

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."

(Jude 3)



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Sunday Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday worship: 10:15am

Sunday afternoon: 1:00pm

Tuesday ladies' class: 10:00am

Wednesday bible study: 7:00pm

If you are visiting with us today, 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.

AM sermon: Putting God First in Service and Worship-Luke Puckett

AM scripture reading Matthew 6:24-34

PM sermon: The Conversion of Cornelius-Luke Puckett

PM scripture reading Acts 10:34-48

A FEW SIMPLE POINTS ABOUT SPREADING THE WORD

By: Preston Silcox

If we're concerned about lost souls and if we desire to build up the local church, there are a few necessary matters to which we must give careful attention. Consider the following:

We must have a perception of the need. This includes understanding that Christ obligates us to take the gospel to those around us (Mat. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16), as well as simply observing that the local church must be perpetuated.

We must follow the pattern of God's Word. While reaching the lost is essential and building up the local church is vital, we must not go beyond the limits of God's Word to accomplish the tasks. Pragmatism says if it works, it must be right; the Bible says if it is authorized, it is right (cf. Col. 3:17).

We must apply the principle of Acts 8:1,4. These two verses show the scattering of the saints and then the scattering of the seed. They indicate that every member was involved in the process of evangelism—not just those in leadership positions.

We must recognize the power of the Gospel. While some shy away from personal work believing that they are not assertive or eloquent enough, the Bible shows that the power to convert the sinner from the error of his way is in the message, not the messenger (cf. Rom. 1:16; Heb. 4:12).

We must understand that persistence is essential. Consider 1 Corinthians 15:58 in light of the subject at hand: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

So are we really concerned about lost souls, and do we really care about building up the local church? Then let's get to work!

Bible question: To what king was it foretold that Babylon would take all that Judah had and make its sons eunuchs?

Last week's answer: Micah (Judges 17:1-5)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black



Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Remember the family of Sue Lax (passed away last week)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Joel Tracy (10th)
- ⇒ Phyllis Furgerson (11th)

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Reading plan (1st, 2nd, and 3rd John)
- ⇒ Team 2 meets today
- ⇒ Senior Luncheon today after AM service

Pantry item

- ⇒ Ketchup

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)

Our new copier is
in. Please see Luke
or Amber about
setting up a time to
learn the features of
our new machine.

PUTTING GOD FIRST IN SERVICE AND WORSHIP

1Cor 14:40

Is everything we do in life worship? _____

Is everything we do in life service? _____

Do we need authority from God on everything we do? _____

1. We Must Always Put God First.

a. How do we put God first in words and actions? Give scripture to support. _____

b. How do we put God first in priorities? Give scripture to support. _____

c. Do we choose who we serve? _____

d. How do we put God first in dress? _____

e. Did the priests of old have a certain dress before they could go before God? _____

Are we now priests? _____ What does this mean about our dress today when we come before God for worship? _____

Notes: _____

2. We Must Put God First in Worship.

a. Does God demand our full attention in worship? _____

b. What are some things that can distract us from worshipping God? _____

c. How would you feel if the preacher stopped in the middle of preaching to take a phone call or send a text? _____

d. If our mind is focusing on “other things” then can we put God first during worship? _____

Notes: _____

How do you feel about putting God first? _____

Is He number one in your life? _____

Has worship become a “common” thing to you or do you take it seriously? _____
