

Seek The Old Paths

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths...and walk therein."

(Jeremiah 6:16)

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THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CHRISTIAN CONVENTION, JEFF WALLING, AND HARDING UNIVERSITY

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The apostle Paul wrote, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11). The word "fellowship" means "to share in company with, i.e. co-participate in..." (Strong's). On this verse, Lipscomb and Shepherd comment:

"Have no part, be not partakers in these works which grow up in heathen darkness. They are called unfruitful, because they bear no good fruit. Fellowship is to be with those who bear good results to him who is with them, and not to the world, but only evil and degrading. [Those who have things in common; who are congenial; who have the same views, feelings and interests; and who therefore delight in each other's society are said to be in fellowship with God and with each other. So we are said to have fellowship in anything in which we delight and of which we partake. To have fellowship with the works of darkness, therefore, is to delight in them and to participate in them. All such association is forbidden as inconsistent with the charac-

ter of the children of light."

On November 5 and 6, 1993, **Jeff Walling**, of Mission Viejo, California, was the guest speaker for the Southern Illinois Christian Convention, which was hosted by the Central Christian Church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. This is not the first time Walling has been a participant in a function sponsored by the Christian Church. In February, 1987, he spoke at the Ozark Christian College Convention (a Christian Church school) in Joplin, Missouri. At that time he said that he did not go around the country preaching against instrumental music. So, Walling continues to fellowship them. In his lessons presented at the S.I.C.C. in November of last year, as in the past, he did not rebuke those in error as Ephesians 5:11 commands. Walling said:

"I'm honored and pleased to be here as the minister from the Mission Viejo Church of Christ. Some of you may not know that the congregation where I preach happens to be one of the non-instrumental churches of Christ. Please don't rush for the doors just

at this moment - if you had some experience in the past with folks from non-instrumental churches of Christ. I brought no rocks with me and have none to throw and expect none to be thrown at me, because we both agree that without Jesus there is hopelessness for the world; and with Christ we have grace, which is the only thing that is going to see us through the Pearly Gates. Amen? So, I'm honored to be here to share in our united focus on the joy and glory of lifting up Jesus."

Jeff Walling fellowships the Christian Church, an apostate group. He does not rebuke them but, rather, encourages them in their error. He is a partaker of their evil deeds. He said that he "brought no rocks" and had "none to throw." By that he simply meant that he had no intentions of rebuking them for their use of the mechanical instrument in worship or their other errors. The fact that the Christian Church invited him shows they did not have to

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 Guest Editorial...

THINGS THAT BOTHER ME

John M. Grubb

The church has the tremendous responsibility to preach the gospel to the whole world (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15). There is so much to do and so few who are trying to get the job done.

As I travel around this country speaking to brethren and read the bulletins and articles which appear in our brotherhood papers, I observe several things that bother me.

In this article, I will talk about some things that bother me with the hope it will cause each of us to examine our practices and see how we can help to solve these problems.

SENDING UNRELIABLE BIBLES OVERSEAS

Recently I wrote an article entitled, "Bibles For Russia." It was brought to my attention that many of the Bibles going to Russia and other eastern European countries were the Easy-To-Read Bible. I recently saw a New Testament translated in an European language. It was based on the Living Bible. Recently a newsletter stated one brother wants a million copies of the Chinese version of the Easy-To-Read Bible (ERV) when it comes off the press. He requests brethren to send in contributions to make this possible. This version is an unreliable version put out by the World Bible Translation Center.

Brethren, it bothers me that faithful brethren are taking up special contributions to send these kind of Bibles into the mission field. What good does it do to send these kind of Bibles into foreign countries? In addition, we are not to have fellowship with error. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11). "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that

abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 9-11).

FAITHFUL CHURCHES SUPPORTING QUESTIONABLE WORKS AND WORKERS

In connection with sending unreliable Bibles, it bothers me that faithful congregations will support questionable works and/or workers. Usually, this is done because either the church has not investigated the work or the workers, or the workers have changed from what they used to believe and teach.

