

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker

### **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:**  
Richard Price

**Lead Singing:**  
Wesley Tucker

**Opening Prayer:**  
Ron Hutchison

**Scripture Reading:**  
David Dodd

**Lord's Table**  
Andy Johnson  
Josh Fulcher  
Mitchell Smith  
Kyle Hobbs

**Closing Prayer:**  
Richard Jones

**Greeters (East)**  
Chris and Theresa

**Greeters (West)**  
David and Bradley

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Soldiers of  
Christ, Arise!

**Scripture reading:**  
Ephesians 6:10-17

**PM:** The Power of  
the Gospel

**Scripture reading:**  
1Corinthians 1:20-24

## 10 WAYS TO HELP OUR GOSPEL MEETING

**1. “Remember its purpose.”** The main purpose is to preach the gospel so that those who are lost might be saved (Mark 16:15-16). It should be our aim to have as many lost souls present as possible. Another purpose of a gospel meeting is for saints to be edified (1 Corinthians 14:26). It goes without saying that we cannot be edified if we are not present!

**2. “Invite others.”** Andrew invited Peter to follow Christ (John 1:41-42). The Samaritan women invited her whole city to come and hear Christ (John 4:28-29). It stands to reason that if people do not know about our meeting they certainly will not come. We have fliers available. Take a few to pass out to let your neighbors, relatives and friends know about the meeting.

**3. “Pray diligently.”** Peter said, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers...” (1 Peter 3:12). Pray for the meeting, that the speakers will teach what is needed and that the lost will come and hear.

**4. “Attend faithfully.”** The early disciples “continued daily with one accord,” and this is an opportunity for us to do likewise for four days (Acts 2:46). If the meeting is not important enough for the members to support, why should anyone else come?

**5. “Arrive early.”** When you invite someone to your house to eat at 6.00, do you appreciate it if they come at 6:15? You would prefer to be a little early. When we are late, we can disrupt the worship. When we are early, we can greet visitors.

**6. “Help prepare the building.”** I know that we have those who clean the building, but during a gospel meeting there is more work to

do. Each one can help out by picking up paper, putting song books in the rack, etc. Why would visitors want to come back if the members do not care enough to keep the building attractive?

**7. “Sing fervently.”** We are told, “Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19). Good singing helps to make a good meeting. We should follow the leader, concentrate on the words and sing with heartfelt zeal.

**8. “Welcome visitors.”** We should appreciate the presence of each visitor, whether a member of the Lord’s church in another place or someone who is not a child of God. Visitors may well determine whether they will return or not based on how they are received. The more people who greet them, the more appreciated visitors will feel.

**9. “Sit up front.”** We realize that some need to sit in the back for health reasons. But when most of the members sit in the back of the building, it sends a negative message. Leave the back pews for visitors who may be shy or late in coming. Also, sitting together up front will make the singing sound better.

**10. “Listen carefully.”** Remember that faith comes by hearing the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Be a good example of how to pay attention to the preaching.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Ray and Jill (9th)
- ⇒ Josh Price (10th)
- ⇒ Tammy Smith (11th)
- ⇒ Andrea Fulcher (15th)

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** John
- ⇒ **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 11th at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Oct 15th at Kevin and Tammy's house
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Oct 16-19 with Eddy Craft
- ⇒ **Singing and Fellowship:** Oct 22 at 6:00
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck and singing:** Oct 30th
- ⇒ **Visit:** Almo on Oct 30th. They start at 6.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Chicken Noodle Soup

## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Linda Jones (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Romona White (Mitchell's roommate's mother has cancer)
- ⇒ 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

John 2:9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** oinos (οἶνος)

**Pronounced:** oy'-nos

**Translated** into the word we use today: **Wine or Grape juice**

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: A primary word (or perhaps of Hebrew origin [[H3196](#)]); wine (literally or figuratively): - wine.

**Supporting verse:** John 4:46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In John 2, we see Jesus' first recorded miracle which He performs. He is in Cana of Galilee at a wedding feast. While the feast is going on, they run out of wine. So Mary goes to Jesus to get him to make more wine for them. Christ tells the servants to fill up six water pots and fill them full. They do this, and when they draw it out, the water has become wine. There is always a lot of discussion over this first miracle of Jesus. It has to do with wine and Christ giving that to people to drink. Did He give them intoxicating wine, or was it grape juice? If we look at the text, I think it is clear that He gave them grape juice, that which was fresh. Notice John 2:10, "And he said to him every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests HAVE WEILL DRUNK, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" Everyone was well drunk, that is, they had a lot to drink, but they could still use their understanding to know that was better "wine" or grape juice. If they were well drunk and intoxicated, they would not have known this. Also, keep in mind Hab 2:15. Jesus kept the law, and we should keep His.



**Bible question:** What king had a banquet where a mysterious hand left a message on the palace wall?

**Last week's question and answer:** What woman, seeing her husband on the verge of death, circumcised their son?

**Answer:** Zipporah—(Exodus 4:25)

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