

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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Johnny Downs
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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:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Bradley Smith

Lord's Table

Bill Vincent
Josh Price
Mitchell Smith
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Kyle Hobbs

Greeters (East)

Ethan Hobbs

Greeters (West)

Nathan Puckett

LESSON

AM: What I want for
Christmas

Scripture reading:

Matthew 6:24-34

PM: Why Boast in the
Cross

Scripture reading:

Galatians 6:10-14

NO COMPROMISE!

By: Jonnie Hutchison

In some areas of life compromise is good and even necessary. However, when it comes to divine truth, there is no place for compromise for those who would be faithful to God! Note these words written to the church in Thessalonica, “Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.”(2 Thessalonians 2:15). The reference to “traditions” in this passage is not to that originated by men, but God’s Word spoken and written by Paul who was inspired by the Holy Spirit (See Galatians 1:11-12). The admonition is to stand fast and hold to the very Word of God. Obviously there is no room for the compromising of God’s Word in this statement. Yet more and more members of the Lord’s church are compromising the Word of God. What are some of these compromises?

Some compromise regarding religious holidays by observing them without divine authority. “Christmas” is a good example. Where does the Bible authorize the religious celebration of the birth of Jesus? Yet some congregations of the Lord’s church put a “Christmas tree” or a “nativity scene” in or around their buildings this time of the year. Some have special services singing seasonal religious songs, reenacting the nativity scene, and/or presenting special sermons and Bible classes to emphasize a religious celebration of the birth of Jesus. These congregations are acting without divine authority! They are compromising rather than standing fast and holding to the Word of God which is silent on any religious observance of the birth of Jesus. Would it not be better to leave the study of the birth of Jesus to another time rather than risk even the appearance of compromising with the errors of men?

Another area of compromise is the use of instrumental music in worship. Again, there is no authority for the use of mechanical instruments in the worship of the New Testament church. God specifies that we are to sing in our worship which

excludes mechanical instruments (Rom. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Heb. 2:12; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; James 5:13). The mechanical instrument adds another type of music to what God has commanded. Adding to God’s Word is specifically condemned in scripture (Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19). Brethren who compromise regarding this issue place their souls in eternal jeopardy as well as those they influence to follow them in this error.

Another area of compromise is in giving in to worldliness. This shows itself in such things as immodest dress (too short, too low cut, too tight), refusing to take a stand against immorality (including adultery and homosexuality), refusing to discipline the impenitent, and more emphasis upon the physical facilities and entertainment than the spiritual growth of the members of the church and the saving of souls. The Bible reads, “And make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof” (Rom. 13:14). The Bible teaches that we are to be “...denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world” (Titus 2:12). There is no place for compromising with this world in the lives of those who would please God. We should do nothing that will encourage anyone in the practice of any of the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19). To do otherwise is to compromise God’s Word.

These are just a few of the areas in which we observe compromise in the church. God demands, “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love” (1 Cor. 16:13). The inspired Paul addressed the church in Thessalonica in the words, “For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord” (1 Thess. 3:8). There is never a time or circumstance when compromising God’s Word is right. Let us stand fast and hold to God’s truth without compromise!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Junior and Phyllis (28th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan: Hebrews**
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Congratulations:** Josh and Jennifer on the birth of their baby boy, Jesse.
- ⇒ **Note:** No 5th Sunday potluck on Dec 31, due to New Year's Eve!
- ⇒ **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: Jelly

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)

