

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
February 10, 2019

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ELDERS

Richard Price
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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:

Richard Price

Lead Singing:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table

Mitchell Smith
Andy Johnson
Kyle Hobbs
Josh Fulcher

Closing Prayer:

Wesley Tucker

Greeters (East)

Addi Fulcher

Greeters (West)

Daniel Puckett

Lesson

AM: What Will I Leave
My Children

Scripture reading:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

PM: The Word of Life

Scripture reading:

John 6:63-69

I WANT A CHURCH THAT MEETS MY NEEDS

By: William Woodson

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that “meets our needs.” The phrase itself has virtually become a new religious term. Many persons praise or blame a particular congregation because it is or is not “meeting my needs.”

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression. For surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are being addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love, and be called to repentance.

But being a part of the church to some means reaching for goals of “self-actualization.” So, if the church doesn’t fulfill certain expectations, wants, and preferences, then they must move on to another emotional department store with different merchandise more appealing to their “tastes.”

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that “we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people’s needs so they won’t leave.” Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God’s church into a merchandising institution. So we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christian’s

heart of “I’d like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs?” When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met? Or when we meet the needs of God’s church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation not so that our needs can be met, but rather so that we may best meet the needs of God’s work.

Christians need to recall the truth of the Scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and be filled serving others.

Jesus taught us, “whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant...Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister” (Mat. 20:26-28). Paul said of his own heart I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Gal. 2:20). And again, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1).

“Reasonable service” is not being served (having your needs met), but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Let’s not demand that God’s church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences. Let’s turn it right side up again and be a part of a congregation, not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it!

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY:

Reasons to Believe—by Eric Lyons and Kyle Butt: in memory of Bill Vincent

Hope Again: When life hurts and dreams fade—by Charles Swindoll: in memory of Hyland Darnell

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Joe Tracy (10th)
- ⇒ Phyllis Furgerson (11th)
- ⇒ Theresa Smith (15th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** John
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 2 (**Johnny Downs**) 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.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday 12th at 6:30 here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned Fruit
- ⇒ **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)

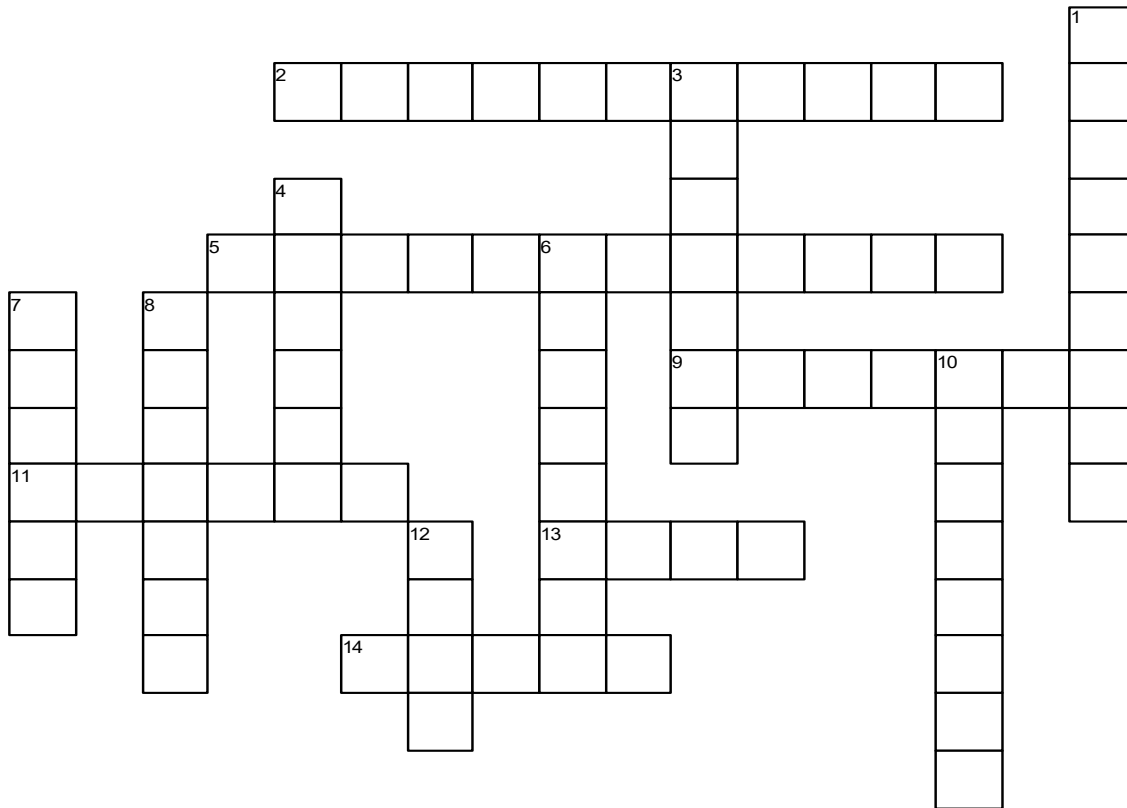
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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.





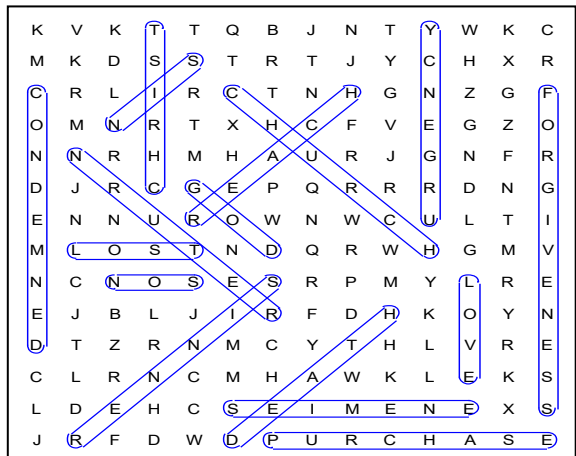
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ACROSS

DOWN

- 2 What you leave for your children
- 5 What we are to seek first (3words)
- 9 Head of the wife
- 11 Who we should imitate
- 13 Abstain from every form of this
- 14 Without this we can't please God

- 1 God's people were destroyed for lack of this
- 3 He knew the Holy Scriptures from childhood
- 4 A good name is to be chosen rather than great _____
- 6 A good name is better than precious _____
- 7 Made garments for widows
- 8 Faith comes by _____ God's word
- 10 What we shouldn't forsake
- 12 Wicked king of Israel



Bible question: In what city did Jesus do His first miracle, and what was it?

Last week's question and answer: Who is the Word in John 1:1-3?

Answer: Christ (John 1:14)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams, Daniel Puckett