

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
January 27, 2019

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Johnny Downs
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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:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table

Chris Smith
Kevin Smith
Richard Jones
Nathia Whitley

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Addi Fulcher

Greeters (West)

Isaac Fulcher

Lesson

AM: This Year Moving
Forward

Scripture reading:

Philippians 3:12-15

PM: Light and
Darkness

Scripture reading:

Philippians 2:12-17

4 REASONS WE KNOW THE CHURCH IS IMPORTANT TO GOD

By: Andy Brewer

It seems to be a belief that is growing more and more prevalent all the time. People see the importance of God, they see the importance of a relationship with God, and they see the importance for a connection of some form to Christianity; but despite it all they see absolutely no need to have any connection with the church. Their mantra is “give me Jesus but not the church.” The church holds no value to them whatsoever. In their minds they can be Christians just as much on their own, in the isolation of their homes, in the serenity of nature, or anywhere in the world as they can connected to a local church. It’s the anti-religion religion, and it ignores everything we know about God’s mind concerning the church. The church isn’t important to people who don’t see the church as God sees the church. But there are at least four reasons by we know the church is important to God and why it should be important to us as well.

The church was in God’s eternal wisdom. That means that even before time ever began God had the church in mind. It was always a part of His plan. It wasn’t an after thought or a “plan B” because His mission had failed. When Paul was addressing the revelation of God’s mystery he said that God’s eternal purpose was accomplished through the church making God’s manifold wisdom known to the world (Ephesians 3:8-11). How could something that God had in mind through the recesses of eternity be unimportant?

The church was promised by God. From the time that sin entered the world God set a plan in motion that would culminate with His church being established and redemption being made possible. And with that plan in mind throughout history God would repeatedly give reminders about the coming of that church. Just read passages like Isaiah 2:2-4; Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14; Joel 2:28-32; and other passages and see the plan God had in mind. The church was at the center

of God’s redemptive plan throughout history and He repeatedly reminded man of it. How could something that God promised throughout time be unimportant?

God sent His Son to die for the church. When Paul met with the Ephesians elders one last time he tried to encourage them and remind them of the gravity of their responsibilities as elders. In that context he said these words, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). The church was important enough to God that He was willing to send His Son to die for it. How could something God was willing to let His Son die for be unimportant?

God promised to save the church. Just as the ark was God’s chosen vessel of salvation from the flood that destroyed the world the church is God’s chosen vessel of salvation from the condemnation of sin. We know that because Christ is said to be the Savior of His body, the church (Ephesians 5:23). Therefore if I’m in the church I’m among the saved because God has promised to save the church. How could something God promised to save be unimportant?

There is absolutely no doubt that the church is important to God. He designed it to be an essential part of our lives. So when we say the church is not important we are minimizing something for which He sent His very Son to die. The church may not matter to a lot of people in this world but there is no doubt that it definitely matters to God.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Whitney Tucker (2nd)
- ⇒ Ethan Hobbs (3rd)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1 Chronicles
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (**Andy Johnson**) 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 February.
- ⇒ **Fellowship:** Team 1 is hosting a taco supper tonight (1-27-19) at 5:00pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Boxed Milk
- ⇒ **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)

