

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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## **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:**

Richard Price

#### **Lead Singing:**

Ron Hutchison

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Richard Price

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Kyle Hobbs

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

Luke Puckett  
Wesley Tucker  
Richard Price  
Daniel Puckett

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Kyle Hobbs

#### **Greeters:**

Addi Fulcher  
Jordan Hobbs

#### **Usher:**

Johnny Downs

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Resist the Devil

**Scripture reading:**

James 4:6-8

**PM:** Life Lessons

**Scripture reading:**

Philippians 4:10-13

# “IT IS WHAT IT IS”

*By: T. Doy Moyter*

A friend of mine, wise and astute beyond his years (so he tells me), has shared his newly discovered motto with me: "It is what it is." Ok, so I have thought that a few times before, but it is one of those simple statements that forces us back to reality at times when we may feel overcome by our circumstances and disappointments of life. When things aren't exactly as you would desire them to be, you can become focused on reality by telling yourself, "It is what it is."

Circumstances are what they are. There are some things we can change, and some things we can't (we are getting more profound as we go). Our problem is that we often expend more worry and energy on the things we can't change; and this, in turn, can become a stumbling block to our spiritual growth and joy. "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:27). Paul's own circumstances were often less than ideal, and beyond his control, yet his attitude remained stable: "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). If I may venture a loose paraphrase: It is what it is, I have learned to deal with "it" through God's help.

"Moses My servant is dead." So spoke the Lord to Joshua in (Joshua 1:2). Joshua knew this already; they had been mourning for days. But sometimes we need a reminder of the simple truth about reality. Essentially, God was telling Joshua, "Moses is gone, and you can't change that now or have him back. Now it's time to get up and go take the land of promise." In other words, "it is what it is, and you have to work with "it" the way it is."

The only option is not to accept reality. People do sometimes go through phases of "denial." They do not feel mentally able to accept what "is." It hurts too much perhaps. But if we will ever "arise and cross over this Jordan" in our lives, we must learn to accept the facts and circumstances of life as they are. It takes courage. It takes resolve. But, it must be done. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7). God gives us the tools to be able to deal with all of our circumstances, including the painful ones. He wants us to cast our cares on Him, pray about them, and then let Him grant us peace in our hearts.

The solution to problems is not denial. We should learn to admit reality, then work with it as it is. When there are matters we can change for the better, let's work to change them. When the circumstances don't meet our concept of ideal, and we can't change them, let's learn to accept them and resolve to move forward with the strength God supplies. In all matters, we must "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6: 33). Because, as another one of my favorite "profound" questions reminds us, a hundred years from now, what will "it" matter? We worry about things that will pass into oblivion, and sometimes ignore those matters that have eternal consequences. A hundred years from now, it won't matter that my car has a few scratches on it, or my water heater went out. What will matter is whether or not I have devoted myself to God and His Will. It is what it is.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Wesley Tucker (9th)
- ⇒ Richard and Rita (10th)
- ⇒ Eddie Black (12th)

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2 Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 2 (Johnny Downs) 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.
- ⇒ **Directories:** Please check your page info on the example directory in the foyer.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:30.
- ⇒ **VBS:** Thanks to all who helped out!
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Boxed Milk
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

## **Prayer/Sick List**

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Mike Smith
- ⇒ Neal Parker (Ron's bother-in-law)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Tonya 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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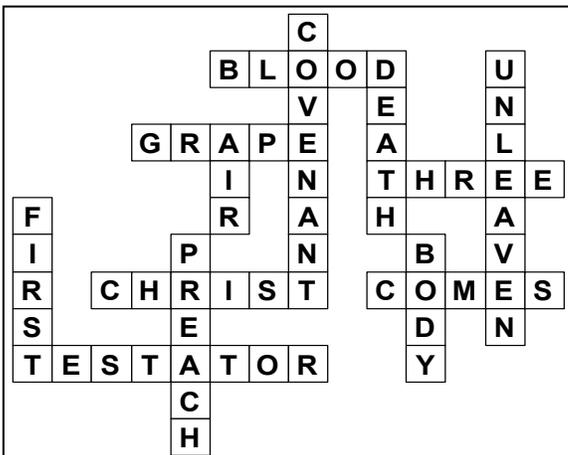
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**Bible question:** In what city did Paul say he did not find Titus?

**Last week's question and answer:** What two other people does Paul say preached Jesus as the Son of God to those in Corinth?

**Answer:** Silvanus and Timothy (2Corinthians 1:19)

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