

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
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Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
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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

### **LADIES CLASS**

Tuesday: 10:00am

## **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:**  
Ron Hutchison

**Opening Prayer:**  
Kevin Smith

**Scripture Reading:**  
Nathia Whitley

**Lord's Table**  
Chris Smith  
Nathia Whitley  
Kevin Smith  
Richard Jones

**Closing Prayer:**  
Richard Jones

**Greeters (East)**  
David and Bradley

**Greeters (West)**  
Kayla and Reagan

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** My Name Is In  
The Book Of Life

**Scripture reading:**  
Revelation 20:11-15

**PM:** Change  
Becomes Confusion

**Scripture reading:**  
Romans 12:1-3

# FIVE THINGS I PRAISE GOD FOR EVERY DAY

*By: Andy Brewer*

At its core prayer is much more than many people give it credit for. To many prayer is a time to ask God for what we want and thank Him for it when we get it. Sadly, though, the extent to which many people's prayer lives develop has fallen terribly short of what prayer really is. At its core prayer is an opportunity to praise, glorify, and exalt God in the way that He deserves. In Matthew 6, when Jesus taught His disciples to pray, from the beginning to end every aspect of that prayer centered around lifting up God's name in worship:

"After this manner therefore pray ye. Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" (vs. 9-13).

In the same vein our prayer lives should be just as devoted to offering praise to God. So with that in mind there are a few things we should praise God for every day.

**Every day I praise God for His holiness.** The Bible declares God to be holy (1 Peter 1:15). But you know what's more is that God has shown His holiness throughout history. From the beginning when God responded to Adam and Eve's sin in a uniquely merciful way (Genesis 3) to the sacrificial offering of His Son for the redemption of sinful man (Romans 5:6-8). Jesus displayed a perfect spirit of holiness in His life (Romans 1:4) and in the process left us an example of holiness He wants for us to emulate (1 Peter 1:16). I see and experience God's holiness every day in my life and praise Him for it.

**Every day I praise God for His mercy.** I deserve to suffer unimaginably and so do you. The wages of sin are death (Romans 6:23), but I don't have to suffer those consequences of my sins because of a little thing called mercy. Jesus took that burden, endured our sorrows, bore our grief, and carried the weight of our sin (Isaiah 53:3-4). And in a crescendo of suffering while hanging on the cross He experienced it all on our behalves. I can look forward to heaven

even though I undoubtedly deserve to go to hell and the only thing I can attribute it to is God's mercy.

**Every day I praise God for His love.** The love God has for humanity is more than a generic, plutonic love. It is a very personal and intimate love. Sometimes I'm afraid that when we read passages like John 3:16 we disconnect ourselves from the narrative. I mean, God's love is so broad that it covers the entire world. But sometimes we forget the fact that we are a part of that world. That means that God loves me individually and He loves you individually. When He looks down from heaven He doesn't just see a mass of humanity. He sees us one by one and loves us in kind. That is a love worth praising.

**Every day I praise God for His patience.** Our God is a patient God (Romans 15:5). If He weren't I'm not sure that humanity would have lasted as long as it has. He patiently endured throughout Israel's history as they repeatedly rejected Him and turned to idols so that He could fulfill His promise of redemption. He patiently endures through our failures with the hope that we would repent (2 Peter 3:9). So if you fail God as I fail God there would be no question as to why we should praise God for His patience.

**Every day I praise God for His faithfulness.** "God is faithful, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9). With God we don't have to live with the insecurity of whether God will live up to His word. God is faithful. Will God live up to His promise to forgive? God is faithful. Will God live up to His promise to save? God is faithful. There is no promise that God has made that God is not faithful to keep (2 Peter 3:9a). In a world of uncertainty to have a God who is faithful is something worthy of our praise.

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

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Carter Tucker(20th)
- ⇒ Johnny and Mae (24th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Judges
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 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:** Has started back up, every Tuesday at 10am
- ⇒ **Ladies Day:** Thanks to all who helped out!
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tuna fish

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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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You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Judges 6:1 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years,

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** ponēros (πονηρός)

**Pronounced:** pon-ay-ros'

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

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From a derivative of G4192; hurtful, that is, evil (properly in effect or influence, and thus differing from G2556, which refers rather to essential character, as well as from G4550, which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively calamitous; also (passively) ill, that is, diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, that is, derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners: - bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). See also G4191.

**Supporting verse:** 1Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from every form of evil.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Evil, wickedness, ungodliness, unrighteousness are all things that we see in the world around us. These are terms used to refer to those who would rebel against God and His will. We see this time and time again in the book of Judges. God would help the Israelites then they would soon forget Him and all He did for them, and they would do evil in His sight. God would then punish them for the evil they did. Today, we see this happening. People either doing evil in God's sight, or those who once were washed turning back to the evil they once did. We are told in 1Thess 5:22, "Abstain from every form of evil." We are to have nothing to do with anything that appears to be evil. In Romans 12:9, we are told "Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." We are to let go of all evil in our life and cling, or hold tight as possible, to that which is good in God's eyes. Too many are doing the opposite. They love evil and hate what is good. We, as Christians, must be an example of good. We must not let evil rule our lives, but godliness. We must show others the way to God, and abstain from every form of evil.



**Bible question:** Who wrote a letter to Felix concerning Paul?

**Last week's question and answer:** Who said he went 20 years without decent sleep?

**Answer:** Jacob—(Genesis 31:38-41)

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