

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Wesley Tucker

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table

Gerald Rule
Johnny Downs
Richard Price
Luke Puckett

Closing Prayer:

David Dodd

Greeters (East)

Josh and Jennifer

Greeters (West)

Wesley and Whitney

LESSONS

AM: Calling on the
Name of the Lord

Scripture reading:

Romans 10:13-17

PM: The Two Sides
of Man

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 15:42-49

LACK OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

By: Jonnie Hutchison

The following news headlines have appeared in newspapers and other media the last several weeks: “Protests Show Lack of Respect Toward Police.” “Lack of Respect Causing Rise in Police Shootings.” “Lack of Respect Plagues Capital Traffic Police.” “The Effects of a Lack of Respect in the Workplace.” On and on the headlines go decrying (and sometimes encouraging) the lack of respect for authority which seems to be afflicting more and more people.

Why is there a growing lack of respect for authority? There are several contributing factors from a spiritual point of view.

Materialism. Even with their current economic woes Americans are the richest people in the world. **Success** has come to be viewed by how big a house one lives in, how luxurious is the car one drives, and how much money one has in the bank. The “haves” - in their greediness - show little respect for the “have not’s” and the “have not’s” return that disrespect motivated by envy and jealousy. Our society has become a welfare state in which people have developed the mindset that they are owed the best life has to offer without any effort or work on their part. This creates an atmosphere of disrespect for authority. Until man chooses the spiritual over the material disrespect will continue to impact his thinking to his detriment.

The Widespread Acceptance of the Teaching of Evolution. If man is merely the product of organic evolution then why should he show respect to his fellow man? Do “animals” respect one another? When people view themselves as nothing more than a link in the evolutionary

chain they will not be respectful of the sanctity of human life nor of the authority of others. Disrespect is the “survival of the fittest” epitomized. “I” come first! It’s all about “me” and what “I” want! “My” needs, “my” wants and the fulfillment of “my” immediate desires come first. The antidote to all of that is to accept that humans are the product of the Creative act of a loving God who made us in His image (Genesis 1:27; 9:6).

Rejection of God and the Bible. When one rejects the existence of God he rejects the authority which is God’s. When one rejects the Bible as the Word of God he rejects the written standard of divine authority. A rejection of divine authority, the highest authority that exists, results in a disrespect for lesser forms of authority. The divine standard of God’s Word teaches us to respect and be subject to the authority of civil government which has been ordained by God (Romans 13:1). Children are to honor or respect the authority of their parents by being obedient to them (Ephesians 6:1-2). Any service we render to those who possess authority over us should be given with the greatest attitude of respect for that authority fulfilling that service as to Christ, not to men (Ephesians 6:5-8). While those in the world may show their disrespect for authority the faithful Christian will make sure that he/she respects the primary authority of God and the delegated authority of God to men.

—Via Green Plain Proclaimer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Kristin Sims (21st)
- ⇒ Larry and June (21st)
- ⇒ Harold and Helen (24th)
- ⇒ Helen Darnell (25th)
- ⇒ Richard and Tonya (26th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ecclesiastes
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **3** meets 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 today after AM service.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Dec 6th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cake Mix
- ⇒ **Traveling:** Gerald and Shirley Rule have left for Texas for the winter. Remember them in their travels.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell (fell and broke her arm)
- ⇒ 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 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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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Ecclesiastes 7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one's birth;

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: onoma (ὄνομα)

Pronounced: on'-om-ah

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: From a presumed derivative of the base of G1097 (compare G3685); a name (literally or figuratively), (authority, character): - called, (+ sur-) name (-d).

Supporting verse: Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In Ecclesiastes 7:1 and in Proverbs 22:1, we see that a good name is better than riches. We know all about names; our whole life we have been called by a name. Sometimes, we are associated with our last name. People might not know us, but they will know someone in our family and associate us with them. We know that it is very important to have a good name, not only for ourselves, but also for our family. We want to be known as good, honest people. This is true in our spiritual life as well. We, as members of Christ's church, should want to wear the name Christian proudly and have others know that we are members of the church of Christ. They should be able to look at us, by our words and actions, as being Christians even if they don't know us. We should never want to bring shame on the church. Christ has bought her with His blood and is presenting her a glorious church without blemish. For ourselves, our fellow Christians and for Christ and His church, we should strive to carry a good name, to bring honor and glory to Christ and the name we wear, Christian. Let us always be mindful of who we are and what we are.



Bible question: In Ezekiel's vision of a four faced creature, what did each of the four different faces resemble?

Last week's question and answer: What tiny insect did David compare himself to when Saul pursued him?

Answer: Flea—(1Samuel 24:14)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams, Kevin and Tammy Smith, Johnny and Mae Downs