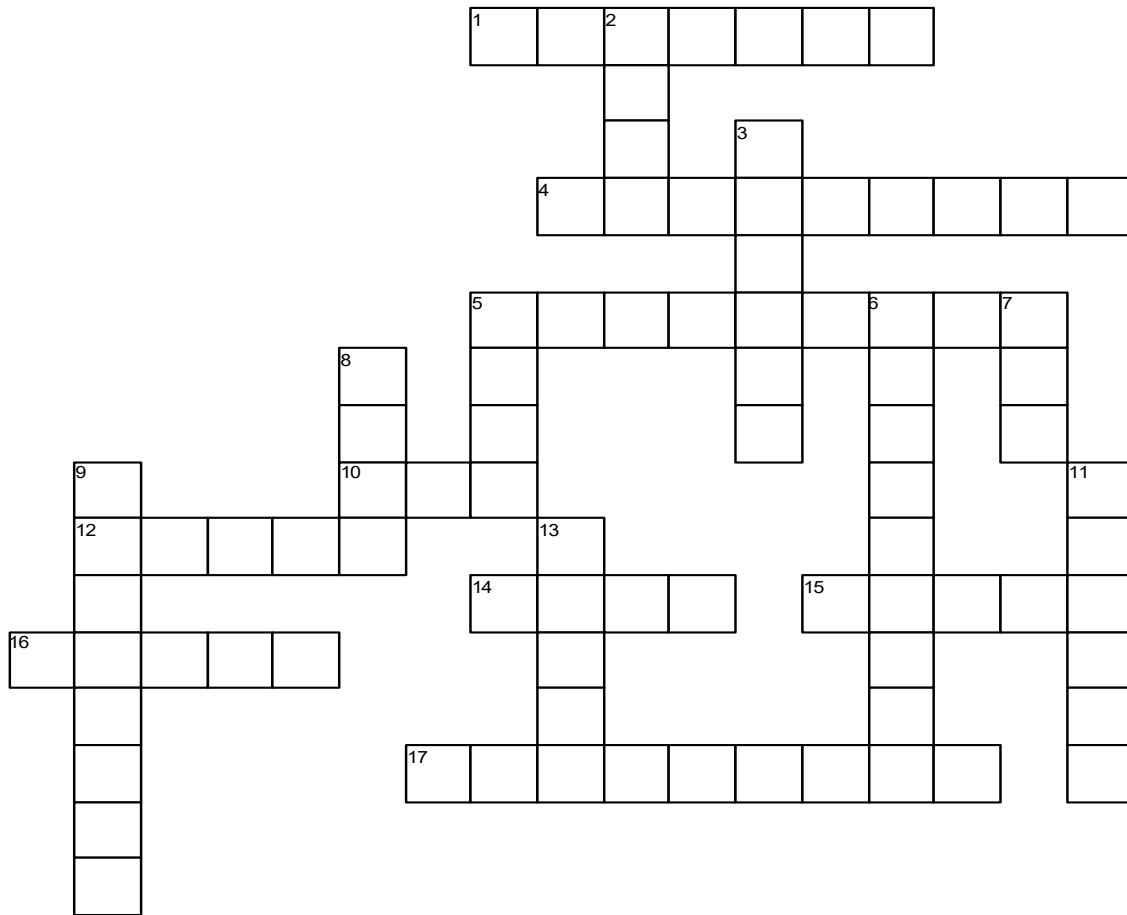
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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.





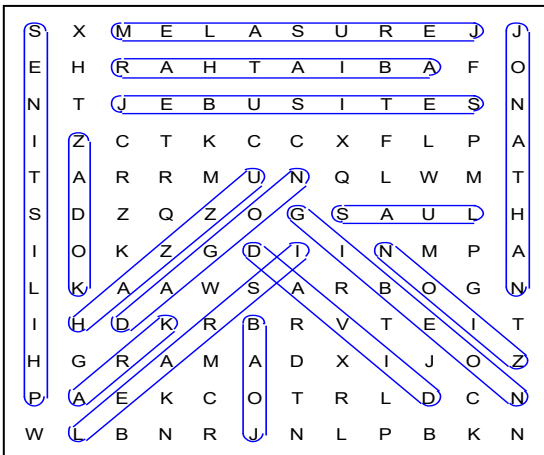
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ACROSS

- 1 Paul said he was reaching this way (Phil 3:13)
- 4 How the eunuch left Philip
- 5 What we should be exercising ourselves towards (1Tim 4:7)
- 10 Who has sinned
- 12 Do this to show ourselves approved to God
- 14 "Always abounding in the _____ of the Lord"
- 15 What Paul said he kept
- 16 Wages of sin
- 17 Those who only take of milk are this in the word of righteousness

DOWN

- 2 What Paul said he finished
- 3 This type of exercise profits little
- 5 Press towards this (Phil 3:14)
- 6 How we are to run the race that is set before us (Heb 12:1 NKJV)
- 7 This can enslave us
- 8 Do this without ceasing
- 9 Don't forsake this
- 11 Paul forgot the things which were here (Phil 3:13)
- 13 Gave the excuse "Who am I"



Bible question: Who was David's recorder?

Last week's question and answer: Who did God strike dead for touching the ark?

Answer: Uzza (1Chronicles 13:9-10)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones