

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**March 10, 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:**

Andy Johnson

### **Lead Singing:**

Ron Hutchison

### **Opening Prayer:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Scripture Reading:**

Chris Smith

### **Lord's Table**

Luke Puckett  
Wesley Tucker  
Richard Jones  
Richard Price

### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny Downs

### **Greeters (East)**

Isaac Fulcher

### **Greeters (West)**

Ethan Hobbs

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Promises (part 2)

### **Scripture reading:**

Romans 8:23-25

**PM:** The Power of His  
Resurrection

### **Scripture reading:**

Philippians 3:8-11

# **SAME SEX MARRIAGES?**

*By: Jerry Joseph*

In today's news, you hear much about what is called "same-sex" marriages. What is promoted by such is a man married to a man or a woman being married to a woman. What about such marriages? Are they approved of God? In discussing such issues, many want to leave God out of the picture. Some are more concerned about the feelings and the thinking of man than the will of God. As we turn to the Bible, we can see, understand and know how God feels about "same-sex" marriages. "The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:3-6).

Concerning marriage, God from the beginning ordained that it was to be male and female to be joined together. In Genesis 2:18, we read that God said, "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Genesis 2:21-23).

God made "woman" not another "man" for man.

As one has said, God gave Eve, not Steve, for Adam! Notice the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:1-3, "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband." Paul said that a "man" is to have his own "wife" and a "woman" is to have her own "husband." It is not "man" with "man" or "woman" with "woman."

"Same-sex" marriages are contrary to God's plan. Marriage is to be between "man" and "woman." This has been true from the beginning.

"Same-sex" marriages are not pleasing to God for they constitute a homosexual relationship. Homosexuality is condemned by the Scriptures (Genesis 19:1-14; Leviticus 18:22-23; 20:13; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Timothy 1:8-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Since homosexuality is condemned by God and "same-sex" marriages are homosexual, we must therefore conclude that such marriages are not approved by God.

Anything not approved of God in our lives, we must cease to be accepted by God (Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3). God does not condone any evil (Galatians 5:19-21), no matter the form it takes but does demand that one live "righteously, soberly and godly" (Titus 2:11-12).

Since God is the originator of marriage, he knows what is best. We had better listen to God and make our marriages according to his will. Let us build our marriages upon his Word and they will be pleasing to God.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Mae Downs (10th)
- ⇒ Amber Puckett (11th)
- ⇒ Rhonda Tracy (13th)
- ⇒ Maddie Johnson (16th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2 Chronicles
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 here at the building.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday:** March 31-Potluck between services.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Laundry Detergent
- ⇒ **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)*

