

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)*  
**April 28, 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:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

### **Scripture Reading:**

Chris Smith

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

Josh Fulcher  
Johnny Downs  
Josh Price  
Isaac Fulcher

### **Closing Prayer:**

Nathia Whitley

### **Greeters (East)**

Addi Fulcher

### **Greeters (West)**

Ethan Hobbs

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Things We  
Shouldn't Worry About

### **Scripture reading:**

Matthew 6:25-34

**PM:** Living The Joyful  
Life

### **Scripture reading:**

Philippians 4:1-4

# PLAY OR SING IN WORSHIP

*By: Jonnie Hutchison*

For many years there has been a constant controversy regarding the question of whether or not mechanical instrumental music is acceptable in the worship of the church that belongs to Jesus Christ. The question has been discussed by capable men in many public debates. It has been the subject of lectureships, sermons and Bible class studies. Many an individual Christian has spent hours researching and studying what the Bible says about the matter. One would think the question of whether instrumental music is acceptable in the worship of the Lord's church would have been satisfactorily settled long ago. But with each new generation the question rises again.

What is "mechanical instrumental music?" Simply answered it is music produced by mechanical means—that is, by musical instruments such as organs, pianos, guitars, brass or wind instruments. Such instruments are inanimate objects. In order to produce music, these instruments must be physically played by someone trained to play them.

Question: Is it possible for mechanical instruments of music to vocalize or sing words? No, mechanical instruments play notes, they do not sing words. This is the obvious distinction between two different types of music, namely, playing and singing.

Does the Bible give the church permission to play mechanical instruments in worship to God unaccompanied by the singing of words? Ephesians 5:19 reads, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Is it possible for a mechanical instrument to fulfill this obligation? No, mechanical instruments can neither sing nor make melody in the heart to the Lord for such instruments are nothing more than inanimate objects. They cannot fulfill the obligations of this passage.

What about singing with the accompaniment of instrumental music— is that authorized by God?

Since mechanical instruments can neither sing nor make melody in the heart to the Lord they produce no spiritual benefit when added to the singing. Instead they constitute a man-made addition to the type of music God authorizes the church to use in worship to Him. The only way one may fulfill the obligation to make melody in the heart to the Lord is through singing, not playing a mechanical instrument. God has always forbidden men to add to or take from His Word (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18 -19).

To the church in Colossi the inspired Paul wrote, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:16-17). Is it possible for a mechanical instrument of music to fulfill the obligation given in this passage to "teach and admonish one another?" Of course not! Such is only accomplished through singing the words of songs, hymns and spiritual songs as this verse instructs. Again, there is no spiritual benefit derived from adding mechanical instruments of music to our singing in worship.

God does not intend the worship of the church to be mechanical but spiritual. That is why the New Testament authorizes singing and not playing. Our worship is to be from the heart—from our spirit to God who is a Spirit (John 4:24). Mechanical instruments of music corrupt worship and their use is sinful for they are used without divine authority and constitute an addition to what God has commanded. Our plea and prayer is that all would come back to the simple and spiritual worship God has authorized for the church as revealed in the New Testament of Jesus Christ.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Richard Jones (4th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1 Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (Andy Johnson) 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. See Amber to have your photo taken.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Lima Beans
- ⇒ **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)
- ⇒ Harry Henderson
- ⇒ Shirley Tucker (Wesley's grandmother)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ 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)*

