

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**September 22, 2019**

## **Coldwater church of Christ**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
Kevin Smith

### **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:**  
Wesley Tucker

**Opening Prayer:**  
Kevin Smith

**Scripture Reading:**  
Gerald Rule

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

**Closing Prayer:**  
Daniel Puckett

**Greeters:**  
Ethan Hobbs  
Daniel Puckett

**Usher:**  
Chris Smith

### **Lesson**

**AM:** Take Time To Be  
Holy (Time for Our  
Kids)

**Scripture reading:**  
Ephesians 6:1-4

**PM:** Worship (Part 1)  
**Scripture reading:**  
John 4:20-24

# SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

*By: Dan Jenkins*

By and large, Americans know so little about sheep, yet the Bible is filled with references to shepherds and their flocks. My nearly ten years of living in New Zealand allowed me to be around them. When I went to New Zealand, there were three million people living in that beautiful land and there were eighty million sheep! I remember driving to conduct a Bible study at a residence on one of the large sheep farms (in New Zealand they were called sheep stations), and found the road blocked by a vast flock of sheep. Some of the stations in New Zealand had flocks that had over 15,000 sheep on them. There were not this many on the one where we were headed to teach the gospel, but it did not take us long to discover how “dumb” sheep are. There was no leader among them as we attempted to drive through them, so they aimlessly meandered around but never moved off the road to give us a path. Sheep will follow a shepherd and his dogs, but they are hopeless without a leader.

In Mark chapter six, Jesus saw a similar disarray, but it was not with sheep. “And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things” (Mark 6:34). Neither sheep nor people do well without a shepherd. They are hopelessly lost without someone to guide them.

There were shepherds in the Old Testament who needed to care for God’s flock (Israel). The problem was that they received the honor

of being shepherds, but they never actually did the work of a shepherd. “You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with wool, you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. The weak you have not strengthened nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought when was lost, but with force and cruelty you have ruled them, so they were scattered because there was no shepherd” (Ezek. 34:2-4). God looked down and saw exactly what Jesus saw in Mark six. His sheep, His people were scattered because there were no shepherds.

What better illustration could there be about the importance of the work of elders in the church today? What a joy it is to see shepherds in our day who truly care for the sheep. They not only care for the ninety-nine sheep who are doing well, but they especially focus their attention on that one sheep who has wandered away. Without shepherds, Christians struggle, for we need godly men to lead us. Thank God for those men who have hearts of compassion for those of us who are part of His flock!

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

⇒ Johnny and Mae (24th)

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## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Song of Solomon
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Tuesday Ladies Class:** Started back on 9-17. 10am every Tuesday morning!
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck and Singing:** On 9-29
- ⇒ **Congregational visit:** We will visit Dexter on 9-29 as a congregation. They start at 5pm.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tea Bags
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Richard Jones
- ⇒ Ashlee Whitley
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Neal Parker (Ron's bother-in-law)
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ron's mother)
- ⇒ 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)*

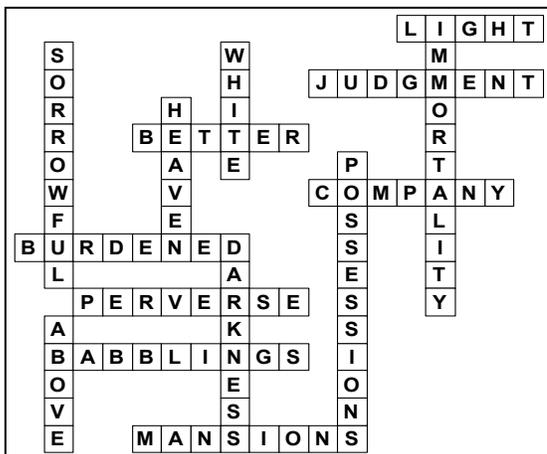
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other helpful links and  
material.



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| Children  | Mercy      |
| Defend    | Moral      |
| Eternity  | Punishment |
| Holy      | Reward     |
| Honest    | Scripture  |
| Integrity | Teach      |
| Knowledge | Truth      |
| Memorize  | Truth      |



**Bible question:** In Song of Solomon, what does Solomon say is under his beloved's tongue?

**Last week's question and answer:** In Song of Solomon, what does Solomon compare his beloved's teeth to?  
**Answer:** Flock of shorn sheep (Song of Solomon 4:2)

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