

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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ELDERS

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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:

Kevin Smith

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table:

Mitchell Smith
Johnny Downs
Kyle Hobbs
Josh Price

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters:

Daniel Puckett
Ethan Hobbs

Usher:

Josh Fulcher

Lesson

AM: Virtual Reality or
Reality?

Scripture reading:

Romans 1:18-25

PM: The Lamb of God

Scripture reading:

John 1:29-36

THE “ORACLES OF GOD”

By: Garland Robinson

First Peter 4:11 says, “If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

The word “oracles” in this verse appears three other times in the New Testament. In Acts 7:38, “the lively (living) oracles” refers to the Mosaic law. “The oracles of God” in Romans 3:2 speaks of all the written utterances of God through Old Testament writers. “The first principles of the oracles of God” is used to indicate the entire substance of Bible doctrine in Hebrews 5:12. The thought in 1 Peter 4:11 is that if any man (neuter: anyone, whomsoever) speaks, let him speak as the oracles (utterances, word) of God.

The most powerful influence in all the world is the Word of God. It is God’s power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Therefore, when we speak, we are commanded to speak the Word of God. We read in Titus 2:1, “But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.”

The Old Testament prophet Micaiah said, “As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak” (1 Kings 22:14). Paul instructed Timothy to “preach the word; be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort...” (2 Tim. 4:2). We have no authority but the word of God and when we speak, it must be from the Scriptures which are inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Even in the common daily conversation of any and all

Christians (men and women), we are to be governed by what God has said and as He has commanded.

To “speak as the oracles of God” also means that we respect what God did not say, i.e. the silence of the Scriptures. What God has not said is very important. Nadab and Abihu were destroyed by fire for their disrespect of the silence of God’s Word (Lev. 10:1-2). God instructed them as to which fire to use, thus eliminating any other fire (Lev. 6:1-2). When God says something, it is final. And, when God does not say something that is final! Everything else is eliminated! We cannot speak where God has not spoken.

We respect silence every day of our lives. For example: When we go out to eat we tell the waiter what we want, not what we do not want. By specifying what we want, we eliminate everything we do not want. The Bible is no different, God has given us exactly what He wants, no more and no less. That is why God’s people say: “We will do only what the Bible authorizes” (commands), while denominations say: “We will do everything the Bible does not specifically condemn.” There’s a world of difference between the two!

God said to Jeremiah, “Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak” (Jer. 1:7). He commands the same of us in 1 Peter 4:11.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Harold Darnell (15th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Daniel
 - ⇒ **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.
 - ⇒ **Deacons:** The elders (with no disagreement from the congregation) have appointed three new deacons: Andy Johnson, Kyle Hobbs, and Nathia Whitley.
 - ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30.
 - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Pork and 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
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Richard Jones
- ⇒ 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)

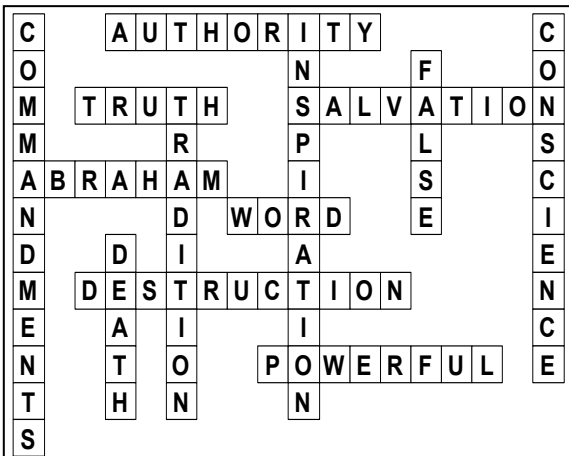
Heaven can be your
home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.

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| Appealing | Salvation |
| Consequence | Satan |
| Escape | Sin |
| Evidence | Spiritual |
| Exist | Truth |
| God | Virtual |
| Judgment | World |
| Obey | Worship |



Bible question: What were the Hebrew names of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego?

Last week's question and answer:

Answer: Jehoiakim (Daniel 1:1)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Nathan Puckett