

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Josh Price
Mitchell Smith
Bill Vincent
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Isaac Fulcher

Greeters (West)

Daniel Puckett

LESSON

AM: Your Giving and
Spiritual Growth

Scripture reading:

2Corinthians 8:1-9

PM: Surviving a
Spiritual Slump

Scripture reading:

Revelation 3:14-18

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED GOD'S GIFT?

By: Jonnie Hutchison

This time of the year our thoughts turn to buying gifts to give to those we love. One of the most difficult aspects of giving gifts is to decide what to give. We want to give something useful and that the other person will appreciate. We live in a country that has been greatly blessed with material things. Most of us have much more than we need from a material point of view which is one of the reasons why we have a problem with deciding what gift to give someone.

Have you considered that God does not have such a problem. God not only knows what each of us need, He gives both the most useful and perfect gifts which are suited to each and every person (James 1:17).

THE GIFT OF A SAVIOR. *“For God so loved the world that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). Jesus came to this world to “seek and save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). He shed His precious blood on the cross giving every accountable person the opportunity to receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation from eternal punishment (Romans 5:8-11). What prompted the gift of Jesus as Savior is love. The extent of God’s love is seen in the precious gift that He gave. 1 John 4:9-11 reads, *“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if **God so loved us**, we also ought to*

love one another.” No greater or more perfect gift has ever been given than Jesus Christ, our Savior.

THE GIFT OF HOPE. The hope that our Savior gives is the hope of everlasting life (John 3:16b). This gift of hope gives those who possess it a “strong consolation” knowing that it has been confirmed by an oath from the One for whom it is impossible to lie (Hebrews 6:17-18). This hope is so sure and steadfast that it has the power to anchor the soul through the storms of this life (Hebrews 6:19). At the second coming of Christ this gift of hope will be complete for it will be a reality for those who now have it in prospect (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

GOD’S GIFTS MUST BE ACCEPTED. Gift giving is not complete until the gift is both given and received. God has given the gift of His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for sins and wants to give all the gift of the hope of eternal life through Him. Dear reader, have you accepted God’s gift? To accept His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ you must become a Christian by accepting Jesus Christ as the Son of God, repenting of sin, confessing faith in Christ and being baptized for the remission of your sins (Jno. 8:24; Ac. 17:30; Rom. 10:9-10; Mark 16:16; Ac. 2:38). By living faithful as a child of God you will maintain your hope of eternal life in heaven and be able to say with confidence, *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift”* (2 Cor. 9:15).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Kyle Hobbs (16th) *Correction last week said 19th
- ⇒ Nathia and Ashlee (19th)
- ⇒ Bobby and Peggy (23rd)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan: Hebrews**
- ⇒ **Team workgroup: Team 3 (Josh Fulcher)** 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.
- ⇒ **Congratulations:** Nathia and Ashlee on the birth of their baby girl, Karlee.
- ⇒ **New Year Fellowship:** Dec 31 starting at 6:00
- ⇒ **Ladies Class:** Weekly ladies class will resume on Jan 9th!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Jan 09 at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Peanut Butter
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ Kevin Smith (back)
- ⇒ Wesley Tucker (recovering from shoulder surgery)
- ⇒ Milodean Black (recovering from broken ribs)
- ⇒ Ashlee Whitley
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Gary Fulcher
- ⇒ Kim 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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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



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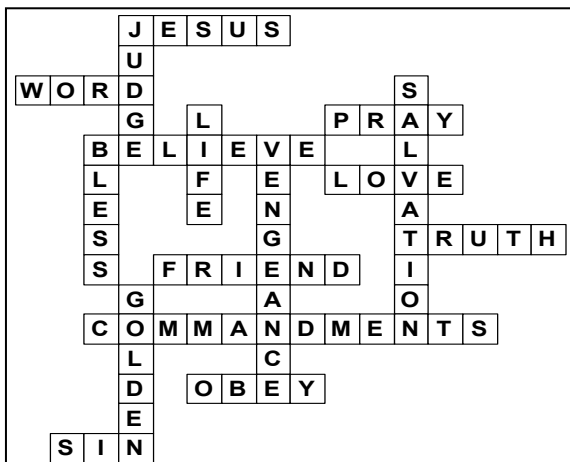
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Zacchaeus



Bible question: What city does Nahum call “the mistress of witchcrafts”?

Last week’s question and answer: What Syrian king fled when 100,000 of his soldiers were killed by the people of Israel?

Answer: Ben-Hadad (1Kings 20:29-30)

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