

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**November 12, 2017**

## **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**

10:00 am Tuesday  
mornings

## **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:**

Josh Price

### **Opening Prayer:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Scripture Reading:**

Nathia Whitley

### **Lord's Table**

Johnny Downs  
Richard Price  
Luke Puckett  
Wesley Tucker

### **Closing Prayer:**

Gerald Rule

### **Greeters (East)**

Maria and Jennifer

### **Greeters (West)**

Maddie and Colt

## **LESSON**

**AM:** Love's Reach

### **Scripture reading:**

1 Corinthians 13:3-8

**PM:** Bearing Burdens

### **Scripture reading:**

Galatians 6:1-5

# DO YOU LOVE GOD'S LAW?

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

The Psalmist expressed this inspired sentiment regarding the Word of God— *“Oh, how love I Your law! It is my meditation all the day”* (Psa. 19:97). Wesley Simons recently wrote an article in the publication *The More Sure Word* in which he told the story of Gus Nichols, who, on one occasion when he had finished preaching, was shaking hands with those who were exiting the building. One lady said to him, “I would give the world to know the Bible the way you do.” Brother Nichols replied, “Dear, that is what it cost me.” Brother Nichols was a diligent student of scripture who spent many hours in the study of God’s Word so that he could impart it’s saving message to others. Like the Psalmist, brother Nichols loved God’s law.

How many hours a week do you spend in the study of the Bible, dear reader? Do you love God’s Law? Do you meditate upon it throughout your day? Sadly, there are far too many who only open their Bible during Bible class or worship, but hardly ever at home. Is that sufficient? Does that express a genuine love for God’s Law?

No one can love God’s law while ignorant of it. The New Testament is God’s spiritual law to which every accountable person who is living today is subject. It is that which will judge us in the last day (John 12:48). Yet, most people are so ignorant of God’s law that they do not allow it to influence them in making even the most important decisions and choices in life. Of course, this results in making poor decisions and choices which are detrimental to ones eternal soul. It is still true— “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge....” (Hosea 4:6a). If you love God’s Law you will make every effort to study and learn it.

No one can truthfully claim to love God’s Law

while standing in disobedience to it. Jesus said, *“If you love me, keep my commandments”* (John 14:15). One cannot love Jesus without obeying what Jesus has commanded for that is the way our love for Him is expressed. The Bible reads, *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome”* (1 John 5:3). One who knows God’s law but chooses to violate it anyway engages in willful sin of which the Word of God declares, *“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries”* (Hebrews 10:26-27).

It is our hope that each of us will see the need of knowing, obeying and loving God’s Law. The Psalmist expresses the tremendous result of *loving God’s law in the words of Psalms 119:165, “Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.”* Rather than viewing God’s Law as restrictive and burdensome, as so many seem to do, we need to see it for what it does for us. God’s law brings us peace with Him in this life and in eternity. Can you honestly say, **“Oh how I love Your law?”**

## Thanksgiving Pantry Giveaway

### Items Needed

- Boxed Stuffing
- Cornbread Mix
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Salt & Pepper in shakers
- Mac N Cheese
- Cranberry Sauce
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Carrots

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Milodean Black (15th)
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison (15th)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (18th)
- ⇒ Josh Fulcher (19th)

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Proverbs
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 2 (**Johnny Downs**) 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:** Dec 5th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **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: canned sweet potatoes
- ⇒ **Baby Shower:** For Josh and Jennifer Price today.
- ⇒ **Congratulations** to Justin and Kristin Sims on the birth of their baby girl, Caroline Harper Sims.
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Kevin Smith (back)
- ⇒ 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)*

