

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)

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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:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Mitchell Smith

Scripture Reading:

Josh Price

Lord's Table

Kyle Hobbs
Josh Fulcher
Mitchell Smith
Andy Johnson

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Daniel Puckett

Greeters (West)

Ethan Hobbs

Lesson

AM: God Helps In
Times of Trial

Scripture reading:

Matthew 7:7-11

PM: Possibility of
Change

Scripture reading:

Philippians 3:3-11

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

By: Jonnie Hutchison

There are many things that are important to us in this life. However, some things are obviously more important than others. For example, most of our readers will readily agree that family is more important than material possessions. If you had to sell your house or car in order to provide for your family would you do it? I venture to say that most, if not all, of our readers would say the welfare of my family is more important than a house or car.

Jesus, in issuing a warning concerning the sin of covetousness, stated that ones life does not consist in the abundance of the things that he possesses (Luke 12:15). Though many associate success in life with the amount of material things that one has accumulated (money, houses, property), the reality is that true success in life is measured by something of much greater importance. Material things exist only temporarily. Garbage dumps and junk yards are filled with material things that were once considered important to those who owned them— now they are nothing more than garbage and junk wasting away and good for nothing. That is the nature of the material. It does not last which places it in importance well behind that which does not deteriorate and lasts forever. That which is **spiritual** will never be found in garbage dumps and junk yards. It is so sad that so many people will choose garbage and junk over the spiritual riches provided by the merciful and gracious God of heaven and earth.

Jesus said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matthew 24:35). The words of our Lord are spiritual in nature and thus eternal which speaks to their importance to each of us. His words are more important to you and me than any material thing because His words will “by no means pass away” while every material thing will “pass away with a

great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up” (2 Peter 3:10).

Ones spiritual relationship with God is more important than any earthly relationship. Many are engaging in physical relationships that are in violation of God’s spiritual law (adulterous marriages, homosexual relationships, sex outside of marriage, etc.). These relationships will not last for they are physical in their nature. How can they possibly be more important than the proper relationship with God which is spiritual in its nature and therefore lasts forever? One must ask is the pleasure that this relationship gives worth the loss of my eternal soul? Moses chose to forsake his relationship as the son of Pharaoh's daughter “choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season” (Hebrews 11:24-25). It’s obvious that the spiritual was of much greater importance to Moses than the physical pleasures of a sinful relationship. Would to God that all would follow in his steps.

Which is more important to you, the physical or the spiritual? How you answer this question will determine where you will exist for eternity. We have only the present to make our choice. We plead with every reader, choose the spiritual over the physical. Choose life over death. Choose heaven over hell. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matthew 7:13-14)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Rita Price (26th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** John
- ⇒ **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 February.
- ⇒ **Senior Appreciation Potluck:** February 24 for lunch
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, March 05, at 6:30 here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Pancake mix
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ Brett Bennett
- ⇒ Lori Barnett (Vicki Wilson's niece has cancer)
- ⇒ Johnny Wagner (Josh Fulcher's neighbor has cancer)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Charlotte Irvan
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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)

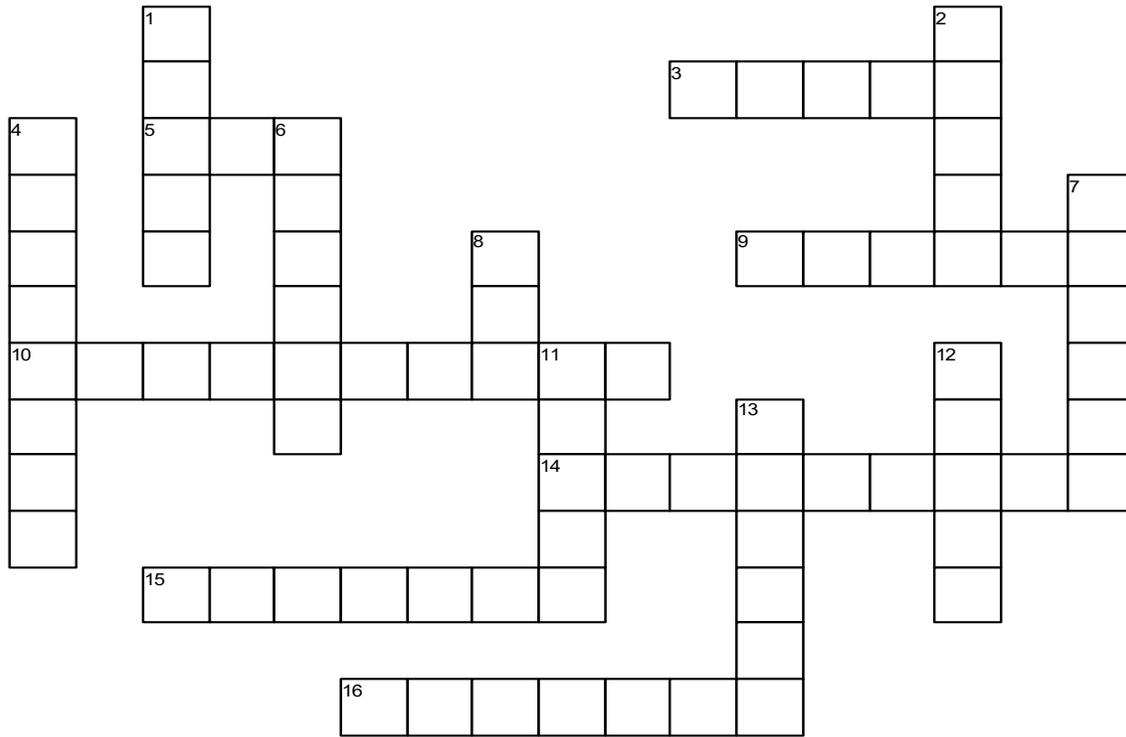
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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.





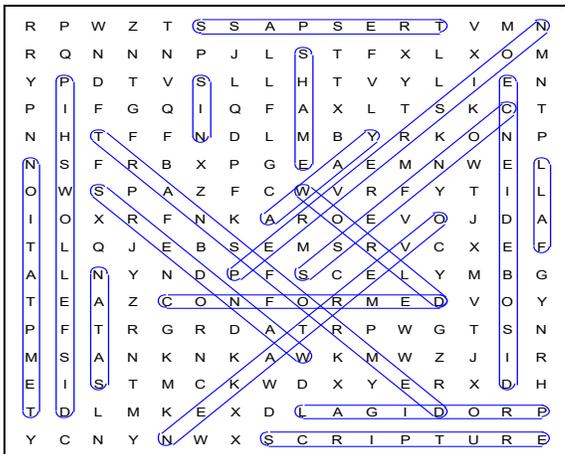
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ACROSS

- 3 The word of God is sharper than this
- 5 Who has sinned
- 9 Our way of talking with God
- 10 God wants everyone to come to this
- 14 The fervent prayer of this type of man avails much
- 15 God does not hear _____
- 16 One thing we should do to each other (1Thes 5:11)

DOWN

- 1 Consequences of sin
- 2 Another thing we should do to each other (1Thes 5:11)
- 4 Another thing the word of God is (Heb 4:12)
- 6 One thing the word of God is (Heb 4:12)
- 7 Another word for difficult times
- 8 Is to violate God's law
- 11 "casting all your care upon Him, for He _____ for you."
- 12 We are justified by Christ's _____
- 13 He died for us



Bible question: Whose ear did Peter cut off, and which ear was it?

Last week's question and answer: What Pharisee came to Jesus by night?

Answer: Nicodemus (John 3:1-2)

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