

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**September 01, 2019**

## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
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### **DEACONS**

Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Kyle Hobbs  
Andy Johnson  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker  
Nathia Whitley

### **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:**  
Josh Fulcher

**Lead Singing:**  
Mitchell Smith

**Opening Prayer:**  
Wesley Tucker

**Scripture Reading:**  
Ethan Hobbs

**Lord's Table:**  
Josh Fulcher  
Andy Johnson  
Mitchell Smith  
Isaac Fulcher

**Closing Prayer:**  
Gerald Rule

**Greeters:**  
Isaac Fulcher  
Ethan Hobbs

**Usher:**  
Kyle Hobbs

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Why Aren't We  
Catching Any Fish?

**Scripture reading:**  
Matthew 4:18-22

**PM:** What One Must  
Believe To Be Saved  
**Scripture reading:**  
John 3:33-36

# NOT CHANGED BY CHANGES

*By: Alan Adams*

Daniel was ripped from his home at an early age and thrust into unimaginable changes, but he didn't change much. He saw empires fall and rise, but he didn't. He went from an influential status in the Babylonian Empire, to one in the Persian Empire.

He was a teenager when carried away to Babylon; he was in his eighties when the Persians rose to power. The new Persian ruler, Darius, was so impressed with this Daniel's "excellent spirit" that he "thought to set him over the whole realm." This didn't set too well with the other presidents and the governors, so they began to look for ways to get rid of Daniel.

It proved to be easier said than done, for though "the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him" (4). Thus, they thought to use Daniel's religious habits against him. They said, "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. (5). They knew about Daniel's devotion and religious routines.

Appealing to the pride of Darius and using the rule that "the law of the Medes and Persians...altereth not" (6:8), Daniel's antagonists connived to have a decree passed stating that, "whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions" (7). The plan was ingenious. They knew Daniel's religious habits; so, "when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem) and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (v. 10); "as he was accustomed to do" [NBV].

Daniel was just doing what he had always done, and we're told, "these men [Daniel's accusers] assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God" (11).

A question begs asking here: Would our religious habits get us into similar trouble? People criticize

religious routine saying we need more spontaneity in our religion. They claim that by doing things according to habit, system, or routine, we lose the meaning and spirit of things. Why this is necessarily so? — Thus far, no one has stepped up to say.

The command, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), is all about religious routine. It's the idea of habit, routine; like Daniel: "He kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." There are many things faithful Christians do without ceasing: Studying Scripture; teaching others; seeking opportunity to do good; and — yes — attending all assemblies of the church.

It seems to me that Daniel's spiritual life was one to be envied and emulated. Note the order of things: 1) he went into his house, 2) his windows were already [as per his custom] open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, 3) he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and 4) prayed. I heard a preacher once make fun of our assemblies. He said, "Push a little button and pray, push a little button and sing..." I wonder what he would say about Daniel and his "buttons"?

When Darius knew that he had been had, he was "sore displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to rescue him. (6:14). It was no use, Daniel had to be tossed into the lion's den. The king could not sleep that night, and the next morning he approached the execution chamber with apprehension. With "a lamentable voice" he "cried...and said, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions" (20)? The NBV says, "Has your God, whom you worship so regularly, been able to save you"?— Daniel's "regular worship" had "shut the lions' mouths."

Dearest friend and loved one in the Lord. Could Darius describe you in this way?

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- ⇒ Josie Price (2nd)
- ⇒ Addison Fulcher (8th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Song of Solomon
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 1 (Wesley Tucker) 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.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Thursday, September 5th at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Singing and Fellowship:** Friday September 6 at 5:30 team 2 will host a singing and fellowship here at the building. Please bring finger foods!
- ⇒ **All Members Meeting:** Elders want to meet with everyone today after PM service to discuss some improvements to the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Green 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
- ⇒ Richard Jones
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Neal Parker (Ron's bother-in-law)
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ron's mother)
- ⇒ Rodrigo Rodriguez (Maria's brother)
- ⇒ Karen Price (Josh Price's sister-in-law)
- ⇒ Johnny Wagner (Josh Fulcher's neighbor has cancer)
- ⇒ Deborah Moore (Linda Jones' daughter)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law, cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, cancer)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Trish Puckett (Having tests run)
- ⇒ 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)*

