

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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## **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:**

Kevin Smith

### **Lead Singing:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

Kyle Hobbs

### **Lord's Table**

Bill Vincent  
Josh Price  
Mitchell Smith  
Hyland Darnell

### **Closing Prayer:**

Hyland Darnell

### **Greeters (East)**

Nathan Puckett

### **Greeters (West)**

Ethan Hobbs

### **Greeters (Middle)**

Isaac Fulcher

### **LESSON**

**AM:** Spiritual Growth

**Scripture reading:**

1Peter 2:1-3

**PM:** Law of Sowing  
and Reaping

**Scripture reading:**

Galatians 6:7-9

# BAPTISM: WHAT IS IT?

*By: Jerry Joseph*

Baptism is one of those subjects in which there exists much confusion and contradictory teaching. The only way we will be able to know the truth on this matter is to accept what the Bible teaches. According to the Scripture, what is baptism?

## A BURIAL

In the minds of some, baptism can be sprinkling, pouring or an immersion and still be acceptable with God. In Romans 6:4, Paul said, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death..." Paul also wrote in Colossians 2:12, "Buried with him in baptism..." According to the Scripture baptism is a burial.

## A BEGINNING

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). Only after baptism can one begin a new life.

Notice the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." If one is in Christ, he has become a new creature. Is baptism connected with becoming a new creature? To become a new creature we have to be in Christ. How do we get into Christ? In Romans 6:3 and Galatians 3:26-27 we learn that we get into

Christ by being baptized into Him. Then and only then, according to the Scripture, is the beginning of a new life.

## A BLESSING

If we are in Christ that means we have all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3). Only in Christ is there reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:19-20); redemption (Col. 1:13-14) and remission of sins (Matt. 26:28). If these blessings as well as all other spiritual blessings are found only in Christ, and the only way to get into Christ is by being baptized, surely we can see that baptism is a blessing and essential to one's being pleasing to God.

We are not asserting that we are saved by baptism only. In fact, before one's baptism can be scriptural it must be preceded by faith (John 8:24); repentance (Luke 13:3) and confession of our faith (Matthew 10:32-33). We are contending that the Scripture teaches that baptism is a burial; it is the beginning of a new life as a new creature in Christ; and it is a blessing.

***"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).***

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan: Hebrews**
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 (**Wesley Tucker**) 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 item** for this week is: Canned Chicken
- ⇒ **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.

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### Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Kevin Smith (back)
- ⇒ Wesley Tucker (recovering from shoulder surgery)
- ⇒ 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)*

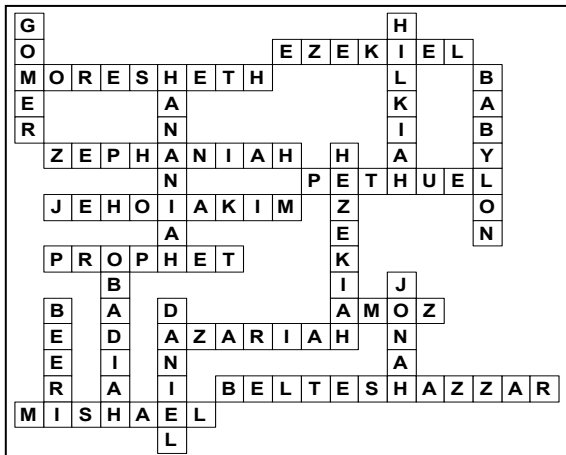
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| Babe       | Newness     |
| Baptized   | Nourishment |
| Barnabas   | Obey        |
| Born       | Oracles     |
| Exercise   | Paul        |
| Food       | Result      |
| Growth     | Spiritual   |
| Leadership | Water       |
| Life       | Word        |
| Milk       |             |



**Bible question:** Who was falsely accused of sexual assault by his master's wife?

**Last week's question and answer:** Which king of Israel has his name mentioned most in the Bible?  
 Answer: David (1,141 NKJV)

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