

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Bill Vincent

Lead Singing:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

David Dodd

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Luke Puckett
Gerald Rule
Johnny Downs

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Kayla and Reagan

Greeters (West)

David and Bradley

LESSONS

AM: Going Through
the Gates of the Grave

Scripture reading:

Isaiah 38:10-18

PM: Resurrection of
Jesus

Scripture reading:

Matthew 28:1-10

MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT YOU HAVE

By: Alan Adams

One week after the Japanese had trashed Pearl Harbor, Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, returned to Washington having been to see what was left of our Pacific base and fleet. It's hard for us to imagine what must have been the state of panic and dismay; hip-deep in a European war, and now attacked from the other side. Knox concluded that radical changes must be made in the organization of our naval forces. One recommendation he made to President Franklin Roosevelt was that of reviving a consolidated control over the U.S. fleet. Out of this, the President appointed Admiral Ernest J. King to Commander in Chief, United States Fleet (COMINCH).

King was not a particularly popular man. He was very demanding and stubborn, and totally intolerant of the bunker mentality. He wanted around him only men in "whom the offensive spirit predominated" (Griffith, *The Battle for Guadalcanal*, p. 5). He was famous for saying, "Make the best of what you have." In the naval record, one message sent out by the tough admiral was

There must be no tendency to excuse incomplete readiness for war on the premise of future acquisition of trained personnel or modernized material... personnel shall be trained and rendered competent... existing material shall be maintained and utilized at its maximum effectiveness at all times. (Ibid.)

There are many marvelous thoughts and lessons in this crusty sailor's words, especially in light of the military language used to describe God's people: "soldier" (2 Timothy 2:3-4); "war... warfare" (1:18); "whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10); and so on.

How often do we explain failure to grow spiritually and numerically; to attract people, and accomplish "good works" on the grounds that our "material" and "personnel" are lacking? How does the "reasoning" so often run? — If our building were updated; our kitchen more modern; our parking lot smoother; our savings account fatter; the number of our young people and activities for them greater; we could and would grow and do more. And let's not leave out the granddaddy of all obstacles to progress, the preacher. If he were older or younger; plain-talking or indirect; gregarious or reserved; well-spoken or a man of the people; then nothing would stand in our way. We clearly suffer from what the Admiral called a "tendency to excuse incomplete readiness for war on the premise of future acquisition of trained personnel or modernized material."

PERSONNEL SHALL BE TRAINED AND RENDERED COMPETENT. Who are our personnel? One has to be practical here: there's the "number," and then there's the number of the number. May we borrow

the language of the Book of Revelation, there are "the servants of God," "who have been sealed on their foreheads, and there are those, who "do not have the seal of God on their foreheads" (Revelation 7:3; 9:4).

To quote a former Secretary of Defense: "You go to war with the army you have." We work with what we have; and what we have is not inconsiderable, especially if trained, rendered competent, and well-motivated.

Training and rendering competent our personnel is also a practical matter. We have a single book, the contents of which must pass from its pages to the minds of our personnel. Information must be imparted, drilled; and, in a really practical world, students should be tested to see if they have learned. The value and worth of every activity should be measured, not in terms of how it makes people feel, but in terms of how it relates to the training and competency of personnel.

EXISTING MATERIAL SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND UTILIZED AT ITS MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS AT ALL TIMES. Wishing for this and that, we often fail to assess our "existing material." We have a perfectly nice place to assemble, plenty of classrooms, and Bibles. If we are not at "maximum effectiveness" as a unit, it clearly has nothing to do with existing material.

A lesson from the Lord's Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25) is: Do not seek to excuse inactivity or lack of productivity on the basis of what one does not have. In other words, Make the best of what you have. Have we yet to learn the lesson from the ten evil spies? Two faithful spies out of twelve (Numbers 14). David's five smooth stones? The Lord's choice of twelve Galileans as His ambassadors? Was Gideon more effective with an army of thousands or hundreds? Think of how deadly David was with his small band of "mighty men." If we focused on Main Street's "number of the number," and dedicated ourselves to the training and competency of that number, we would be a formidable force.

Had history not been blessed with such indomitable spirits as that of Ernest King, who knows what the present world would look like. One greater than he has said of the ongoing war for the souls of men that rather than bemoan what we don't have, we must rather "Give diligence to present ourselves approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15).

—Via the Main Street Monitor

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Shirley Rule (7th)
- ⇒ Richard and Rita (11th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ecclesiastes
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 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!
- ⇒ **Potluck:** Thanksgiving potluck will be Nov 20th after AM service.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Dec 6th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Men's breakfast:** Saturday Nov 12 at 8:00am here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: White beans

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 (continuing 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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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. (2) "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: kērussō (κηρύσσω)

Pronounced: kay-roos'-so

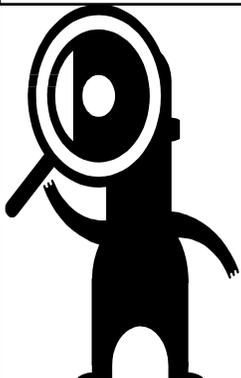
Translated into the word we use today: **Preacher**

Meaning: according to Strong is: Of uncertain affinity; to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel): - preach (-er), proclaim, publish.

Supporting verse: 2Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We are told in 2 Timothy 4:2 to “Preach the word”. This implies that we should all be preachers of the word. A preacher is someone who is a herald of the gospel of Christ. That is, that we tell others about Him and all that He has done. When we think of a preacher, we often think of the one who stands in the pulpit and preaches. This is definitely one form of a preacher, probably the most well known one, but the one who preaches from the pulpit isn’t the only preacher. We should be proclaiming Christ. Not everyone can stand in front of an audience and preach, but we can tell our friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers about Him. We can talk to them and try and set up Bible studies. Also, we can preach through our actions. This is probably the best form of preaching we can do as Christians. In 2 Corinthians 3:2 “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men”. What we are told here is that our lives are an open book. Everyone sees them and reads something, and what they should be reading by our example is Christ. So let us all go and preach the word either by words or our actions!



Bible question: Who attacked a Midianite camp at night?

Last week’s question and answer: Who was the first recorded shepherdess (she kept her father’s sheep)?

Answer: Rachel—(Genesis 29:9)

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