

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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## **THOSE TO SERVE**

### **Announcements:**

Richard Price

### **Lead Singing:**

Kevin Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

Bill Vincent

### **Lord's Table**

Mitchell Smith

Andy Johnson

Josh Fulcher

Kyle Hobbs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Greeters (East)**

Bill and Maria

### **Greeters (West)**

Andy and Maddie

## **WELCOME**

Glen Head

And Family

## **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.

### **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**

10:00 am Tuesday  
mornings

# STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

*By: Glen Head*

History is important for so many reasons. Being able to see something as it develops and how it stands the test of time can help build trust, or it can help see the deceptiveness in it. When one considers the Word of God it is a book that begins at the beginning of time. Throughout the pages of the Bible one can read of how it flourishes with words of eternal wisdom and the history of God's people. Then coming into the New Testament one can read about the life of Christ and can consider the words that He spoke pertaining to eternal life. In those words we can understand what God expects out of mankind and what happens when God is ignored. We can be assured that we can know all things pertaining to life and godliness. **(2 Peter 1:3)** In word, and in deed, we know how our behavior should be as Christians, not only in the words of Christ, but by looking at His example while He was dwelling among men.

The point: God has not changed over time. Holiness, purity, and sovereignty over all is shown of God throughout the history of the Bible. Even Christ said of the Father, *"And I know His commandment is life everlasting."* **(John 12:50)** God has stood and will stand the test of time. After all, He created time!

Now the disappointment. Man fails. Time after time man fails the test of time. Some men learn from their mistakes, yet most don't, or don't care. Religion should be something that is consistent and stands the test of time. Since the birth of the Church, Christianity has stood the test of time and will until Christ returns. Yet religion in general has failed to stand that test miserably. Why? The doctrines of men rule in the hearts of men. In religion, the Bible (the words of God) is the pattern – the standard. It is what all men will be judged by. Yet in the world, powerful and selfish men with ungodly motives have diverted from the Truth and have turned many away from the Gospel. Paul's letter tells of such in **1 Timothy 4:1-3**, *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."*

Many warnings are given in the book of Acts and in the epistles. **(Acts 20:28-31, 2 Thess. 1-12, 2 Peter 2,**

**3 John 9-11, Jude, etc.)** Many doctrines of men have spread like wildfire, but none more vicious and rampant as Catholicism. While looking back through time one can see the inconsistencies and deceitfulness of this movement. Catholicism takes the lead in being the head of the monster where most other denominations originate. It has taken precedent in shutting God out of men's lives and filling the void with pomp and circumstance. The article below was taken out of another bulletin. It doesn't even begin to touch the hem of the garment concerning the deceitfulness of men in this man-made religion. Glen

## The "Cardinal's" Advice

The following advice was given to Pope Jules III of Rome in 1550 by his Cardinals. It is found in the National Bibliotheque in Paris, France: The Volume is Reserve 22719, Pages 101-102.

"Of all the counseling we can possibly give, to your Holiness, we reserve the more important of it to the last. We must hold our eyes well open and intervene with all of our power in the affairs we have to consider." "The reading of the Gospel must be permitted as little as possible, (especially in the modern languages, and in the countries under your authority). The very little that is read generally at the Mass should be enough and it should be prohibited for anyone to read more. (As long as the people are content with that small part, our interest will prosper; but from the moment that the people desire to read more, our interests will begin to suffer.)

Here is the book that more than any other provoked rebellions against us, storms that have been risky in bringing us loss, in fact, if anyone reads accurately the teaching of the Bible and compares what occurs in our churches, he will soon find out the contradictions, and will see that our teaching is far removed from that of the Bible and more often yet is in opposition to it.

If the people realize this, they will provoke us without rest until all become unveiled and then we will become the object of ridicule and universal hate. It is necessary that the Bible be taken away and snatched from the hands of the people, however with much wisdom in order to not provoke trouble."

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Andrea Fulcher (15th)
- ⇒ Brooks Tucker (17th)

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## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 (**Josh Fulcher**) meets today.
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, 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 services.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Nov 7th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** October 15-18 with Glen Head
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Thanks to Kevin and Tammy for hosting and all who came out. We had a great time.
- ⇒ **Ladies Day:** October 21st with Danette Head
- ⇒ **Pantry/Food Drive:** On Nov 18 we will have a food drive to help give food to those in need. Please see the pantry item each week and bring items in to start helping prepare for this event.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Boxed Stuffing
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

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## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Richard Jones (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Kristen Scott
- ⇒ Sue Owczyk (Peggy N. sister)
- ⇒ Sonny McManus (Member at Seven Oaks, has colon cancer)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Billy and Cindy Potts (Wesley's uncle and aunt have cancer)
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ 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)*