In a recent conversation with Goebel Music, he mentioned to me that more than 800 churches in 46 states support the efforts of the World Bible Translation Center. He mentioned that many of these churches are faithful churches. Faithful churches support other unreliable efforts as well. Why would anyone want to send a perverted version into the mission field? Why would any faithful Christian want to have a part in sending workers or supporting works here in the United States or anywhere in the world? Why would faithful preachers want to cooperate with brethren who are not teaching the truth?

Faithful brethren need to avoid knowingly taking support from liberal churches. It bothers me when faithful brethren work with false teachers. It is wrong to do so (Eph. 5:11; II John 9-11). If a person is standing for the truth, why would he want to associate with and receive support from those who do not stand for the truth? Why would a faithful

preacher want to try to recruit liberal brethren to help in his work? This bothers me.

There are still large numbers of brethren who do not know that **Herald of Truth** is no longer a worthy work. It has not been a work worthy of support for more than 20 years. Yet, many good churches continue to support this work financially.

There are a number of efforts being made now that are not under any eldership. The work of the church is supposed to be under the direction of elders. It does not seem to bother us that mini-missionary societies are being set up to do the work of the church.

Brethren, before you begin supporting some effort or some individual, please investigate first! It is not enough just to do something. We must make sure what we do is right!

DIVISIONS AMONG FAITHFUL BRETHREN

The church is divided over many things. One of our biggest problems is the liberalism that is trying to "change" the church and make it into "just another denomination."

We have a big job trying to fight these attacks against the Lord's church. It really bothers me to know of faithful brethren who agree doctrinally, who stand for the truth, but can not or will not work together because of matters of opinion, personalities, etc.

I hear of examples of these kinds of situations quite often. It is sad we cannot work out problems in matters of opinion and personalities so we can continue to "contend earnestly for the faith" (Jude 3).

When you hear of a problem and there are good, faithful brethren on both sides of an issue, more often than not, the problem is over opinions or personalities. Let us do what we can to heal these breeches so we can continue to battle the real enemy.

INDIFFERENCE TOWARD WORLD EVANGELISM

I do a great deal of traveling speaking to churches about the need to take the gospel to the whole world. It bothers me that it takes thousands of Christians and scores

of congregations to support just one missionary in the field.

Last year, churches donated more than a million dollars in cash, plus donated furniture, clothing, and food to help alleviate the suffering of those who were caught in the floods in Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois. **THIS NEEDED TO BE DONE!** However, it bothers me that we can raise millions of dollars for benevolence, but we cannot raise a fraction of this amount for preaching the saving gospel.

RIDICULING PIONEER PREACHERS

We owe a large debt to those preachers who have gone before. In a recent sermon in Indianapolis, brother Joe Gilmore mentioned those who feel like they must ridicule and belittle pioneer preachers. It bothers brother Gilmore and it bothers me.

Instead of ridiculing the pioneer preachers, we need to be grateful for the work they did and continue to benefit from their work. We need to thank God for the efforts made by David Lipscomb, James Harding, A. G. Freed, N. B. Hardeman, Gus Nichols, Marshall Keeble, Foy Wallace, J. D. Tant, Joe Blue, and many others.

CONCLUSION

Brother Goebel Music wanted me to include one other thing in this article about "Things That Bother Me." That is, people who will not answer letters bother me. I suppose the reason this does not bother me as much is because I spent ten years in the mission field and became accustomed to brethren not answering letters. Sometimes, brethren do not answer letters because they do not want to reveal their positions on various doctrines.

There are other things that bother me, but this is a sufficient number of items for this article. It will be up to elders to investigate the works and workers they support and determine whether or not they should continue their support. May the Lord help us to make sure the work we do is scriptural and right.

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gather stones to throw at him. They knew there would be no rock-throwing, because Walling thinks just like they do.

Walling said that, "...we both agree that without Jesus there is hopelessness for the world; and with Christ we have grace, which is the only thing that is going to see us through the Pearly Gates." However, the New Testament teaches that salvation is based on more than God's grace. If God's grace will save us, apart from our obedience to his will, then, everyone will be saved (universalism), for Paul wrote, "*For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men...*" (Titus 2:11).

A little later in the same speech, Walling said,

"I will fight and wrestle you over doctrine. I will struggle with you over theology. And I will fuss to make sure that the worship service and the approach to it is just exactly the way we find in Scripture..."

