

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: Death Is...-Luke Puckett

PM sermon: Let the Church Grow-Luke Puckett

LOVE?

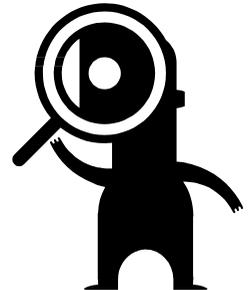
We hear so much about the Christian and their love. Most though do not fully understand the use of the word love in the New Testament. Indeed, Christ was full of love, and we should be, too. One of the most, if not the most, quoted verses in the Bible talks about this love. John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Indeed this was the greatest love anyone could give, the one and only Son of God. He gave his life so that ours could be saved. We find throughout the Bible that we are to love. We are told to love our brethren. Christ says this sets us apart and lets the world know we are His, John 13:35 “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” Other passages tell us this as well (Rom 12:9-10 and 1John 3:10-19). We are also to love those who hate us or are our enemies. Christ says in Matt 5:44 “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” This is where so many have a misunderstanding of love. So many think that this means we are to accept (love) everyone for who they are regardless if they believe in God or not, or if they choose to obey Him or not. We see that love has nothing to do with acceptance. The word love comes from several Greek words. The two most common are *phileō*, which is a brotherly kindness or love, and *agapaō*, which is love dearly, to have that ultimate love for the person’s spiritual well being. This is the type of love that we are to have. When it tells us to love our enemies, we are to love them so much that we want to see them saved. Is this not what we as Christians should want for all people? It is what Christ wanted (Luke 19:10). This does not mean that we just accept those who reject God and His word, or those who don’t even believe in Him. No, we must love them so much that we are willing to let them know that according to God they are on a path that leads to everlasting destruction. That’s love! Taking the saving power of God and His word to the lost. WOW, if only more Christians had love and would be willing to do this! We also must love mankind in that we are willing to help them in their need. Gal 6:10 “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

—Luke Puckett

Bible question: What two men were to instruct the people involved in the construction of the tabernacle?

Last week’s answer: Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar (Ex 28:1)

Those answering: Bob & Susanna Austin, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams, Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, 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
- ⇒ Darrell & Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ LaShell Jones
- ⇒ Robert Austin
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher (upcoming back surgery)
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister has cancer)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Clemmie Black (25th)
- ⇒ Richard & Tonya Jones (28th)

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Team 1 meets today
- ⇒ Reading plan (Ezekiel for November)
- ⇒ Meet at New Providence tonight 5:00pm
- ⇒ Thanksgiving lunch after AM service today

Pantry item

- ⇒ Toilet tissue

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)

DEATH IS...

What is death? _____

1. Death is an Ending

a. What thing can death be an ending of? _____

Notes: _____

2. Death is a Beginning

a. Who is death a beginning for? _____

3. Death is Inevitable

a. Who all will face death? _____

b. How do we know this? _____

Notes: _____

4. Death is a Transition

a. How is death a transition? _____

b. What verse supports this? _____

Notes: _____

5. Death is a Curse

a. Will this be true for everyone? _____

b. Who will the curse be for? _____

c. Is this a punishment from God? _____

d. What about once faithful Christians who went back into sin? _____

Notes: _____

6. Death is a Blessing

a. Who will receive the blessing? _____

Notes: _____

7. Death is Uncertain

a. Do we know when we will die or when Christ will return? _____

Notes: _____