

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:

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Wesley Tucker
Richard Jones
Richard Price
Luke Puckett

Closing Prayer:

Kyle Hobbs

Greeters (East)

Addi Fulcher

Greeters (West)

Jordan Hobbs

Lesson

AM: What Our Youth
Need to Know

Scripture reading:

Psalms 139:13-17

PM: Secret of
Successful Living

Scripture reading:

Philippians 3:12-16

LUCKY GUY

By: Alan Adams

Names are interesting. The Spirit, through Luke, gave us a list of names of some Christians who lived and died nearly 2,000 years ago — Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Timothy, Tychicus, and Trophimus (Acts 20:4).

No doubt, the parents of these men gave them what they felt were good names; but God had “called them by a new name” (Isaiah 62:2), “Christian” (Acts 11:26). These brothers in Christ traveled with the great apostle Paul, and were with him at a worship service in Troas, and there they heard Paul preach an extensive sermon. They all had the same great name, Christian; and they were with and heard preach one of the greatest mortals ever, Paul. How fortunate a person can be!

At that same worship service, which went on to the wee hours of the morning, was another person, “a certain young man named Eutychus” (9). Perhaps he, too, was a Christian. In his case, we know what his given name meant: “Lucky Guy.” Let’s see. “Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead”. — 7-9

Was Lucky Guy all that lucky?

First, whether by choice, or maybe his parents, or somebody else, took him, he wound up in a church service, where the preacher spoke for hours. There are plenty of people, who clearly don’t think of “going to church” as being a fortunate or enjoyable thing. As far as listening to an hours-long sermon is concerned, there are plenty of people who feel put upon if a sermon exceeds thirty minutes.

Second, there was the meeting place, the church

building, if you will. The church at Troas met in an “upper room,” the “third story,” to be exact. It was nighttime, and the place was illuminated by “many lamps,” not electric lights. There were no pews, no power, no water fountains or bathrooms to run to. The climate control system consisted of at least one open window; and Lucky Guy “sat” in it.

Third, it was the meeting time. For us, the “first day of the week,” Sunday, starts at 12:00 Saturday night. For them, Sunday started at 6:00 Saturday night. Maybe Lucky Guy had worked that day. Sometime after 6 p.m., though, he gathered together with the church. They did everything we do: Sing, pray, hear, give, and eat the Lord’s Supper. Back then, they called the whole service coming “together to break bread” (7), to “eat the Lord’s Supper” (1 Cor. 11:20)

The preacher, Paul, “spoke [a] message until midnight” (7). The lamps were flickering, Lucky Guy, sitting in a window, sunk into “ a deep sleep,” and was “overcome by sleep” (9). He fell to his death.

Lucky? Luck is poppycock. Life is what people make of what God arranges. Anytime, anywhere, anybody is “in church” (cf. 1 Cor. 14:35), he is fortunate. People who realize their good fortune to be Christians, to go to church, will be “in church” every time the door is open. To “break bread,” “eat the Lord’s Supper,” and the rest. It is fortunate, and rare, to hear “the preaching” (1 Cor. 1:21), regardless of the sermon’s length. Much so-called preaching is pathetic, or worse.

Lucky Guy? Well, he did fall to his death at just the right time. “Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, ‘Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him’” (Ac. 20:10). “They brought the young man in alive” (12). Better still for one to “die in the Lord” (Rev. 13:14); to be in the “resurrection of life” (Jno. 5:29). Luck? No. No way.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Joanne Hutchison (20th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2 Chronicles
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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: Mayo
- ⇒ **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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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



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Bible question: How many bulls and sheep did Solomon offer at the dedication of the temple?

Last week's question and answer: Where did Solomon build the temple?

Answer: Jerusalem on Mt. Moriah (2Chron 3:1)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome