

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Richard Price
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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:

Kevin Smith

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table

Wesley Tucker
Johnny Downs
Richard Price
Luke Puckett

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Ashlee and Zoree

Greeters (West)

Tammy and Mitchell

LESSON

AM: Where is Your
Heart?

Scripture reading:

Isaiah 29:11-13

PM: If I Be Lifted Up

Scripture reading:

John 12:30-33

THE RACE IS ON

By: Bradley Smith

Everybody loves music. Some people like rock, some classical, but I personally prefer classic country music. One of my favorite singers is George Jones, and he has a song titled "The Race Is On". In this song he sings about him and another man figuratively racing for the love of a woman. As the song progresses, he talks about how the woman chooses the other man and how much heartache he goes through. I was listening to this song and I thought, "If he can experience this level of heartbreak and agony over something so physical, how much more should we feel when we study God's word with someone, and they neglect to obey it or even go as far as to tell us to leave them alone." In this article we will examine the race that we go through as Christians.

First we have to ask, "Who we are racing against?" 1st Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Through this verse we see what a difficult enemy we are up against. None of us would willfully initiate a fight with a lion, would we? But little do we know, we do this every day. Satan uses many devices in this world to tempt us and to try to lead us astray. Many commercials and billboards are heavily saturated with promises of a good time or worldly gain if we only partake in this alcoholic beverage or go spend all of our money at the new casino. The devil certainly is a tough opponent, but we have an even stronger defense. Ephesians 6:11-17 details for us the armor of God, that we may "...quench the fiery darts of the wicked." We are up against a fearful adversary, but we have the tools from God to overcome.

Next we must ask, "What are we racing for?" Mark 16:15 says, "And he said unto them, Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We can plainly see through this verse that we are racing to souls. We must teach everyone the gospel so the devil does not experience victory in leading

them to destruction. What are we racing for on a personal level? 2nd Timothy 4:6-8 states, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that also love his appearing." We read in this verse that we are racing for that crown of righteousness in eternity, and we should want all people to inherit that same crown.

Finally, we ask, "What is the finish line?" The first finish line is death. In the account of the rich man and Lazarus, when both men die, the rich man is in torments, while Lazarus is in Abraham's bosom. We see this separation. Lazarus didn't say, "Well since I wasn't faithful in life, I'll obey the gospel now, so I can be in Heaven later." No, he knew that it was too late and that this was his punishment for his failure to obey. But if we are still living when the Lord returns in judgment, our finish line will be that day of judgment mentioned in Matthew 25:31-46. Please take the time to go and read this passage later. If you want to be on the right hand, you need to get your life right with God if you have the need.

But there is a race that we judge. This is the race between God and Satan for our soul. If we deem God our winner, we will inherit eternal life, Matthew 25: 34. However if we follow the devil, we will be in eternal punishment, Matthew 25:41. The last words of the song state, "The race is on and it looks like heartache, and the winner loses all." Friends, the race is on. If you choose Satan, you will experience great heartache on the day of judgment, and if Satan is your winner, you will indeed lose all.

Thank you for your time. If you have any suggestions for future articles, feel free to comment or message me personally.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Richard and Tonya (26th)
- ⇒ Chris Smith (30th)
- ⇒ Kevin and Tammy (1st)
- ⇒ Jill Stenbridge (1st)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Proverbs
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (**Andy Johnson**) 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:** Thanks to everyone who donated food or helped with the giveaway! We were able to help 48 families and possibly more in the future. What a wonderful work!
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Green Beans
- ⇒ **Traveling:** Remember Gerald and Shirley Rule as they migrate to Texas for the winter.
- ⇒ **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)
- ⇒ Milodean Black (recovering from broken ribs)
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Kristen Scott
- ⇒ 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)