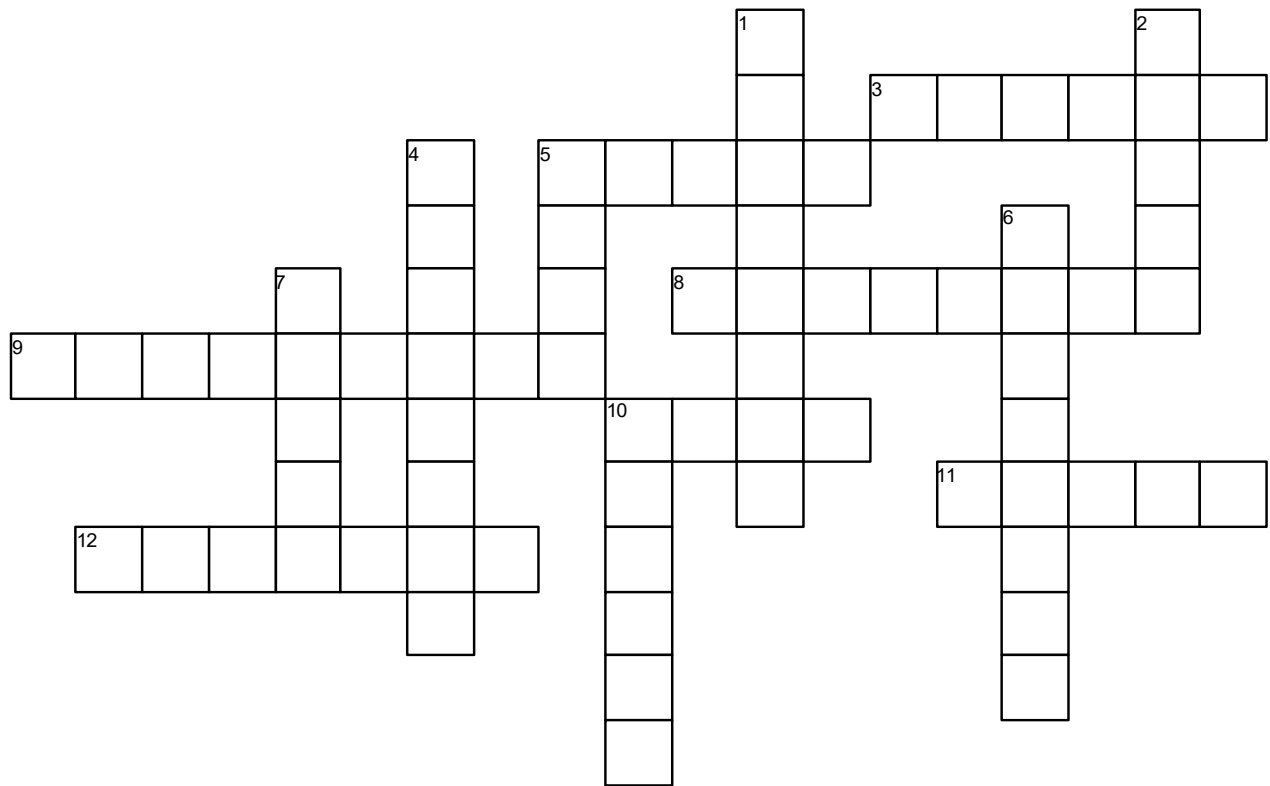
Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

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.





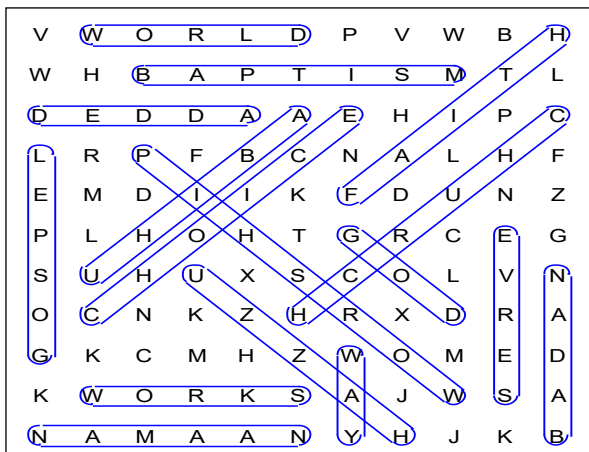
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## ACROSS

## DOWN

- 3 Thought he was the only prophet of God left
- 5 Is to be troubled with cares
- 8 What Jesus is preparing in heaven
- 9 Gal 1:7-some did this to the gospel
- 10 The truth will make us \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 God's word is \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Be anxious for \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 To be abandoned
- 2 What we can cast on God (1Peter 5:7)
- 4 Matt 6:28-what we don't have to worry about
- 5 God's \_\_\_\_\_ is truth
- 6 Matt 6:34-what we don't have to worry about
- 7 It will come to all men (Heb 9:27)
- 10 2Tim 4:4-what people will be turned aside to



**Bible question:** What is the “sting of death”?

**Last week’s question and answer:** What were the Corinthians told to do with the old leaven?  
**Answer:** Purge it out (1Corinthians 5:7)

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