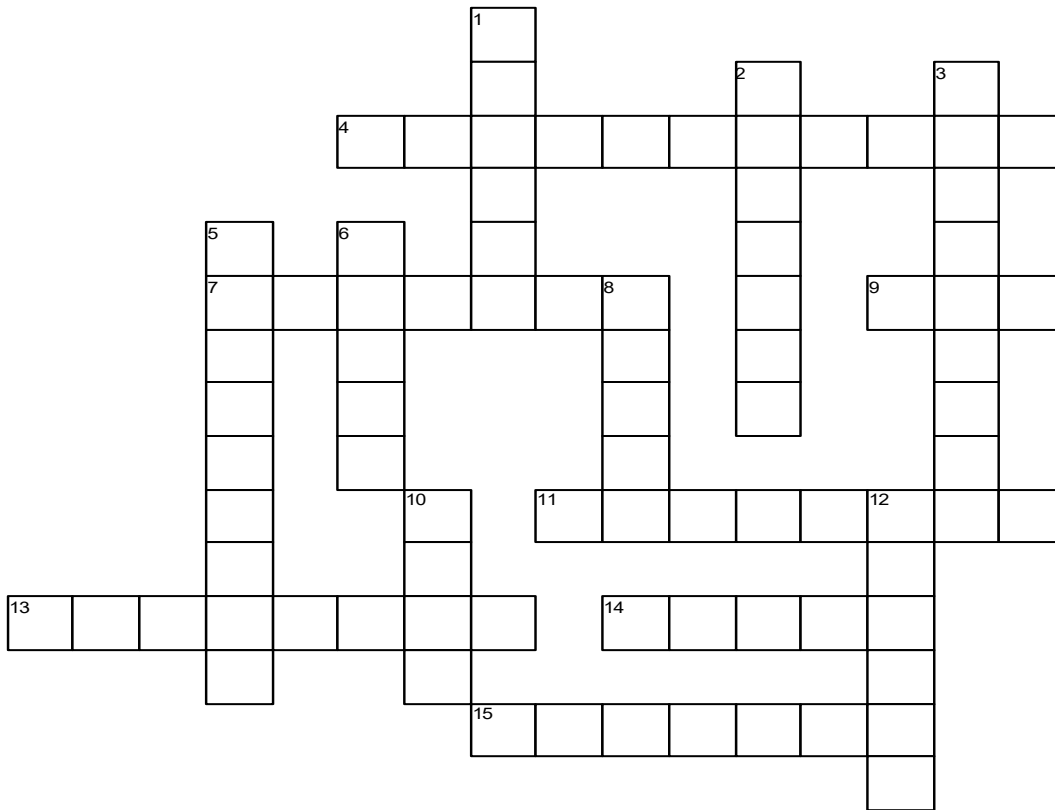
Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

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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sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.





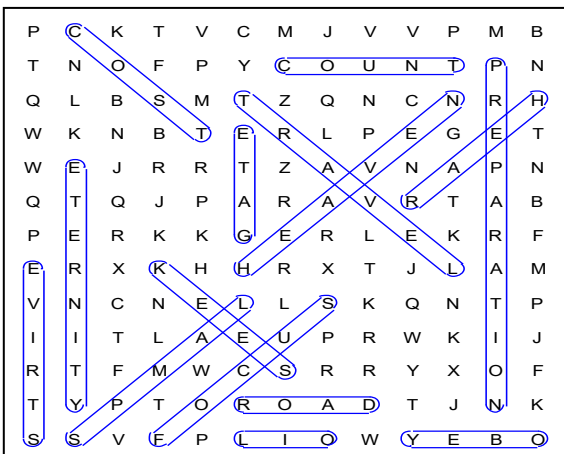
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**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 4 All scripture is given by this of God
- 7 Paul said he watered (1Cor 3:6)
- 9 "Fishers of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 11 God will give this if we plant and water
- 13 The harvest is plentiful but these are few
- 14 We are to go into all the \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Father of James and John

- 1 We are to preach this to every creature
- 2 The sea where Peter and Andrew fished
- 3 He called his relatives and close friends to hear the gospel taught
- 5 The gospel is the power of God to this
- 6 What we are not to love (1John 2)
- 8 Peter's other name
- 10 Paul tells Timothy to preach the \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Peter's brother



**Bible question:** In Song of Solomon, what does Solomon compare his beloved's hair to?

**Last week's question and answer:** What does James say is an unruly evil and full of deadly poison?

**Answer:** Tongue (James 3:8)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Johnny and Mae Downs