

# 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  
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Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

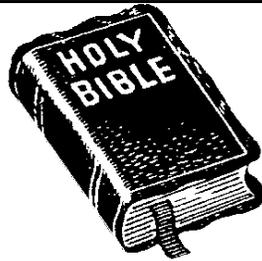
Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **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:**

Richard Price

#### **Lead Singing:**

Josh Price

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Andy Johnson

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Gerald Rule

#### **Lord's Table**

David Dodd  
Josh Fulcher  
Chris Smith  
Hyland Darnell

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

#### **Greeters (East)**

Kevin and Tammy

#### **Greeters (West)**

Gerald and Shirley

### **LESSONS**

AM: What To Do If  
You Miss Heaven  
By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
Mark 9:41-50

PM: Making The Most  
Of Meakness  
By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
Matthew 5:1-11

## **CONFIDENCE IN YOU** *By: Luke Puckett*

A young boy steps up to the free throw line. He was just fouled and is getting two shots. The boy is somewhat nervous and scared. The game is riding on these two shots. The coach, whom the boy looks up to, can see the nerves of the child and calls time out. The coach tells the boy “I know that you can make the shots. I have confidence in you.” This speech lifts the boy’s spirits and confidence level. The nerves are gone, and with this new confidence that is in him from his coach, he goes and hits both free throws for the win.

Sometimes we are all like this boy in our spiritual life. We face times in which we don’t know what to do, and we are scared. The church in Corinth was just like this. According to the first letter Paul wrote to them, they had a lot of things wrong in their spiritual lives. Paul was extremely straight forward with their shortcomings. 2 Corinthians 7:9 “Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.” Notice Paul says I rejoice that your sorrow led to repentance. We can only imagine how bad things were here. Maybe they were getting like the times of Noah when “man’s heart was only evil continually”, or like today when God is being mocked more and more. They and we today have a very difficult time to serve God and remain faithful to Him. Even through all of this, Paul goes on to say in 2 Corinthians 7:16 “Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.” WOW! What a great boost this must have been, knowing that Paul, one hand chosen by Christ and an inspired apostle of the Lord, had confidence in them.

We too must have confidence. We must have it in God and in ourselves. First, we must have confidence in God. Our faith must be strong enough to believe God and all of His words. In Hebrews 11:6 we find that “without faith it is impossible to please Him”. If we don’t have confidence in God how can He be confident in us? We must also have confidence that God will give us a home in heaven. If we go back to Hebrews 11:6, we see it goes on to state “He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”. Also, in Hebrews 10:34-35 we see “for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. (35) Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.” We can’t put away our confidence in our wonderful reward of heaven. If we have confidence in God that He has a wonderful, eternal home prepaid for us, then it becomes easier to serve Him. Also, we must have confidence that God hears and answers our prayers. Prayer is our communication with God. It’s letting God know our needs, and then He hears them and takes care of them according to His will. 1 John 5:14 “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” Yes, we must have confidence in God that He is, that He hears and answer our prayers, and that He will give the faithful a wonderful home in heaven with Him someday. If we don’t, how can we expect God’s confidence in us?

We must also have confidence in ourselves and our fellow brethren. Going back to 2 Corinthians 7:17, Paul tells these brethren that he “has confidence in them in everything”. We, too, need confidence in ourselves and one another. Confidence that we can overcome the trials and temptations of this life. Confidence that if faced with persecution we will not give in but stand tall with Christ. This starts with confidence in ourselves. Remember, we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, we are children of God. He is our King! We have some many comforting words from God. Just like the little boy needed to hear comforting words to have confidence in himself, we, too, need those words. God is with us, and if He is with us, who can be against us? God cares for His own. He will never leave us or forsake us. Also, sometimes we need to be the coach or Paul. We need to be the one who expresses our confidence in others. You may not know it, but someone looks up to you. Find that person and let them know that you have confidence in them, that they can live a faithful Christian life.

In the words of the inspired apostle Paul, let me say to all of the brethren here that “I have confidence in you in everything”, and if you need me, I’m here for you.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Richard and Rita (11th)
- ⇒ Milodean Black (15th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Nehemiah
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **New Directories:** If you haven't received yours, please see Luke.
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Potluck:** November 23 after morning services.
- ⇒ **Visit:** As a congregation, we will visit Williams Chapel on 11-30.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck:** After am service on 11-30.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Pork and beans

## **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
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tammy Smith
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Heather Moderow
- ⇒ 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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bulletins, sermon outlines,  
and other helpful links  
and material.



# WHAT TO DO IF YOU MISS HEAVEN

Have you ever missed something before? If so, how did you fix it or what was the end result? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you fix missing heaven after this life is over? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. We Know That Some Will Miss Heaven.

- a. Who does Christ say will be in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Whose fault is it if you miss heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Where does Christ say more people will end up, in heaven or hell? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Why Will So Many Miss Heaven?

a. List four reasons why some will miss heaven:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

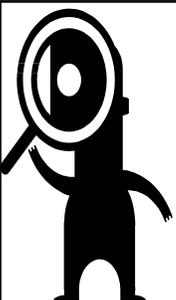
## 3. What Will We Do If We Miss Heaven?

- a. How much time will we have to think about our poor decision? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What did Christ offer us? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What will we feel and who will we be with? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. List at least five things that we will be doing if we miss heaven:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Have we missed heaven yet? \_\_\_\_\_ What can you do to make sure heaven will be your home? \_\_\_\_\_



Bible question: What does the writer of Proverbs admire the snake for? (Hint: the writer says is wonderful and which thing he does not understand)

Last week's answer: Jeremiah (Jeremiah 20:17)

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