Brethren, John wrote, "*If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth*" (1 John 1:6). Walling says that he has fellowship with Jesus; yet, he has fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (i.e. the Christian Church). To have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness is to walk in darkness. Therefore, according to the apostle John, Walling lies. One may claim to fight, wrestle, struggle, or fuss with others concerning false doctrine or unacceptable worship; but if one snuggles up to and cuddles with the Christian Church and says "sweet nothings" in the ear of those who teach error, John says, he lies.

Walling may claim, "...I have not, nor do I now, support, encourage or practice the use of instrumental music in the worship of the church. Further, I do not support any 'movement' which would introduce this practice into our worship..."; but that does not offset his

actions, either in the past or present.

In just a few weeks **Harding University** will be having their Youth Forum/Spring Sing Weekend, a big recruiting effort by the University. Jeff Walling is scheduled to speak. They will continue to spread the influence of this false teacher. Harding has invited Walling because he is popular. "He is well known for his powerful and moving true-to-life examples and his ability to cut through to the heart of Scripture's messages," we are told. The criterion for selecting Walling is not, "Is he a faithful proclaimer of the Word of the Lord?" but, "Can he draw a crowd?" The administration, faculty, student body, and many alumni may deny this; but that will not change the truth on this.

Denny Boultinghouse, editor of *Image* magazine, wrote recently:

"God-fearing men like Rubel Shelly, Marvin Phillips, Max Lucado, Mike Cope, Jeff Walling, Lynn Anderson, and many others are 'written up,' spoken against, slandered, and hindered in their ministries when misguided men speak against God's servants. I know each of these men personally, and while they are certainly not perfect, they are genuine servants of God. While I may not agree with them on every detail, I know them to be honorable men who are diligent to submit to God and his Word. Not one of them is out to undermine the Lord's church nor the Word of God. In all they do, they seek to glorify God. Each has given their lives in service to God." (*Image*, February, 1994, p. 5).

How consistent is our brother who "writes up" those who write up his friends!? How "honorable" is Walling, who claims that he does not support nor encourage the Christian Church and instrumental music in worship, but does not "throw rocks" when he addresses their conventions? That's not honesty; it's hypocrisy!

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ACCEPTANCE THROUGH TIME AND EXPOSURE

Gilbert Gough

Through exposure and the passing of time, things sometimes are accepted as being the norm. Television has done much to expose the immorality that evil men and women once did in secret. By the constant display of uninhibited wickedness, fornication is accepted as a norm in television programming and it does weaken good and godly inhibitions (cf. I Thess. 5:22).

IMMORALITY

A few years ago my wife and I purposely watched and reviewed a week's worth of prime time television. During those hours, there were fourteen bedroom scenes; and not one, NOT ONE scene included a married couple, a husband and a wife. Fourteen scenes of sickening fornication were flaunted for the world to see. Yes, the world has grown accustomed to sin's face! Exposure and the passing of time has influenced the way people think about immorality. Remember, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4). Acceptance of fornication through exposure and the passing of time will not change what the immutable word of God says!

DENOMINATIONAL DOCTRINE

The Lord's church during the decades of the fifties and sixties was said to be the fastest growing church in America. Brethren picked up their King James translations, memorized its verses, and proceeded to preach and teach the lost world. Souls were being saved and the church was growing. But during the seventies and eighties, the church began to decline. Brethren were alarmed because the church was declining in its growth rate and the denominations seemed to be expanding. Brethren began taking a serious look at how the denominations were growing and began reading their books and many of the

churches' young minds began to attend the denominational schools and seminaries. Through the passing of time with exposure to denominational teaching, men began to let such teaching slip into the pulpits of churches and into the classrooms of our colleges. So subtle is the working of Satan (II Cor. 11:3).

The church stopped growing like it once did because now there was a battle within the ranks of Christ's army. "Grievous wolves entered in...not sparing the flock" (Acts 20:28), appearing "in sheep's clothing" (Matt. 7:15). Much of the brotherhood was not sober, nor vigilant as to the devil's ways (I Peter 5:8), and the result has been an inside war between truth and error, right and wrong. The shape in which the church now finds itself is due to the acceptance of erroneous doctrines and unauthorized methods of men. By the constant exposure in the passing of time to such evil, the bride of Christ has been greatly violated.

