

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Bradley Smith

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Luke Puckett
Gerald Rule
Johnny Downs
Richard Price

Closing Prayer:

Josh Price

Greeters (East)

Andy and Maddie

Greeters (West)

Helen and Peggy N

LESSONS

AM: Do You Fear
God?

Scripture reading:

Luke 23:39-43

PM: Victory

Scripture reading:

1Corinthians 15:53-57

INVESTING FOR EVANGELISM AND EDIFICATION

By: Jim Faughn

At about this time of year or earlier, leaders in various congregations are involved in working on a budget for the next year. What “line items” would you include for us? How much should be budgeted for each one? What about your own individual or family budget?

It seems to me that there is a tendency to begin thinking that evangelism and/or edification is merely a matter of making the right purchases (or as good salespeople like to say – “investments”). A particular speaker, book, seminar, DVD series, etc. would be just what is needed. If we just “invest” wisely, we will experience tremendous growth in numbers and in our individual and collective spirituality – or so we think.

To be sure, all of us want to make wise purchases. As we peruse a variety of catalogues, exhibits, or online resources, none of us would want to spend money on anything that would violate the scriptures. We would want something that would meet God’s approval and, at the same time, meet our needs in these areas.

I would like to suggest a couple of investments that are absolutely vital. Without them, there will be no evangelism. Without them, there will be no edification. Without them, we will not be doing the Lord’s will, regardless of whatever else we do.

Unless we make an investment of *time*, we are wasting money with all of the other things on which we may be spending money. Why would we spend money on a good tool for evangelism and never use that tool to convert anybody? Why invest in a library, a course, etc. that is intended to help me or somebody else grow as a Christian and leave that resource in

the packaging or on a shelf?

That suggestion is closely related to a second suggestion. That investment of time, needs to be coupled with an investment in *the lives of others*. It should go without saying that evangelism requires interaction with other people. While it is important for me to be concerned about my own edification, I am being more than a little selfish if I am not concerned about the edification of others as well.

Without all of the modern resources we have at our disposal, the early church grew. It grew in numbers and in devotion as individual members (not merely the apostles) spent time in prayer and in proclamation of the Word of God.

They made some very wise investments. It is my prayer that we will follow their example.

—Via <http://www.faughnfamily.com/>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ecclesiastes
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 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
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Dec 6th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Mustard
- ⇒ **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)
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ 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 Teasley (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 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. (14) For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: phobeō (φοβέω)

Pronounced: fob-eh'-o

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: From G5401; to frighten, that is, (passively) to be alarmed; by analogy to be in awe of, that is, revere: - be (+ sore) afraid, fear (exceedingly), reverence.

Supporting verse: 1Peter 2:17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We often hear of people with different phobias. Some fear the dark, small spaces, or spiders. We understand that people with the fears are afraid of these things and what they could possibly do. We are to all have a fear of God! This fear is two fold. Not only are we be afraid of God and his wrath, but also to fear Him in that we are in awe of Him. First, we need to fear God because He can and will send the unfaithful to an eternity in hell. Matt 10:28 “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell”. We should all fear the wrath and punishment of God (2Thes 1:7-9), and this fear should cause us to obey Him. Second, we need to fear God because of who He is and what He has done. God is our creator (Gen 1:1, Gen 1:26, Gen 2:7). He has given us all things, and He is powerful and mighty. We should be in awe of Him and what He has done. Therefore, we can pay proper homage and reverence to Him. We should obey Him and do His will. We need the proper fear of God, both of His wrath and to stand in awe of Him!



Bible question: What was set up to remind the Israelites about crossing the Jordan river on dry ground?

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

Answer: 1. Man, 2. Lion, 3. Ox, 4. Eagle—(1Samuel 24:14)

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