

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

*(Jude 3)*



## December 22, 2013



### Elders:

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Kevin Smith  
Bill Vincent

### Deacons:

Bob Austin  
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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: Hope-Luke Puckett

PM sermon: Preaching Christ-Luke Puckett

# YOU CAN BE HAPPY

*Jonnie Hutchison*

Are you a happy person? What makes you happy? We live in a world filled with unhappiness. Unhappy people tend to be depressed, have an increased use of alcohol and other drugs, are more likely to commit crimes, and more likely to end their lives by suicide. This writer is convinced that God desires our happiness in this life. But that which brings genuine happiness is where God and man differ. Man tends to believe that living without restraint, indulging oneself in whatever he believes will bring him fleshly pleasure, and amassing material possessions and wealth bring happiness. However, God has a formula for happiness that is much different.

In the New Testament the word *happy* (sometimes translated “*blessed*” in the KJV) refers to one who is “supremely blest; fortunate, well off” (Strong). This is the meaning of the word *happy* as Jesus used it in John 13:17 when He said to His disciples, “If ye know these things **happy** are ye if ye do them.” In that chapter Jesus taught His disciples a lesson on humility and service by literally washing their feet. He told them, “I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you” (13:15). Jesus was about to send these men into the entire world to preach the Gospel of Christ—something that would require humility and the heart of a servant. They would be supremely blest by putting into action what Jesus had taught them concerning humility and service.

Happiness for people today comes in following the example of the Lord in doing the will of the Father, in truly being servants to God and in humbling oneself to serve others. If and when we do these things, then we will truly experience the happiness, the blessedness of being the servants of God. All else will then be secondary to God’s plan for our lives. According to the Bible it is the one who fears the Lord, who keeps His law, and who puts his trust and hope in Him who will experience genuine happiness in receiving the blessings of God (Prov. 16:20; 28:13-14; 29:18; Psa. 128:1-2; 146:5).

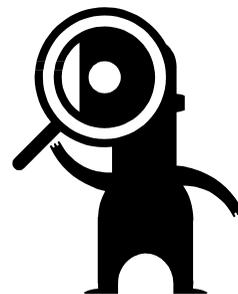
Yes, you can be happy! Genuine happiness is not found in “things.” It is not dependent upon external circumstances. True happiness is found in a scriptural relationship with God. Happiness is a state of blessedness that comes from this relationship. Knowing and doing the will of God produces happiness. Are you seeking the happiness that comes from serving the Lord?

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Bible question: Who is the father of those who play the harp and organ?

Last week’s answer: Berea (Acts 17)

Those answering: Bob & Susanna Austin, Rachel Adams, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Kay Robertson, Linda Jones



## 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 (Darrell is at home)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Andrea Fulcher (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson has leukemia)
- ⇒ Ray and Kayla Stembridge
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Dorothy Inman (Tonya Jones' mother)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Bobby & Peggy Bazzell (23rd)
- ⇒ Byron & Phyllis Furgerson (28th)

## Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Reading plan (Revelation-for December)
- ⇒ Visit Hazel as a congregation on 12-29-13
- ⇒ Potluck after morning service next Sunday 12-29-13

## Pantry item

- ⇒ Chicken noodle soup

## **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)*

### NOTE

There are new tracts  
in the rack, please use  
them. Also there are  
90 tracts in the MP  
room, please review  
with your teams.

# HOPE

What is hope? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Things we can't have hope in

a. List things we can't have hope in and why. \_\_\_\_\_

b. If we hope in earthly things where is our treasure being laid? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. What we can have hope in

a. List what or who we can have hope in. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. In God we have hope for salvation

a. Who has sinned? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What does sin lead to? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Can our sins be forgiven? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. In God we have hope for our needs

a. Do we have physical needs here on this earth? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what are some of our needs? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Can God supply the things to sustain ourselves? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. In God we have hope for eternal life

a. Who will die someday? \_\_\_\_\_ What happens after death? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Where are our two options of life after death? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Who has promised us a heavenly home after death? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

How many hopes are there? \_\_\_\_\_

Do we hope for the things seen or unseen, why? \_\_\_\_\_