

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**October 16, 2016**

## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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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:**

Ron Hutchison

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

Gerald Rule

### **Lord's Table**

Josh Fulcher  
Andy Johnson  
Mitchell Smith  
Kyle Hobbs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Greeters (East)**

Bill and Maria

### **Greeters (West)**

Andy and Maddie

## **WELCOME**

## **EDDY CRAFT**

# STAND OR COMPROMISE

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

In March of 2015 the Presbyterian denomination voted to affirm “marriage equality” for homosexual/lesbian couples. The Presbyterian denomination joins other religious groups including the Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, United Church of Christ, Conservative and Reform Judaism, the Quakers, Unitarian Universalists and others in accepting what they conceive as the legitimacy of same-sex marriage. Other religious groups, which have not officially declared their support for same-sex marriage, are seeing an ever increasing number of their members expressing their approval of same-sex marriage. One advocate of same-sex marriage wrote, “That means major American churches yet to affirm marriage equality are likely to do it more through cultural change within the denomination than by formal vote....That will take more time, but likely make the change stronger and more permanent.” (The Daily Beast 3-22-15).

Some businesses that provide wedding services have been verbally attacked and criticized for refusing to serve same-sex couples because of their religious convictions. In a recent poll the question was asked “If a business provides wedding services, such as catering or flowers, should it be allowed to refuse those services to same-sex couples for religious reasons, or required to provide these services as it would to all other customers?” 47% said they should be allowed to refuse but 49% said they should be forced to provide wedding services for same-sex couples ([www.pewforum.org](http://www.pewforum.org)).

It is obvious that the acceptance of same-sex marriage and homosexuality in general continues to grow. Religious denominations

and religious people who once believed the Bible on this issue are compromising the truth and giving in to the acceptance of activities which God in the Bible still calls sin. This should not surprise anyone. Human religions have a long history of compromising truth under societal pressure. Yet, the Bible still reads the same way it has always read since it’s completion. Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Mark 13:31). As the Psalmist declared, “Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89).

Even if the majority are willing to accept the homosexual agenda those who would serve God faithfully must openly and lovingly stand for God’s truth against this sin and all sin. “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Eph. 6:13). God’s word has not changed nor will it change. The acceptance of sin by human religions or anyone else does not change the truth God has revealed in His Word. Our love for those who are ensnared by the sin of homosexuality will not allow us to remain silent nor compromise with their error. Let us take our stand with God and reject the compromise of His divine will. Society does not determine truth. God does!

—Via Green Plain Proclaimer

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Brooks Tucker (17th)

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## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** John
- ⇒ **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:** Nov 01 at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Thanks to Kevin and Tammy for hosting!
- ⇒ **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: Peanut Butter

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## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell (fell and broke her arm)
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson (having test run)
- ⇒ 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 Teasley (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 4:23-24 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (24) God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** proskuneō (προσκυνέω)

**Pronounced:** pros-koo-neh'-o

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

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G4314 and probably a derivative of G2965 (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his masters hand); to fawn or crouch to, that is, (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore): - worship.

**Supporting verse:** Acts 24:11 because you may ascertain that it is no more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Each week we should attend the worship service of our local congregation. We are commanded to meet at least once on Sunday to Sing praises to God, Pray to Him, Hear His word, Remember the death of His Son by taking the Lord's Supper, and Give back to God as He has prospered us. These are the five avenues in which we approach God through worship. Worship is something that man does to honor or pay homage to our Creator, God! God demands this worship to help us. God doesn't need anything from man, but has given us commands to follow in which worship is one of those. Worship teaches us that there is someone greater than us, that we are servants and we serve the God of heaven. Also, worship is for us. Hebrews 10:23-25 tells us this. We are told that by not forsaking the assembly that we build each other up. When we come together as children of God, then we should be built up. Worshiping God around people of the same like precious faith should edify us. Worship helps us by not only being around other Christians, but also by humbling us to worship God!



**Bible question:** Which king is said to have neither father nor mother?

**Last week's question and answer:** What king had a banquet where a mysterious hand left a message on the palace wall?

**Answer:** Belshazzar—(Daniel 5)

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