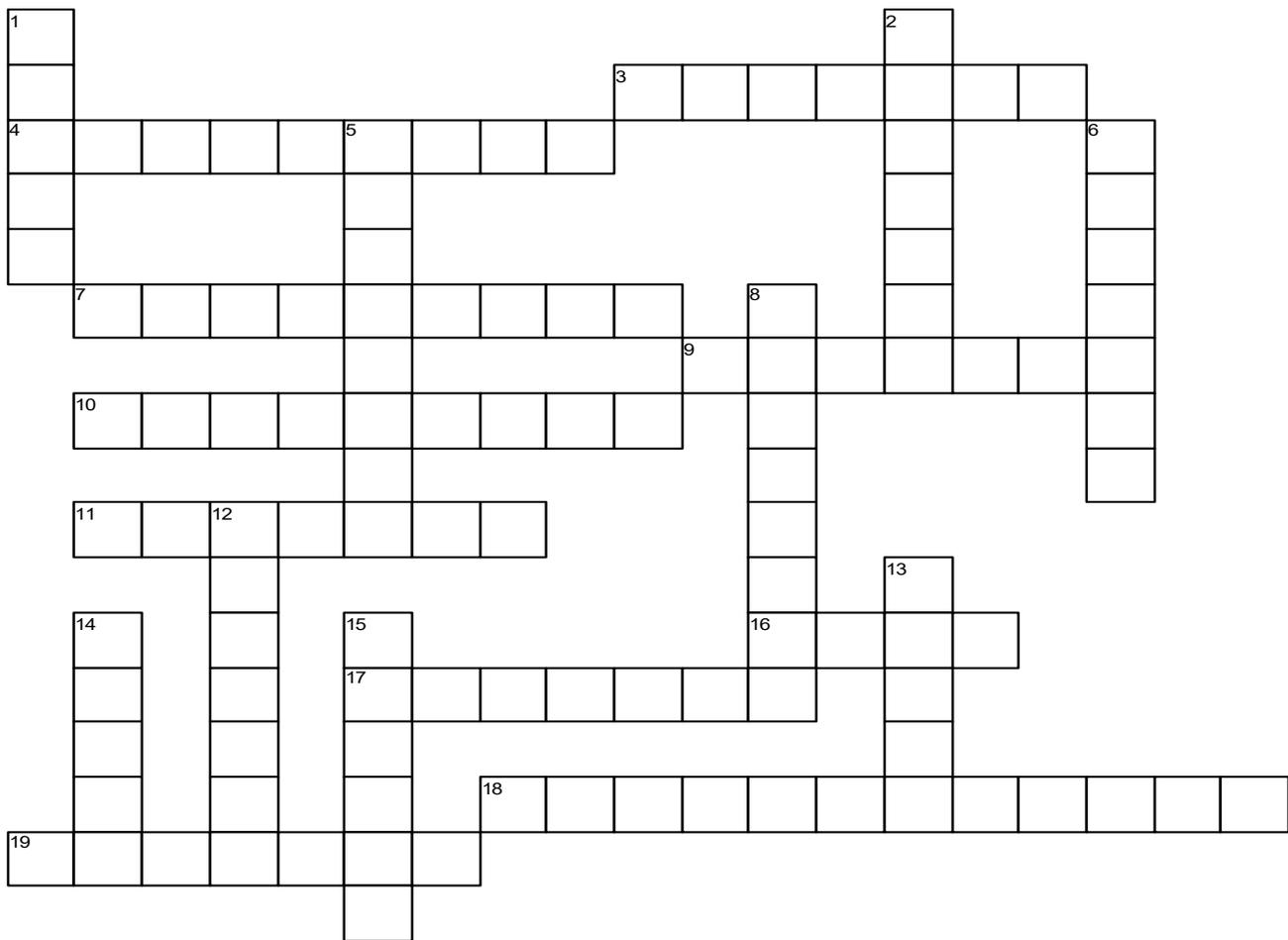
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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.





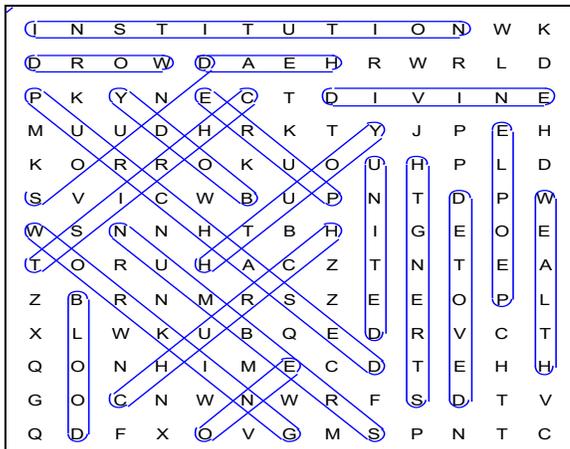
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ACROSS

- 3 This prophet saw a valley of dead bone come to life
- 4 City where Micah was from
- 7 Son of Cush
- 9 Father of Joel
- 10 King of Judah when Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem to besiege it.
- 11 What Isaiah was
- 16 Father of Isaiah
- 17 Name of Abed-Nego
- 18 Name given to Daniel
- 19 Name of Meshach

DOWN

- 1 Married to Hosea
- 2 Father of Jeremiah
- 5 Name of Shadrach
- 6 One of the nations Isaiah prophesied against
- 8 One of the kings during Isaiahs' time
- 12 Prophet who had a vision from God concerning Edom
- 13 Son of Amittai
- 14 Father of Hosea
- 15 Prophet that was thown into a den of lions



Bible question: Which king of Israel has his name mentioned most in the Bible?

Last week's question and answer: What three things does Matthew say occurred upon Jesus' death?

Answer: Earthquake, veil in temple torn, and graves opened (Matthew 27:51-53)

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