

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

**October 20, 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:**

Richard Price

### **Lead Singing:**

Josh Price

### **Opening Prayer:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Scripture Reading:**

Gerald Rule

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

Kyle Hobbs  
Mitchell Smith  
Josh Price  
Johnny Downs

### **Closing Prayer:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Greeters:**

Addi Fulcher  
Ethan Hobbs

### **Usher:**

Kevin Smith

## **WELCOME**

**KEVIN**

**RUTHERFORD**

# GRATEFUL TO GOD

*By: Kevin V. Rutherford*

Luke 17:11-19 gives us the historical record of the occasion where Jesus Christ healed ten men of their leprosy. Of the ten, only one came back to thank Jesus for the miracle of healing. This account shows us the importance of being grateful to God.

Those who are not grateful to God will turn away from Him, and live in selfish sin. Paul writes about those who suppress the truth because they are ungodly and unrighteous (Romans 1:18). These same individuals knew God, but chose not to glorify God, and were not thankful to God (Romans 1:21). The end result was that they became futile in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened (Romans 1:21).

Paul speaks of individuals who, instead of being grateful to God, despise the riches of God's goodness (Romans 2:4). They will not repent for this very reason. When we begin to understand the riches of the goodness of God, we should be motivated to repent and serve Him. Gratitude to God and faithfulness to God are tied together.

Being grateful to God should be an underlying theme, principle, and motivation in all of our prayers to God. Even when we are hurting. Life is very complicated, and sometimes it is very painful. But let's remember to be thankful to God in our prayers, even when we go to God in prayer to pour out our hearts concerning the pains in our lives (Philippians 4:6-7). We beg God for help with the concerns of this life, even while remembering all of the great blessings He has provided.

God says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Here we see gratitude toward God is tied in

with prayer and joy. We pray frequently, constantly, regularly, and with dedication. And every time we pray we are thankful. We are expressing thanks to God frequently throughout the day. When we recognize what God has done for us, and when we are truly grateful to God, we will want to thank Him frequently, and we will see our joy increase. Those who are grateful to God are happier people.

Our salvation should be a common and important blessing considered by us every time we pray and give thanks to God. Paul was grateful for his salvation. He thanked God for the exceedingly abundant grace that saved him and gave him the opportunity to preach (1 Timothy 1:12-17). And, it was Paul who said, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). Surely this must refer to the gift of Jesus Christ as the atoning sacrifice. This is a gift so wonderful we cannot truly express the value of this gift, nor can we adequately express our gratitude for such.

There is much sorrow and suffering in this world that has been caused by ungrateful people who rebel against the will of God. And yet, in all of this, we must also see the tremendous blessings and goodness of God. He gives us all that is good and He will help us through the complexities of life (James 1). Ultimately, He will give us a home in heaven with Him, because He has provided salvation for us by His grace, because of His love, and through His Son. Let us thank God?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Hebrews
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 (Josh Fulcher) 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, November 05 at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Oct. 20-23 with Kevin Rutherford
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Yams
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving giveaway:** There are bags in the pantry that have a card with items needed for each bag. Please get a bag and bring it back with the items listed. For more info see Wesley.
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ron Hutchison
- ⇒ 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)*

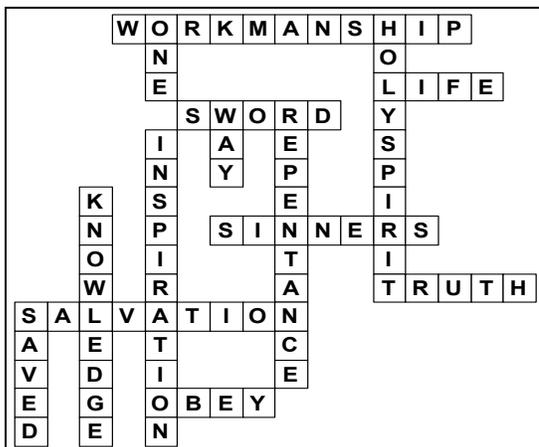
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You will find bulletins,  
sermon outlines, and  
other helpful links and  
material.



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Barak	Moses
David	Noah
Enoch	Rahab
Faith	Samson
Gideon	Samuel
Isaac	Sarah
Jacob	



**Bible question:** Who does solid food (spiritual food) belong to?

**Last week's question and answer:** To which order of priest is Jesus high priest forever?  
**Answer:** Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:6)

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