

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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ELDERS

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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:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

Gerald Rule

Lord's Table

Wesley Tucker
Johnny Downs
Richard Price
Luke Puckett

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Andrea and Addie

Greeters (West)

Tiffany and boys

LESSON

AM: Strength of the
Church

Scripture reading:

Ephesians 5:23-27

PM: When Someone is
Nothing and No One is
Something

Scripture reading:

Galatians 6:1-5

PREACHERS CAN LIE!

By: Jerry Joseph

Have you ever had a religious discussion with someone and they tried to prove their point by saying, "that's what my preacher said." Some people will use their preacher as if he is the final authority in religious matters.

It is believed by some that if the preacher states it, it has to be right and cannot be wrong. Some think that their preacher or any other preacher would never lie nor deceive them. So, they go through life blindly accepting and doing whatever the preacher says.

Does not the Bible teach that we are to put to the test those who teach (1 John 4:1)? Let us be like the Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Yes, some believe it is wrong to question the teachings of any preacher. But, we must examine what is being taught no matter who the proclaimer may be.

It doesn't matter the popularity, prestige, power or personality of the preacher, **put him to the test**. Examine what he proclaims & practices in light of what is taught in the Bible.

This examination must be done because (1) God commands it (1 John 4:1); (2) Hearers can be led astray (2 Peter 2:1-3) and (3) the preacher must "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2) to please God.

It is certainly possible for a preacher to teach false doctrine (Matthew 7:15). If he does, then out of love, he must be corrected. Apollos, a preacher, had to be corrected for some of the things he was teaching (Acts 18:26). The belief by some that the preacher is "hands-off" concerning his belief, teaching and practice is not in the Bible.

When one preaches something contrary to the truth is he truthful? Is he not lying? Let's notice some

ways that a preacher can lie in his teaching:

- By teaching "**corrupt**" doctrine one is lying. God's Word is truth (John 17:17). To teach that which is opposed to the truth is teaching a lie.
- When a person will not declare the "**complete**" truth he is not being truthful. Paul kept back nothing that was profitable (Acts 20:20) nor had he shunned to declare all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27).
- A person who proclaims a "**compromising**" gospel is lying. God doesn't want something watered-down proclaimed, but the Truth (2 Timothy 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9).
- When a person will only teach that which is "**comforting**" to hear and not what is needed, is he being truthful (2 Timothy 4:2-4)? We must be concern about speaking right things and not smooth things (Isaiah 30:10).
- It is a lie when one says that it is "**callous**" to oppose things being taught & practice without New Testament authority. In fact, such matters must be opposed & exposed no matter the individuals involved (Eph. 5:11; Rom. 16:17). It is the kind and loving thing to do. To fail to do so is "uncalled for" and is unkind and unloving.

Let us realize it is God's Word (John 12:48) that is our standard of authority and not the words of man.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Josh Fulcher (19th)
- ⇒ Larry and June (21st)
- ⇒ Kristin Sims (21st)
- ⇒ Harold and Helen (24th)
- ⇒ Helen Darnell (25th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Proverbs
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **3 (Josh Fulcher)** 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.
- ⇒ **Potluck:** Thanksgiving potluck today after AM service.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Dec 5th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Pantry/Food Drive:** Thanks to everyone who donated food or helped with the giveaway!
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Instant Potatoes
- ⇒ **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)

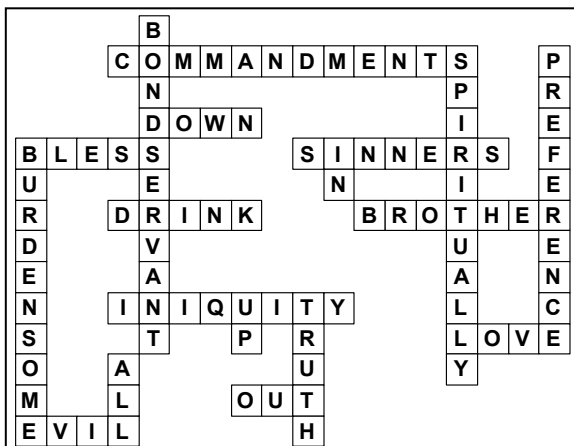
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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



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| Body | Purchased |
| Christ | Pure |
| Church | Sound |
| Devoted | Strength |
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| Numbers | Working |
| One | Youth |



Bible question: What three things does Matthew say occurred upon Jesus' death?

Last week's question and answer: What killed Ahab?
 Answer: Bow and Arrow (1Kings 22:34)

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