

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**September 11, 2016**

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### **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:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Lead Singing:**

Josh Price

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

David Dodd

### **Lord's Table**

Nathia Whitley  
Kevin Smith  
Richard Jones  
Chris Smith

### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

### **Greeters (East)**

Nathia and Ashlee

### **Greeters (West)**

Kristin and Elizabeth

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Remember

**Scripture reading:**

Luke 17:26-34

**PM:** Love or Perish

**Scripture reading:**

1Corinthians 13:1-13

# FIVE THINGS I ASK GOD FOR EVERY DAY

*By: Andy Brewer*

If you were to ask the average individual what they most closely associated with the concept of prayer I dare say most would refer to the ability we have, through prayer, to ask God for things we need or things we hope to see done. And that is wholly within reason. James connected the primary reason we don't receive certain blessings in our lives to the fact that we often don't ask for them (4:3). Jesus had promised in the Sermon on the Mount that if we "ask...it shall be given unto you" (Matthew 7:7). Yes, I know that prayer is much more than just a chance to unload our "wish-list" on God, but prayer is most definitely an opportunity to approach God with supplications, prayers, and intercessions along with our thanksgivings (1 Timothy 2:1). So wouldn't we be remiss if we didn't take advantage of the amazing opportunity to petition God for those things that we see as legitimate needs in life? Some of those needs may come and go but there are a few I ask God for everyday...

**Everyday I ask God for guidance.** Jesus taught His disciples to pray that God deliver them from the evil one (Matthew 6:13). Well, that evil one is just as active in trying to destroy lives now as he's ever been (1 Peter 5:8). And because he is still actively trying to destroy our lives we should understand and accept our reliance on God's guidance. Yes, in large part that prayer will only be answered as much as we are willing to commit ourselves to Bible doctrine, but would you deny that God has the ability to guide us through His providence? What about the influences and events that He sends into our lives that help to round us out into complete Christians? No, we can't do this on our own therefore we desperately need God's guidance and we should pray for it every single day.

**Everyday I ask God for opportunity.** Just one more soul, just one more opportunity to make an impact toward eternity, just one open door. God given opportunity is the true fuel behind church growth. He isn't going to make any church grow anymore than He's going to make any soul accept or obey the gospel (such would be contrary to free will). But He will do for us what He did for His servants throughout the New Testament. He sent the apostles multiple audiences (Acts 2-4), He sent Philip the eunuch (Acts 8:26ff), He sent Peter Cornelius and His family (Acts 10), and He'll continue to send us opportunities if we will simply ask.

**Everyday I ask God for blessing.** He is, after all, the Father of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). No, He's not a magic genie committed to making our every

wish come true and He doesn't respond to selfish requests (Luke 18:11-12). But He does promise an open ear to the humble and sincere requests that address needs, cares, and concerns in our lives. Jesus taught His disciples to pray for their daily bread (Matthew 6:11). James taught that we can and should pray for those who are sick and suffering (James 5:13-15). The things that we need sometimes change and sometimes stay the same, however, the fact that we have a God that will bless us remains the same. But asking is imperative to our receiving (James 4:3) so be sure to ask Him every single day.

**Everyday I ask God for forgiveness.** I am not a perfect person no more than you are. If I thought I was I'd be a fool and a liar (1 John 1:8). All men sin and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). So what can I do? I can't stand before God on my own. I'd fall miserably short if I tried. All I can do, the only option that I have is to throw myself at His mercy and plead for His forgiveness. Jesus taught the need to continually ask for God's forgiveness (Matthew 6:12) and the publican was commended by Jesus for the humility he had to make this one request – "God, be thou merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Without His forgiveness I'm lost so I make sure to ask Him for it every day.

**Everyday I ask God for success.** No, I'm not talking about asking God for success in any purely selfish areas (money, notoriety, etc.). But there are areas where success isn't selfish, its essential. I want my family to succeed, I want to see our nation succeed, I want to see God's people succeed in fulfilling the Great Commission, I want to see churches succeed in their attempts to serve God and reach the lost with the gospel, and I want to succeed spiritually by going to be with God eternally. None of this can be accomplished absent from God and His care and so I ask Him for that success every day.

Do you want these things and others from God? No doubt you do. But if so there is no question about just how important it is to actually ask God. Does He know we need them already? Sure, but by asking we cite our dependence on Him for it all. Ask Him and ask Him every single day. Only then will the full power of prayer be unleashed in our lives.

—Via [www.biggerbetterfaith.com](http://www.biggerbetterfaith.com)

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Kay Robertson (14th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Judges
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 2 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, Oct 4th 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 Fruit

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## **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, she has started 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)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Gary Fulcher (Josh's dad)
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (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 3:28 Then he said to them, "Follow me, for the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him, seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** deute (δεῦτε)

**Pronounced:** dyoo'-teh

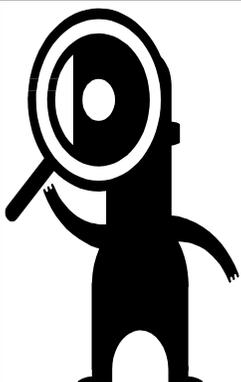
**Translated** into the word we use today: **FOLLOW**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G1204 and an imperative of εἶμι eimi (to go); come hither!: - come, X follow.

**Supporting verse:** Matthew 4:19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In Judges the third chapter, we read of Ehud, the second judge of Israel, and how he defeated the king of Moab. After killing Eglon, Ehud lead the children of Israel in battle against the rest of the Moabite army. In verse 28, he tells them to "follow me, for the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." Notice, he tells them that the Lord had already given them victory. All they had to do was follow him into battle. Today, God has given us victory, too, not in a physical battle, but victory in the spiritual one. We can have victory over sin and spiritual death. All we have to do is to follow Him. If we are willing to submit to God and His will, then we are promised eternal life and a great victory. Christ says in Matthew 7:21, "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." See, we can have eternal victory if we only do the will of the Father. Are you doing His will? Are you following Him so you can have victory and life eternal someday? God gave us the choice, but you and only you can make it. Are you following Him?



**Bible question:** Who said he went 20 years without decent sleep?

**Last week's question and answer:** Who said "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel?"

**Answer:** Saul—(1Samuel 9:21))

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