PERVERTED "BIBLES"

One of the subtle workings of Satan is to change people's attitude toward God's word by deceiving them through passing of time and exposure to the perversions of the Bible on the market today. Slowly and surely, people will buy and accept the new translations and paraphrases, and it will not be very long till they adopt the perversions taught within.

In places of "higher learning" (our so-called "Christian colleges"), professors, who have studied in schools of the denominations and have learned under professors who have studied in denominational schools, have adopted the attitude that we need all the versions to learn what God's word means. This is a most dangerous attitude toward the Bible, for most young Christian students of God's word do not have the ability of discernment, and are vulnerable and moldable to this attitude. These students, once they have been taught that all the

versions are okay because they all teach some truth, they graduate and occupy the pulpits, classrooms, elder-ships, and pews of the Lord's church. Through exposure and through the passing of time, they gradually influence the brotherhood. Soon it will (if it hasn't already occurred) become the norm to accept all translations and paraphrases whether they contain fatal error or not. Oh how sly Satan works.

Some of our brotherhood papers have softened brethren's thinking toward God's word by using perversions of the Bible. The *Gospel Advocate* magazine, that for years only used the *King James Version* and the *American Standard*, now uses as its standard text the *New American Standard Version*. The *Gospel Minutes* magazine, which has the greatest circulation among brethren, now tolerates and uses the *New International Version*. These papers and others have adopted the philosophy of "ignore the criticism, and in time, brethren will accept it."

The *Campaign America* television program sends out material to those who request it that quotes from the NIV. Thus, this work promotes a perverted Bible. It has been shown many times where the NIV teaches "faith only" and other heresies that if believed would condemn the very souls the *Campaign America* work seeks to convert.

Brethren, the devil's philosophy for developing disciples through the acceptance of sin and error through exposure and time, works. But God's word does not change, no matter if fatal and damnable error creeps in the translations and paraphrases. "But the word of the Lord endureth forever" (I Peter 1:25).

As already pointed out, this tolerance and encouraging the use of the modern perversions of God's word is due to one's attitude toward the Bible. For those who support and defend the use of the modern perversions, it is as if some verses of scripture do not exist or they do not mean what they say. Paul wrote in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The ASV renders the latter phrase "handling aright the word of truth." Is it "rightly dividing" or "handling aright" the word of

God when these new versions teach damnable and fatal errors like Calvinism and premillennialism?

Paul wrote the Corinthian church and said, "...that ye might learn in us *not to think of men above that which is written...*" (I Cor. 4:6). Do those who support and defend the modern perversions think men's perversions ought to be tolerated above what God actually had the inspired men write?

When Paul wrote to the Galatian brethren, he rebuked them severely for following after them that "*would pervert the gospel of Christ*" (Gal. 1:7). It is so obvious that the *Revised Standard Version* and the *New International Version* have "perverted the gospel of Christ," it is hard to understand why so many brethren tolerate them. Why do so many brethren bid godspeed to translations and paraphrases that teach the damnable errors of men?

Moses the prophet, Agur the wise man and John the apostle, all warn not to tamper with God's word. Moses admonished the Israelites: "*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you*" (Deut. 4:2). Agur wisely advised, "*Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar*" (Prov. 30:6). Some of the last words in the Bible, written by the inspired apostle John, warns, "*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book*" (Rev. 22:18,19). With these warnings, why would anyone who loves God and His word tamper with God's inspired scriptures or allow others to do so? Why?

Please brethren, do not allow the constant exposure of sin and error to find acceptance in your Bible or in your heart no matter how much time passes. Stand firmly on the truth of God's word.

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WAYS TO PREVENT DIVISION

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Division in the body of Christ is a terrible and destructive evil. The Bible reveals there would be those individuals who would arise from our midst and come into our fold who would lead disciples away from the truth (Acts 20:29-30). Many times these false teachers destroy the fellowship of congregations and cause division in the church of Christ. Paul exhorted Timothy to "*put the brethren in remembrance of these things*" (I Tim. 4:6) What things? "*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils*" (I Tim. 4:1ff). Paul revealed that there would be many characteristics of those who depart from the faith. The truth is, we can know when people are in the truth and when they leave the truth and follow after Satan. We can know these things because the Holy Spirit has given us various examples of men and women departing from the faith.

