

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

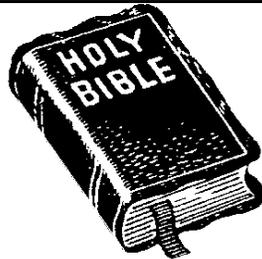
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesdays: 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:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Opening Prayer:**

Bill Vincent

### **Scripture Reading:**

Kevin Smith

### **Lord's Table**

Mitchell Smith  
Kevin Smith  
Andy Johnson  
Johnny Downs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Gerald Rule

### **Greeters (East)**

Richard and Rita

### **Greeters (West)**

Debbie and Vicki

## **LESSONS**

Guest speaker:

Randall Evans

# THESE FOUR WALLS

*By: Luke Puckett*

We come to “church” every Sunday and Wednesday. We are always in the pew. We say that we are Christians. Every time the doors are open, we show up and put on the appearance that yes, we are Christians. But does your appearance, your Christianity, leave the four walls of the church building?

A lot of the time we can fool others, and we can even fool ourselves, into thinking that just because we show up to services that we are doing all that we can or all that we need to. Our service to the Lord only lies within the walls of the building. This is only a front and is not pleasing to God. God wants us all the time. We must be Christians all the time. We must wear the appearance of a Christian all through the week.

In 2 Corinthians 3:2-3, Paul through inspiration reminds them that “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living god, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.” Notice that we are told that our life is an open book. Everyone that we come in contact with should see Christ living through us. Those in the world know that we are members of the Lord’s church and will hold us, rightfully so, to a higher standard. We, as Christians, must remember that we are different. We have been called out of darkness and put into the light of Christ. Therefore, we have to stay out of darkness and let our light shine in this dark world. Notice what Christ says in Matt 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.” Now how can we fulfill this command to have our Christian light burning bright in order to bring glory to God if our light goes out once we walk out the doors of the building? WE CAN’T! We must let our light and our Christianity be seen, be read by all those we contact daily by being a Christian all the time.

How can we do this? First, we need to know that once we obey the gospel of Christ that we become Christians. Once a Christian, we make a pledge to Christ and God that we are theirs. We are going to do their work no matter what! So how do we move forward, growing and being a Christian, even once we leave the building? We have to put off pride, take off our blinders, remember that we are entering a mission field, and quit being hypocrites. Wow, that’s a lot. I know. I think that we have become so self-centered and spoiled by being Christians that we forget where we came out of. We want to put on a front to others that we are still serving God, and we do that by showing up to services. We enter the building, and all of a sudden we become holy and righteous. While inside these walls we feel that we are doing all we can or need to. This is not the case. Our righteousness and holiness must go out all the time. We have to be holy as God is holy and God is all the time. Yes, we need time to be edified and to worship God. We must do this, and we must grow by being around other Christians, but Sundays and Wednesdays are not the whole of Christianity. As a matter of a fact they are just one part of it. Once we leave this building we must be even stronger than when we came in.

As stated above, we have to put off pride, take off our blinders, remember that we are entering a mission field, and quit being hypocrites. We have already talked about others looking to us, and if we say not to do something then we do it, then we are a hypocrite to those who see that. This hurts the Lord’s church and us as well. We can’t have that pride that thinks we are better than others. We aren’t. God loves us all the same in that Christ died for all men. Yes, we have the gospel and have obeyed it. Therefore, if we live a faithful life, heaven will be our home. That doesn’t mean we are better than others. We have to take off our blinders and remember we are going into a mission field. The world is lost. We must be on our “A” game once we leave the building. We need to teach others the gospel of Christ. We can do this by our actions or by word of mouth.

What about you? Are you a Christian only in these four walls of the building? Why not stop and reflect on what Christ and God have done for you and let that carry over throughout the week. Let others see Christ living in you. Be a Christian not just some of the time, but all the time.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Andrea Fulcher (15th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Titus
- ⇒ **Team 2** 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 today
- ⇒ **Sign up sheet:** Has been posted to feed Randall during the gospel meeting.
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Thanks to all who came out. The fellowship was great, and the chili, too.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Toilet tissue

## **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)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tammy Smith
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Peggy Bazzell (Recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ Sharon Bundy
- ⇒ Heather Moderow
- ⇒ Gerald Kilcoyne passed away (Andrea Fulcher's Grandfather)
- ⇒ 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)*

