

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**January 20, 2019**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith

### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
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**

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:**

Mitchell Smith

#### **Lead Singing:**

Josh Price

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Kevin Smith

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Kyle Hobbs

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

Nathia Whitley  
Kevin Smith  
Kyle Hobbs  
Richard Jones

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Kyle Hobbs

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

Daniel Puckett

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

Nathan Puckett

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Jonnie Hutchison

**Scripture reading:**

**PM:** Bradley Smith

**Scripture reading:**

# IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED!

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

The Bible is filled with passages which encourage an immediate response to God's offer of salvation both by example and direct statement. In every case of conversion recorded in the book of Acts those who responded in obedience to the gospel did so without delay. The account of Acts chapter two shows that those who heard the gospel preached and who gladly received the instructions given them were baptized "and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:37-41). When Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian Eunuch, the Eunuch was baptized as soon as they came to a "certain water" (Acts 8:36-39). The infamous persecutor of the church Saul came face to face with Jesus as he traveled from Jerusalem to Damascus and was instructed by the Lord to go into the city and wait for one to come and tell him what he must do. As soon as the penitent Saul received the instructions for which he waited he was baptized into Christ (Acts 9:1-18; 22:16). After Paul and Silas had taught the jailor and his family "the Word of the Lord" the Bible tells us, "And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And **immediately** he and all his family were **baptized**" (Acts 16:33).

Each of these examples show an immediate response to the gospel. There was no

hesitation, no postponement, and no waiting. These people were lost in sin. Each recognized that without an immediate response they would remain lost and without hope.

When Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote to the church in Corinth, he admonished them not to receive the grace of God in vain, "For He says: 'In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation**" (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). The principle taught in this passage applies with equal force to both non-Christians and erring Christians. No one should put off taking the steps necessary to receiving God's forgiveness.

It is extremely sad when someone waits too long to respond to God's offer of salvation. None of us have a lease on life. Death can come and it can come quickly. None are assured of tomorrow. "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). Dear friend, God loves you. His great desire is your salvation (2 Peter 3:9). However, your immediate response is required! "today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 4:7).

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Isaac Fulcher (23rd)
- ⇒ Ashlee Whitley (23rd)
- ⇒ Jordan Hobbs (24th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1 Chronicles
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 (**Josh Fulcher**) 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.
- ⇒ **Directory Questionnaires:** Please fill out one per family and turn into Luke or Amber. New photos will be taken in January.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Hand Soap
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Linda Jones
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison
- ⇒ Brett Bennett
- ⇒ Lori Barnett (Vicki Wilson's niece has cancer)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Charlotte Irvan
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Deborah Moore (Linda Jones' Daughter)
- ⇒ 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 Potts (Wesley's uncle has 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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You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



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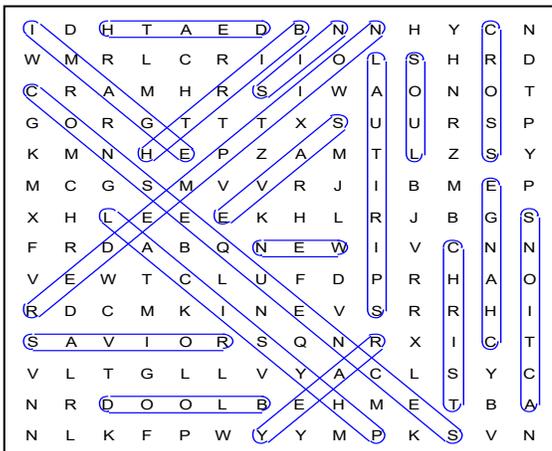
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**Bible question:** Who did God strike dead for touching the ark?

**Last week's question and answer:** What happened to Saul's armor after his death?

**Answer:** Put in the temple of Dagon (1Chronicles 10:10)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones