

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
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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**

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:**

Kevin Smith

### **Lead Singing:**

Bradley Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

Kyle Hobbs

### **Lord's Table**

Bill Vincent  
Joshua Price  
David Dodd  
Hyland Darnell

### **Closing Prayer:**

Richard Jones

### **Greeters (East)**

Ima and Milodean

### **Greeters (West)**

Maria and Jennifer

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Discipleship

### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 16:21-28

**PM:** Missions of the  
Church

### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 21:28-32

# **\$1,000 TO THE FIRST 150 PEOPLE!**

*By: Tim Kidwell*

What do you suppose would happen if we ran an advertisement in the paper with the above headline? We would have people sleeping on the church building doorstep beginning the day we ran the advertisement. People who had never stepped a foot in a church building would suddenly “get religion.”

Suppose we promised \$1,000 to anyone who was baptized on that day? There would be an overflow crowd. We would also have a lot of wet people on our hands. How many of these people would be Christians? None – if they were baptized for the money.

It amazes me that so many people can be persuaded by monetary things to make changes in their life. Yet, every time we meet, the most valuable gift in the world is offered free of charge to everyone in attendance. What is that gift? Eternal life. Quite often it takes “much persuasion” before people accept salvation, but we could easily “dunk” them for a few dollars. How sad!

Some of these “wet ones” would continue to attend faithfully, so long as the money continued to be given out. When they die, if money was their motivation, would they have a home in heaven? Certainly not! We all understand that their attitude was not right. Their motives were not pure.

Sometimes I am asked, “Do I **have** to attend **all** the services of the church to be considered faithful?” A better question might be, “How could someone who considered themselves a faithful child of God not want to take advantage of every opportunity they have to worship God?” Is the gift of eternal life not enough reason to motivate our attendance? Can we thank God too many times for the good

things he has done for us? Do we attend the services of the church because we love God and want to keep His commandments (John 14:15)?

What did God mean when he said “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some” (Heb. 10:25)? Did God really mean it when he says in the next verse that if we “sin willfully (forsake the assembly) there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” (vs. 26).

Certainly there will be times when we all must miss a service, (sickness, inclement weather, etc.). But ask yourself this question the next time you are absent from the assembly, “If you knew the Lord were going to return on that day, would you make a different decision concerning your opportunity to worship?”

Jesus stated, “But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels in heaven, but my Father only” (Matt. 24:36).

May we consistently have the heart of David when he proclaimed, “I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord” (Psalm 122:1).

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 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
- ⇒ **Adam Evans family:** Are back in the states after doing mission work in Tanzania.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Green Beans
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

### Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ 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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## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

2Corinthians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, (4) who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** parakaleō (παρακαλέω)

**Pronounced:** par-ak-al-eh'-o

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

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: From G3844 and G2564; to call near, that is, invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

**Supporting verse:** 1Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Have you ever gone through a hard time, maybe an illness or the death of a friend or loved one? Times like these can be difficult to deal with. Usually, we have someone else who is there to be with us or to comfort us in these difficult times in our lives. We should be thankful for those who are there to help us and comfort us. They can do so much for us and really make an unbearable time manageable. When we think about being spiritually comforted, we have someone who is there for us, God. God will comfort us in all of our tribulations. We as Christians face tribulations day in and day out. We are tempted, tried, and persecuted. This is very taxing on an individual, but we don't have to go through this alone. God is there for us. He is our comforter in spiritual and physical trials in our lives. We must always lean on God and His word during these times and every day to help us and guide us in our daily walks of life. Have you been allowing God, through His word, to guide you and comfort you? If not, then why not lean on Him and let Him care for you!



**Bible question:** What city was Paul's hometown?

**Last week's question and answer:** What was set up to remind the Israelites about crossing the Jordan river on dry ground?

**Answer:** 12 Stones (Joshua 4:7)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams