise land. In verses 6-7, God tells him this, "Be strong and of **good courage**, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. (7) Only **be strong and very courageous**, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go." Notice that God tells Joshua to be "strong and very courageous". Why? Because of all the things that Joshua would face and all the trials that would come his way. If he remembered that God was with him, if Joshua was strong and courageous, he would overcome.

Notice today how we are very similar to Joshua. We are fighting to inherit our promise land, heaven. As Christians today, we are in a spiritual battle. Remember in Ephesians 6:11-18 that we are to "put on the whole armor of God"? We are in a battle against evil. Paul tells Timothy that he had fought a good fight. Paul also tells him to "war a good warfare". During these battles, we must have courage.

Today we battle, just as we are told in Eph 6:12, against high powers of wickedness. Satan is using everything in his power to promote evil. Today we see this in so many forms. Homosexuality is being shoved down our throats as something we should accept. It is being taught to our kids at very early ages in schools. It is being taught as "hate crimes" to us and in our jobs if we speak against it. Christians can lose their jobs over standing with God on this issue. The same is true with evolution and abortion, along with any other number of spiritual issues you can think of. I am reminded of a professor, Mark Armitage, who found soft tissue of a dinosaur and said there is no way it could be millions of years old and was fired from his job. Or of a baker who must make a cake for a gay couple or be fined and go through "sensitivity training". Yes, we are in a spiritual battle every day, and we need courage to stand. What would we do if we were faced with situations like this? Lose your job or the business you have built if you don't say homosexuality and abortions are okay, accept evolution instead of creation? Would you have courage to stand for God? What if it was even worse? What if it meant being thrown in prison or even death to stand with God? What would you do? Would you have the courage to stand for God?

Where and how do we get courage? Courage is in each and every one of us as Christians. We have already shown that courage and faith by obeying the gospel, we just can't lose it. Most importantly we must think of all that God has done for us and what He will do for us if we obey Him, that is an eternal home in heaven. Courage then will come easy, fighting for and defending our home, heaven. Knowing that if we stand with God, heaven is promised to us, then having courage even to lay down our lives becomes something that we all can do. We must evaluate ourselves daily and constantly ask ourselves do I have courage to stand for God? If not, then go and find your courage in God's word.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Bill Vincent (7th)
- ⇒ Byron Furgeson (10th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ezra
- ⇒ **Team 1** 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:** Postponed to a later day in September
- ⇒ **New Deacon:** Wesley Tucker has been selected to serve the elders and this congregation as a deacon.
- ⇒ **Congratulations:** To Josh and Jennifer Price on the arrival of Josie Marie Price.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Box Crackers

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Tammy Smith (will be seeing a cardiologist)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Glen Burse
- ⇒ Sharon Bundy
- ⇒ 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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christ.org](http://www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org). You will find
bulletins, sermon outlines,
and other helpful links
and material.



WHY SHOULDN'T WE BELIEVE IN MODERN DAY REVELATIONS?

What man in the 1800's claimed to find a book with modern day revelations in it? _____

What two names does the group of his followers call themselves? _____

1. Modern Day Revelations Come From the Wrong Source.

a. True revelations of God come from specific sources. Name three of them:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

b. What did Paul say about the one gospel of Christ and where he got it from? _____

Notes: _____

2. Modern Day Revelations are not Confirmed.

a. What is a modern day Revelation? _____

b. When God would charge men with bringing in new teaching, what would He give them the means of doing? _____

c. How did God let them confirm the word? _____

d. What confirmation do men offer today? _____

Notes: _____

3. We Have Everything We Need.

a. Has God giving us everything we need to be complete? _____

1. Where is this "completeness" found, and can anything be added to it? _____

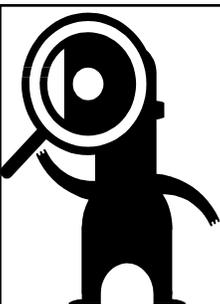
b. Has God, through His word, given us ALL that we need? _____

1. Can anything be added to all? _____

c. Has the gospel been delivered to everyone at one point and time? _____

d. If the gospel was once delivered to everyone, then how can people of old know the truth if God did not reveal everything to us in His original word? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: What judge was the son of a harlot?

Last week's answer: Jael (Judges 4:17-21)

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