

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
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:**

Bill Vincent

#### **Lead Singing:**

Josh Price

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Kevin Smith

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Nathia Whitley

#### **Lord's Table**

Kevin Smith  
Luke Puckett  
Bradley Smith  
Josh Fulcher

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Bill Vincent

#### **Greeters (East)**

Andy and Maddie

#### **Greeters (West)**

Kristin and Elizabeth

### **LESSONS**

**AM:** Would You Give  
Your Life for Christ?

#### **Scripture reading:**

Acts 7:57-60

#### **PM:** Are You

Deceived?

#### **Scripture reading:**

Titus 3:1-7

# WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING?

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

As the year of 2015 draws to a close anticipation of the coming year rises. What will the New Year bring? Will it be a year that brings prosperity and hope or poverty and despair? Will it be a good year or a bad one? Will it be a year of life or of death? Will it be a year of salvation or eternal loss?

**2016 will bring life.** If Christ does not return before, children will be born to begin their lives on this earth. Many who are now living will live throughout the year going about their daily routines, going to school, working their jobs, and living their lives. In other words, life will go on as it has since the beginning of time. The inspired Solomon wrote, “That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Yes, 2016 will bring life!

**2016 will bring death.** One of the great uncertainties of life is the day of ones death. The book of James warns, “whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Most do not like to think of death and that is one of the reasons why so many are unprepared for it when it comes. How many will face death in this coming year? Based upon the number of deaths in previous years provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention we may estimate more than 2 million people in the U.S. alone will die in 2016. Dear reader will you be among that number? Only God truly knows. Yet, 2016 could be the year of death for any one of us. Death will come for many naturally. Many others will die because of disease, natural

disasters, crime, war, accidents, etc. 2016 will bring death!

**2016 will bring salvation.** The gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16). As long as the gospel is proclaimed to the lost there will be those with honest and good hearts who will respond to it for salvation (Luke 8:15). In this New Year members of the Lord’s church must continue to spread forth the good news of salvation. “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” (Galatians 6:9). As we continue to faithfully proclaim God’s truth to the lost, 2016 will bring salvation!

**2016 will bring eternal loss.** As much as we desire that all be saved from their sins, the New Year, like each year before, will bring eternal loss to those who have rejected the salvation provided through Jesus Christ. Though it grieves the heart of God and His faithful it is a fact of life that only a few will enter upon the strait and narrow way that leads to life. The majority will continue to walk the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). Those who die in that condition in 2016 will die without hope. You can avoid that possibility by submitting to God’s plan for your salvation from sin now and living as His faithful servant! What will the New Year bring for you? Salvation or Eternal Loss?

—Via the Green Plain Proclaimer

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Byron and Phyllis (28th)
- ⇒ Wesley and Whitney (2nd)

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Romans
- ⇒ **Team:** 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 someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Ladies Bible class:** Will resume January 05 at 10am
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Will be held on Tuesday Jan 05 at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **New Years Eve:** We will have a New Years Eve party here at the building December 31 starting at 6:30pm.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned Meat

## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (had knee replacement surgery on the 28th)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Kayla Stenbridge (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ David Brandon
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards (Josh Fulcher's Aunt is have a mastectomy)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Maria's sister-continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ronnie's mother)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasley (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ 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](http://www.coldwatercoc.org).  
You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word:** thanatos (θάνατος)

**Pronounced:** *than'-at-os*

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

**Meaning:** according to Strong is: (properly an adjective used as a noun) *death* (literally or figuratively): - X deadly, (be . . .) death. Thayer adds 1) the death of the body, 1a) that separation (whether natural or violent) of the soul and the body by which the life on earth is ended, 1b) with the implied idea of future misery in hell, 1b1) the power of death

**Supporting verse:** James 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Death is something we don't like to think of or talk about. It is something that brings sadness to us when someone we love leaves this earth. James 2:26 tells us that death is the separation of the spiritual body from the physical. We notice in death that the body that everyone is use to, our physical one, dies and returns to the ground from which it was created, but our spiritual body lives on. We will all face death. Heb 9:27, Job 14:1, and James 4:14 all tell us that our life here on this earth is short and will end in death. But death is not the end of our existence! Physical death can be a scary thing, maybe even something we fear, but we should be terrified of spiritual death. Once we die spiritually there is nothing we can do about it. In spiritual death we are eternally separated from God, we are in torments where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. It is a horrible place of outer darkness, a place prepared for the devil and his angels. There is great news. We don't have to fear death, physical or spiritual. We can meet our physical death prepared for an eternal life. If we obey God, do His will, and keep Him first in our lives then physical death is not sad or an ending, but a happy time of new beginning. We can rejoice with God forever in a mansion prepared for us.



**Bible question:** Who outran a chariot to Jezreel?

**Last week's question and answer:** Who moved with Naomi to Moab to escape famine?

**Answer:** Elimelech (Ruth 1:1-2))

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