

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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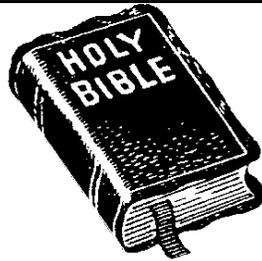
Luke Puckett

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:

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Mitchell Smith

Lord's Table

Wesley Tucker
Richard Jones
Bill Vincent
Josh Price

Closing Prayer:

Gerald Rule

Greeters (East)

Kay and Linda

Greeters (West)

Andy and Maddie

LESSONS

AM: That Man of God
Out of Judah (2)
By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
1 Kings 13:11-24

PM: I Believe God
By: Luke Puckett
Scripture reading:
Acts 27:20-26

FRIENDSHIP *BY: Luke Puckett*

Do you have a best friend, maybe one that you have had since elementary school? We all understand this word friendship. What we hope to see is that some friendships are good, while others are not, and that we must be friends with God and not the world.

Let us briefly see that we must make a choice if we are going to be God's friends or the world's. Man can't serve two masters (Matt 6:24) we can't be friends with God and the world. In 1John 2:15-17, we see that we can't love the world and God. God against worldly things and if we love the world then we can't love God. Notice James 4:4 "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." We must choose to serve God and not the world. Be a friend to God, and he will be the best friend you could ever want back!

How then do we become friends of God? We obey Him in everything that we do. Notice James 2:23 "And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." And he was called the friend of God." Abraham was God's friend because Abraham's faith moved him to do whatsoever God told him to do. See Heb 11:8-19, and look at how Abraham's faith was obeying God's will. Notice what Christ says in John 15:14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." How simple is this? If we just obey Him, then we can be His friend? Don't you want to be God's friend? If so, then obey Him, and He will be the best friend for you!

Now what about friends that we must make here on this earth? What about our physical friendships? This is sometimes a very difficult thing. We all want friends, and we want to be liked, but at what cost? Also, sometimes friendships go south due to the fact that both people are only human and make mistakes. First, we need to see that there are certain friendships we should try and avoid. In Proverbs 22:24 "Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go." Also notice 1Cor 15:33 "Do not be deceived: Evil Company Corrupts good habit." Who we hang out with can influence us. We as Christians are suppose to be the shining lights of a good example (Matt 5:16), and how can we do that if we are putting ourselves in bad situations and in the presence of ungodliness? Remember 1Thes 5:22 "Abstain from every form of evil." We must be careful if the friends we choose have a negative influence over us. Sometimes we must make the hard decisions and "shake the dust off our feet and move on."

Just as a bad friendship can have a negative effect on us, the opposite is true for a good friendship. If we seek Godly, righteous people for our friends, then the influence and outcome will have a good, no GREAT, and positive impact on our lives. Just think back to when you were younger, or if you are in school, think about the influence some of your friends have on you. Are they putting peer pressure on you to do things that God says are sinful? Now think about Christian friends, those who are in this place this very day. What influence do they have? Are they trying to get you to commit sin or help keep you from it? **OUR FRIENDSHIPS, OR WHO WE CHOOSE AS FRIENDS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** The personal friendships we need as Christians are that from other Christians, those who have the same goal as us. Those friends who want to edify us in Godly ways. Those friends that when we are "hanging out" want to do those things that are pleasing to God. Those who we can have fun with and not have to worry about sin, and those who are of the same like precious faith as us. I'm grateful for the wonderful Christians here at Coldwater. For the friends that I and my family have made with everyone, both young and not as young. Your friendships have helped to build me up in ways that I have been strengthened, and I am grateful for you and the friendships that we have made with such wonderful Christian folks.

Let me say there is nothing wrong with having friends who are not Christian. As a matter of fact, we need those too. We need to be a Christian example to them and never give in to their worldly activities. When we form friendships, remember that we need for our edification, friends with God's people, but most importantly we need to make sure that we are friends with God and not the world.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Johnny and May (24th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ezra
 - ⇒ **Team 3** 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!
 - ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Make plans for our gospel meeting with Randall Evans Oct 12-15.
 - ⇒ **Potluck:** After AM service on Oct 12
 - ⇒ **Sign up sheet:** Has been posted to feed Randall during the gospel meeting.
 - ⇒ **Ladies Bible Class:** Will start back on Tuesday Oct 7 at 10am
 - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned White Beans
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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
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Peggy Bazzell (Recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ 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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www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org. You will find
bulletins, sermon outlines,
and other helpful links
and material.



That Man of God Out of Judah (Part 2)

What did the man of God out of Judah just finish doing? _____

1. Don't Stop on Your Journey for the Lord.

a. What direction should we keep moving, and why? _____

b. What event is our journey related to, and why? _____

c. What must we continue to abound in, and how? _____

Notes: _____

2. It is Possible to Believe a Lie.

a. What two ways are there? _____

b. Whose way is the best way, and why? _____

c. List someone else who was deceived by a lie: _____

d. What makes something a spiritual lie? _____

Notes: _____

3. One Who Befriends You is Not Always Your Friend.

a. Was the old prophet very friendly? _____ Did this make him a true friend? _____

b. Must we be careful who we choose as our friends? _____

c. What does 1Cor 15:33 say about who we are around? _____

d. How do we make friends with God? _____

Notes: _____

4. Sin and its Consequences

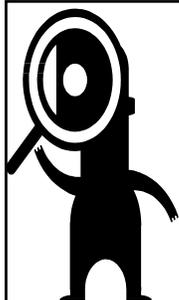
a. Will sin always be found or known by God? _____

b. What do we reap? _____

c. What is the consequence of unforgiven sin? _____

d. How can we overcome this consequence? _____

Notes: _____



Bible question: What man had his armor-bearer kill him, to avoid the disgrace of being killed by a woman?

Last week's answer: King Og 9 by 4 cubits or 13' 6" by 6' (Deu 3:11)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams, Kevin and Tammy Smith (last week too)