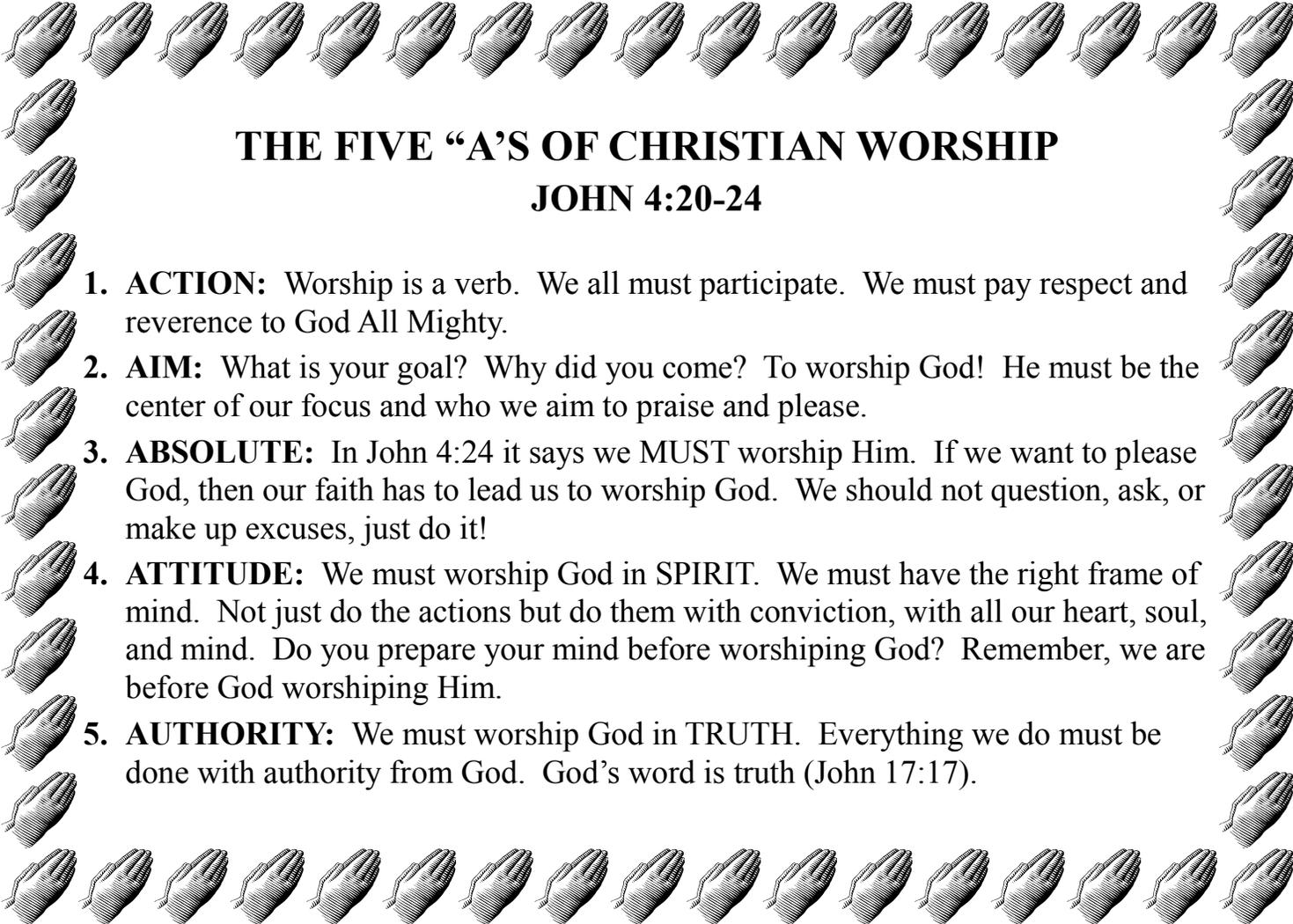
Heaven can be your  
home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

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and other helpful links  
and material.



# WELCOME

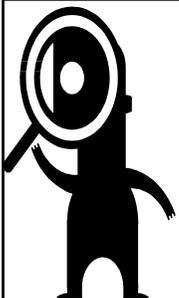
We are pleased to have Randall Evans with us this week. Randall speaks the truth and is a wonderful preacher of God's Word. He is married to Cammie Evans and they have two children, Marshall and Arielle.



## THE FIVE "A'S OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JOHN 4:20-24

1. **ACTION:** Worship is a verb. We all must participate. We must pay respect and reverence to God All Mighty.
2. **AIM:** What is your goal? Why did you come? To worship God! He must be the center of our focus and who we aim to praise and please.
3. **ABSOLUTE:** In John 4:24 it says we MUST worship Him. If we want to please God, then our faith has to lead us to worship God. We should not question, ask, or make up excuses, just do it!
4. **ATTITUDE:** We must worship God in SPIRIT. We must have the right frame of mind. Not just do the actions but do them with conviction, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Do you prepare your mind before worshipping God? Remember, we are before God worshipping Him.
5. **AUTHORITY:** We must worship God in TRUTH. Everything we do must be done with authority from God. God's word is truth (John 17:17).



Bible question: What festival was remembered for the salvation of the Jews from Haman?

Last week's answer: Manasseh (2Kings 21:6) or Ahaz (2Kings 16:3)

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