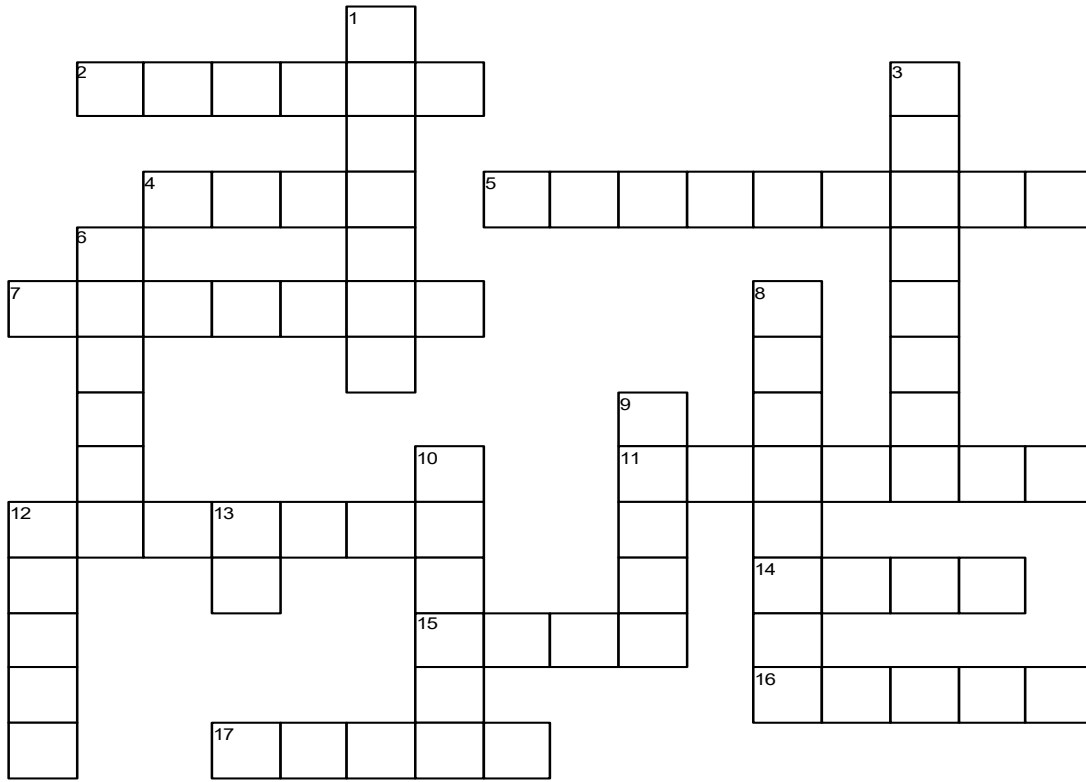
Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

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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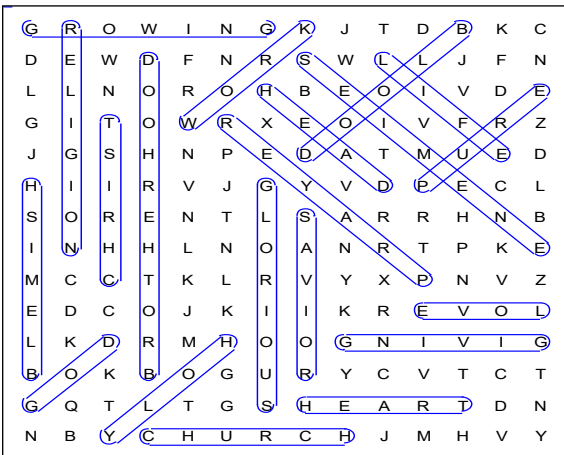
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**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 2 Job's friend the Shuhite
- 4 Told Job to "Curse God and die"
- 5 Smoke goes out of his nose
- 7 What the earth hangs on
- 11 Job's friend the Temanite
- 12 Man who is born of woman is full of this
- 14 Man who is born of woman is few of these
- 15 Job says this is taken from the earth (chap 28)
- 16 Who tempted Job
- 17 His wrath was aroused against Job

- 1 Killed Job's oxen and servants
- 3 His ribs are like bars of iron
- 6 Job's friend the Naamathite
- 8 One of the constellations mentioned in Job
- 9 How many sons Job had
- 10 Name of the second daughter of Job
- 12 How many daughters Job had
- 13 Land where Job lived



**Bible question:** What leader was told to tear down his father's altar to Baal?

**Last week's question and answer:** Who anointed a stone with oil and dedicated it to God?  
 Answer: Jacob (Genesis 28:18)

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