

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Andy Johnson
Mitchell Smith
Josh Fulcher
Kyle Hobbs

Closing Prayer:

Josh Price

Greeters (East)

Amber and Boys

Greeters (West)

Kristin and Tammy

LESSONS

AM: Above the
Bright Blue (part 2)

Scripture reading:

1Thessalonians 4:13-18

PM: Song Service

Scripture reading:

DECORATION OR DECLARATION?

By: Corey Sawyers

“Joshua 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

You have probably heard this verse many times, or at least the last phrase of the verse. It is a great verse - one of my favorites! But, we need to ask ourselves a very important question. Is this verse a decoration or a declaration in our home?



Is it just a decoration? You have probably seen it in many homes on frames, knick-knacks, or wall decals. Perhaps it is even prominently displayed in your own abode. Is it something we only put on our walls, our shelves, and our displays? Make no mistake, there is nothing wrong with using Godly reminders (like verses of the Bible) to beautify our homes. But God expects us to use His word to fill our hearts, not just our houses! He expects us to use His word to fill our hearts, not just our halls!

Is it a declaration? It was for Joshua. It was an exhortation to serve the Lord only. As one of the last acts of his leadership of God's people, Joshua is making a declaration about what

they should do, and what he and his family will do! So, in verse 14, he tells the people to fear and serve the Lord only. Then, in verse 15, Joshua says this is a choice you must make, but it is a choice our family has already made. We are an idol free household! We are serving the Lord and only the Lord!

Today, we can use this verse as simply a decoration and continue to live our lives as we choose. Or, we can use this verse as a declaration! In our entertainment, our time management, our relationships with each other, our faithfulness to the church, our dress, our speech, our giving ... in all areas of our lives, our family can declare "We WILL serve the Lord!"

What choice will you and your family make? Will Joshua 24:15 be a decoration or a declaration in your home?

—Via www.ewcofc.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** John
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **Leaders** meet 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
- ⇒ **Workday:** Thanks to all who helped out!
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck and singing:** Today
- ⇒ **Visit:** Almo tonight. They start at 6.
- ⇒ **Men's breakfast:** Saturday Nov 12 at 8:00 here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Spam

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 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 18:37-38 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (38) Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: alētheia (ἀλήθεια)

Pronounced: al-ay'-thi-a

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

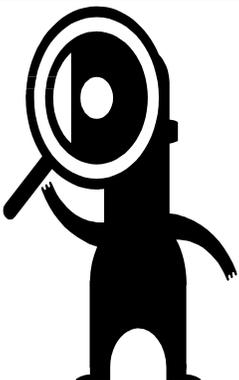
Meaning: according to Strong is: From G227; *truth*: - true, X truly, truth, verity.

Supporting verse: John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Pilate asks Jesus, in John 18, "What is truth?" He asks this question after Jesus says "that I should bear witness to the truth." Jesus knew about truth, being and speaking it. Pilate, on the other hand, had no clue about truth, spiritual truth, that is. This is a question that all of us need to ask and seek the answer to: What is truth? Truth is that which is true, but what is spiritual truth? Christ answers this question for us in John 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." God's word is truth. All that God has said is truth because He can't lie. His words guide us to all truth and teach us all things. Whatever God has said is what we need to be seeking after, because what He has said is truth. Furthermore, Christ says in John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We can KNOW TRUTH. Truth is something that, through our study, we can know. After we know we are also told that it will make us free, that is, free from our spiritual sins that separate us from God. What a wonderful truth that we can know THE TRUTH and that we can be made free by it.



Bible question: Who was the first recorded shepherdess (she kept her father's sheep)?

Last week's question and answer: To what church did Paul say the Old Testament was written as a set of examples?

Answer: Corinth—(1Corinthians 10:11)

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