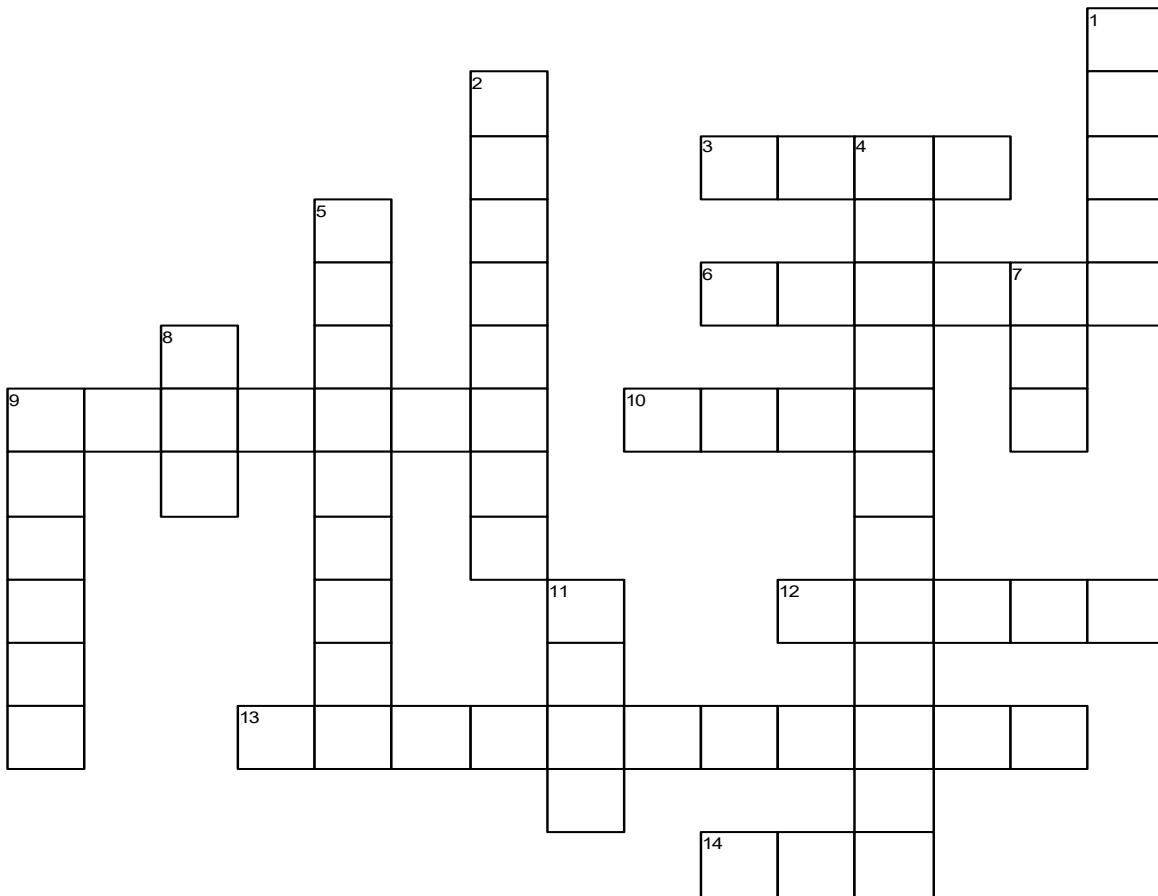
Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

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.





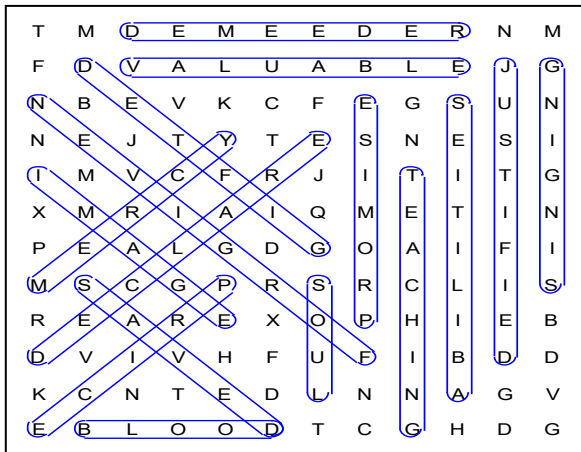
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**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 3 This does not disappoint (Rom 5:5)
- 6 All spiritual blessings are found in Him
- 9 a declaration that something will be done
- 10 What the truth will make us
- 12 What God's word is (John 17:17)
- 13 This is reserved in heaven for us
- 14 We hope for what we don't \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Christians are put into this
- 2 Christians are called out of this
- 4 We are to eagerly wait with this
- 5 If anyone suffers as this they shouldn't be ashamed
- 7 What we can be set free from
- 8 Who makes us free (John 8:36)
- 9 Christians are God's own special \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Happy are the people whose God is the \_\_\_\_\_



**Bible question:** Where did Solomon build the temple?

**Last week's question and answer:** How many chariots and horsemen did Solomon have?

**Answer:** 1,400 chariots & 12,000 horsemen (2Chron 1:14)

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