

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

**April 21, 2019**

## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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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:**

Kevin Smith

#### **Lead Singing:**

Wesley Tucker

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Mitchell Smith

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Nathia Whitley

#### **Lord's Table:**

Josh Price  
Josh Fulcher  
Johnny Downs  
Isaac Fulcher

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Kyle Hobbs

#### **Greeters (East)**

Daniel Puckett

#### **Greeters (West)**

Jordan Hobbs

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Man's Way or  
God's Way?

#### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 6:19-24

**PM:** Enemies of the  
Cross of Christ

#### **Scripture reading:**

Philippians 3:17-21

# THERE IS NO RETURNING

*By: Mike Riley*

In the parables of the prodigal (or lost) son in Luke 15:11-32, and the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31, we see a great contrast and a sobering lesson. While he was living here upon the earth, the prodigal had the opportunity to return to his father (Luke 15:18,20), whereas when the rich man died and departed this earthly realm, he no longer had the opportunity to return (Luke 16:27- 31).

While we are residents of this earthly realm, we have opportunity after opportunity to repent and return to our Father, doing His will (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30-31; Luke 15:17-20; Matthew 7:21). However, once we leave this earthly realm (Philippians 1:23; 2 Timothy 4:6), that opportunity will no longer exist (Ecclesiastes 9:4-6). There is no returning.

The door of opportunity to be obedient to our Lord, is now open to all those who are willing to “open the door” (Revelation 3:20 KJV). However, once the door of opportunity is shut, no one can again open it (Genesis 7:16; Matthew 25:10; Luke 13:24-25). There is no returning. A sobering lesson indeed.

Therefore, in order for us to not end up in a place of punishment as the rich man found himself in (Luke 16:23-24), we need to willingly follow the admonition Paul gave to Timothy, when he instructed him to: “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you” (1 Timothy 4:16; cf. Romans 6:16-17).

An ending thought: It is interesting to note that the reply of Abraham to the rich man regarding his brothers, still holds true today (Luke 16:27-30). If folks will not heed the inspired teachings of Moses, the prophets, and the apostles, they wouldn't “be persuaded though one rise from the dead” (Luke 16:31).

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Judy Black (21st)

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## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1 Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 (Josh Fulcher) meets today.
- ⇒ **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, May 7 at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Dish Soap
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

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## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Linda Jones
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Kevin Smith
- ⇒ Trap Sims
- ⇒ 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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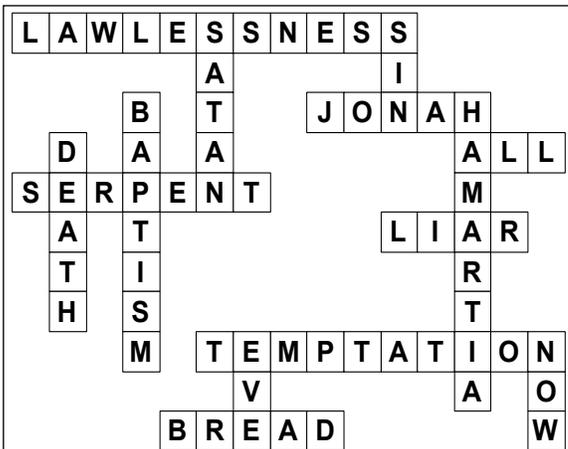
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**Bible question:** What were the Corinthians told to do with the old leaven?  
**Last week's question and answer:** Whose household did Paul baptize in Corinth?  
**Answer:** Stephanas household (1Corinthians 1:16)  
**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Nathan Puckett, Ethan Hobbs