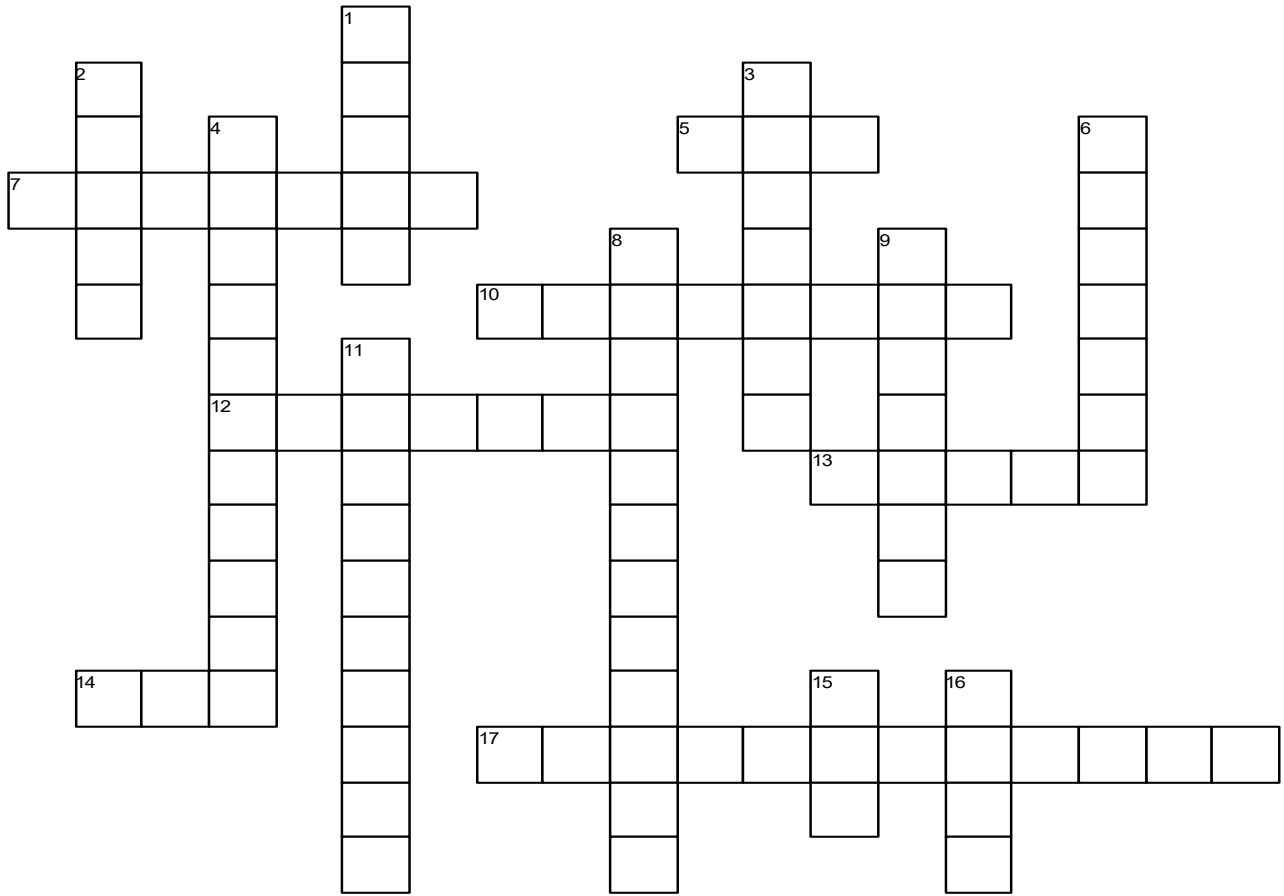
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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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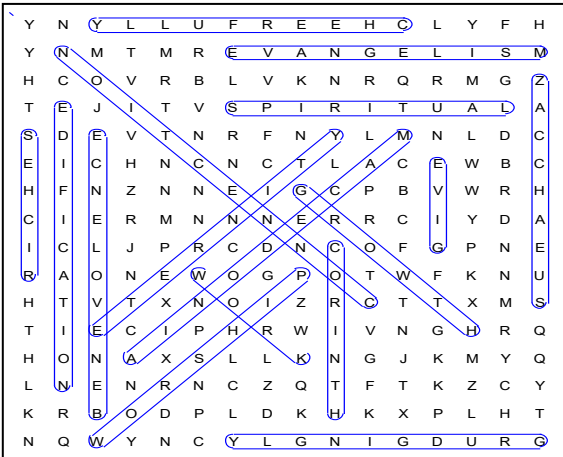
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ACROSS

- 5 Who we are to trust in
- 7 If we love God who else will we love
- 10 We have great and precious _____
- 12 He didn't waver at a promise from God of a son
- 13 God knows this before we ask Him
- 14 What God can't do
- 17 What we are to seek first (3words)

DOWN

- 1 We love God because He first _____ us
- 2 What we shouldn't do about what to eat or drink
- 3 We are to be anxious for
- 4 What God promised before time began (2words)
- 6 Christ died for us while we were still this
- 8 If we love God what will we keep
- 9 What we are to make known to God
- 11 How God cares for us
- 15 Who God gave to show His love for the world
- 16 What God's promises should give us



Bible question: What man had 14,000 sheep?

Last week's question and answer: What city does Nahum call "the mistress of witchcrafts"?
 Answer: Nineveh (Nahum1-3:4)

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