

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

Andy Johnson

Lead Singing:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Luke Puckett
Wesley Tucker
Richard Jones

Closing Prayer:

Chris Smith

Greeters (East)

Addi Fulcher

Greeters (West)

Jordan Hobbs

Lesson

AM: Promises

Scripture reading:

Romans 5:6-11

PM: The Power of His
Resurrection

Scripture reading:

Philippians 3:8-11

TURNING WORSHIP INTO SPORTS, AND SPORTS INTO WORSHIP

By: Patrick Morrison

Worship is a privilege, an opportunity to come into the very presence of God to offer Him our praise and adoration. The desire to worship should fill the heart of every child of God (Psalm 122:1) for all that He has done and will continue to do on our behalf.

Sadly, many of God's own children have to come to view worship as a weariness and a bore (Malachi 1:13). Instead of actively participating in the worship of the Almighty, some are content to come into the assembly and abide as spectators. They sit idly as the prayers are led (1 Thessalonians 5:17), as songs of praise are sung to God (Hebrews 2:12; 13:15), as the word is opened and proclaimed (2 Timothy 4:2), as the death of our Lord is commemorated in the observance of the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26), as we have opportunity to give back as we have been prospered (2 Corinthians 9:7), as souls respond in obedience and humility to the gospel message (Acts 2:37).

Many treat worship and the church much like they do their favorite football team. It intrigues me that when a football team is doing well, "we" are winning. Even though the spectator is not involved in practice or preparation, or in the actual game-time execution of the plays, many so associate themselves with the team that they consider themselves a part of it. However, should things not go as well as these spectators would like, then it is no longer "we," but "[they]."

The worship spectator invests no energy or time in preparation for worship, and is only superficially involved in the actual worship itself. They may very well draw nigh with their lips, and honor the Lord with their mouths, but their hearts are far from the Almighty (Matthew 15:8). With little to no investment of [himself] in worship to God, it is easy for the spectator to grumble and complain about what "they" are doing at "church" when things don't go as they would like. Those who complain about getting nothing from the worship are usually the ones giving the least in worship to God! Worship for many has become a spectator sport.

Sadly, there are others who are turning their sports into that which they worship. I have had parents tell me that their child made a commitment to their particular team when they signed up to play, and they wanted their children to honor that commitment. Parents, you made a far greater commitment to the Lord when you obeyed the gospel (1 Timothy 6:12)! While it is important that we teach our children to honor their commitments, and to be those who are not quitters, it is also important to teach our children that there are going to be difficult decisions in life, and that doing what is right is not always the easy choice to make (Romans 12:1-2). If we as parents do not choose the Lord above all else, then we are setting our children up for heartache and spiritual failure, as they grow older (Joshua 24:15; see also 1 Samuel 3:13). I recall an elder in the Lord's church telling me that he did not think the Lord would hold it against him if he were to miss services to attend the World Series, for, as he put it, it is a "once in a lifetime event."

We must get our eyes off the temporal and look toward the eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18)! The general rule is this: as children grow up and leave home, parents start to get more serious about their spiritual lives, realizing that they are drawing closer to the end of life. As they do, they take a greater interest in the spirituality of their children, only to see that their children have chosen a life of temporal trinkets and worldly pleasure rather than a life of service to God. You see, a lot of "important" things come up that they choose over attending worship or Bible study, like their job, their vacations, their recreation, etc. Parents begin to wonder, "Where they went wrong." Might it be that while they were young, you chose softball and soccer over services, baseball over Bible class, and football over fellowship with the saints? Let your children play ball and enjoy it, but teach them to be serious about their Christianity. Let's not allow it to be the other way around—serious about their ball, and playing Christianity!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Kyle and Tiffany (8th)
- ⇒ Mae Downs (10th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2 Chronicles
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 (**Wesley Tucker**) 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.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Syrup
- ⇒ **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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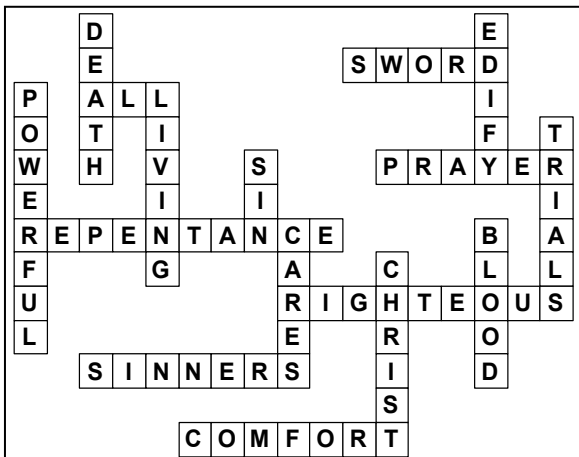
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Teaching

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Bible question: How many chariots and horsemen did Solomon have?

Last week's question and answer: Whose ear did Peter cut off, and which ear was it?

Answer: Malchus — right ear (John 18:10)

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