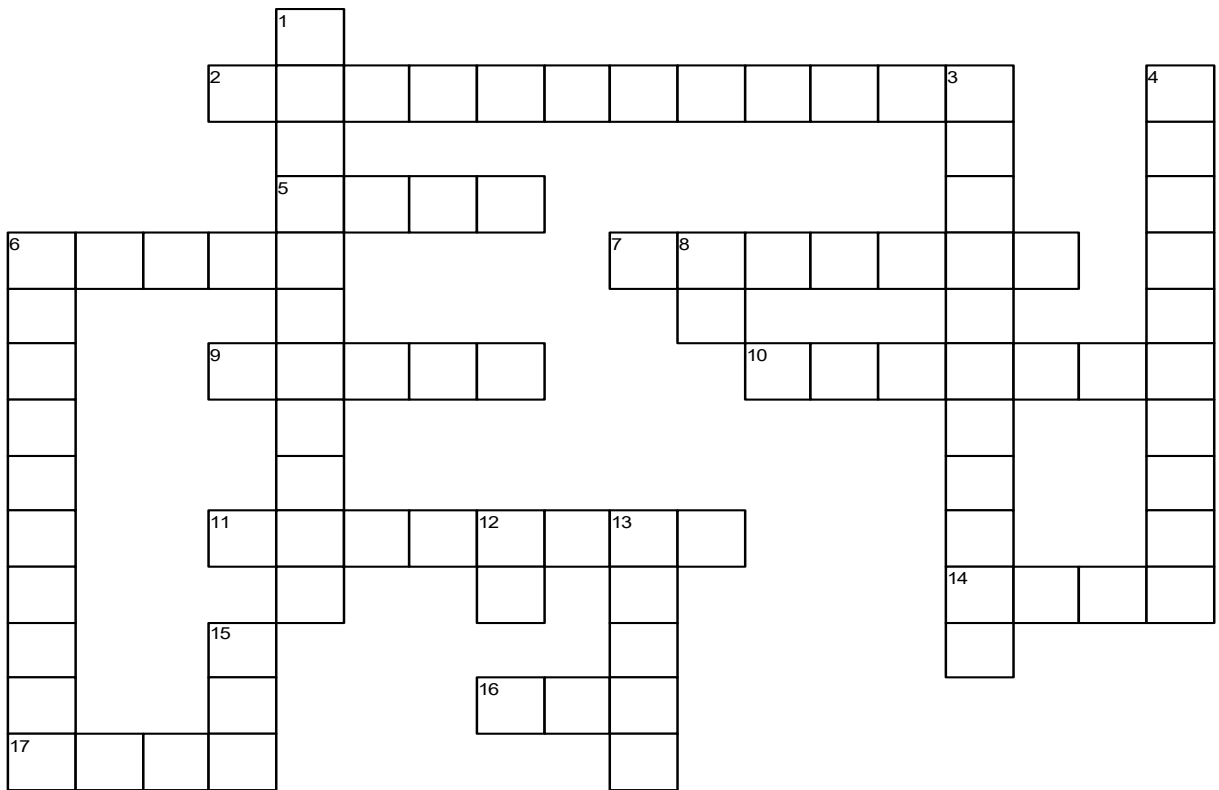
Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

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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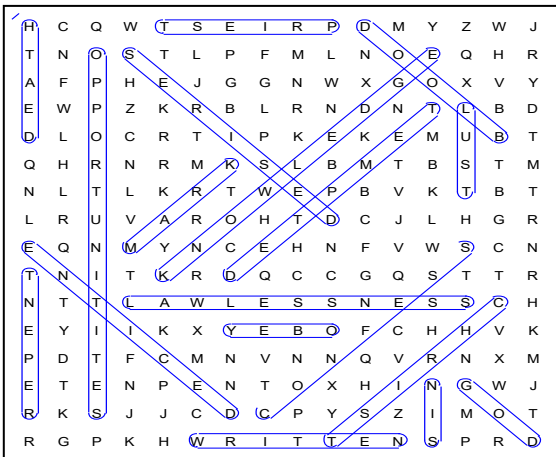
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**ACROSS**

- 2 If we love God we will keep.....
- 5 God's love for man reaches this way
- 6 What we are to do to those who curse us
- 7 We were still this when Christ died for us
- 9 If our enemy is thirsty what should we give him
- 10 We are liars if we love God but hate them
- 11 Love doesn't rejoice in this
- 14 Greatest of three traits
- 16 Direction man's love reaches towards our neighbors
- 17 Repay no one evil for.....

**DOWN**

- 1 Form Christ took on
- 3 Biblical love is wanting what is best for people in this way
- 4 In honor we are to give this to one another
- 6 God's commandments are not
- 8 Direction man's love reaches towards our brethren
- 12 Direction man's love reaches towards God
- 13 Love rejoices in this
- 15 God's grace has appeared to how many men



**Bible question:** What killed Ahab?

**Last week's question and answer:** What four creatures did God send as plagues upon Egypt?  
 Answer: Frogs, Lice, Flies, and Locusts (Exo 8-10)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Daniel Puckett, Peggy Newsome