What can we do to prevent division in our congregations when some depart from the faith? Here are some guidelines and rules from the word of God.

1. Remain faithful. "*Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life*" (Rev. 2:10). We must stay faithful to a "faithful creator" (I Peter 4:19). In order to avoid apostasy, Christians need to keep their eyes on the Savior so we will not fail as we run the race. Being faithful to Christ will not be easy. Jesus said, "*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved*" (Matt. 10:22). One of the things we must endure is temptation. Many are tempted to turn from Christ and the gospel to their own lusts and desires. "*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him*" (James 1:12).

2. Study the Bible. Members of the Lord's Church need to follow the example and zeal of the Bereans who "*were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so*" (Acts 17:11). Time spent in study is vital for the Christian. Paul told Timothy to "*study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (II Tim. 2:15). The book of Psalms reveals concerning the word of God that it is good to meditate on it (119:15), love it (119:97), it is righteous and faithful (119:138) and it is "very pure" (119:140). We must study the truth to know the truth, and we must live the truth in order to be faithful to it.

3. Practice everything by the authority of Christ. Practices that are engaged in without the authority of Christ are plain steps to departing from the faith. We must follow the principle laid out in Colossians 3:17. "*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*" Having the authority of Christ for our lifestyle, work, and worship is simply abiding in the doctrine of Christ. The Bible is plain as to where a person stands concerning the doctrine of Christ. "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son*" (II John 9). Inside the doctrine of Christ is where we are pleasing to God and Christ.

4. Withdraw from false teachers. One way to prevent major division in the body of Christ and to practice God's will on the matter is to mark false teachers. "*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple*" (Rom. 16:17-18). Those who teach and preach a perverted gospel should be marked. The word "mark" means "to look at, watch, behold, fix one's eyes upon, direct attention to." We are not to ignore those who serve "*their own belly,*" and who "*deceive the hearts of the simple.*" We must not take the false notion that evil and false teachers will go away if we just turn our head away from it. If we continue to ignore such false teachings, we will continue to see division among the body of Christ.

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A Significant Event And Date

The First Annual Bighorn Mountain Lectureship is scheduled for July 1-3, 1994 in Sheridan, Wyoming. The Northside church of Christ is the host congregation. The lectureship will be conducted at the Convention Center of the Holiday Inn in Sheridan because our building is not large enough to seat all who have said they are coming.

In a major tourist area with overwhelming natural beauty of the Bighorn Mountain range just a short drive from town, this lectureship is primarily designed to reach the lost with some basic messages. In the process, many brethren will be taught and strengthened in critical areas of faith.

We plan to tape all lectures, both video and audio, and distribute the tapes to individuals with whom we have had contact and also supply small churches in the region with tapes they can use to work with prospects in their community.

Our goal is to distribute at least 2,000 video tapes and 5,000 audio tapes of the lectureship in 1994. Hopefully, as funds continue to be given for this work we can extend the life of the lectureship for several years.

The theme of the lectureship is *The Eternal Word*. Eleven speakers from nine states will deliver the lectures. Each speaker is sound in the faith and dedicated to promoting the pure gospel of Christ as preached by his apostles. They will deal with such subjects as:

Inspiration; The Authority Of The Scripture; The Eternality Of Scripture; The Virgin Birth, and many other basic subjects an unbelieving (as well as a believing) world needs to hear.

Major chain motels in the area are: Holiday Inn; Best Western; Comfort Inn, and Super 8. In addition, there are several other motels offering clean lodging at reasonable rates. One word of caution: room reservations should be well over two weeks in advance of the need. Thirty days is better if a non-smoking room is desired.

Because of the very small size of the Northside church of Christ we can't offer lodging to our guests. All the speakers are either being sent by their home congregation or will come at their own expense.

We are situated in north central Wyoming twenty one miles south of Montana on I-90. This is the center of a very large mission field covering hundreds of miles any way you travel. In a radius of 500 miles of Sheridan there are fewer Christians than you will find in many small southern counties.

This lectureship will make a great difference in the area. All who attend will help create a very favorable impression of this city about the Northside congregation. Why not plan your vacation so you can come this way July 1,2,3, 1994? Enjoy a great spiritual feast with us and help us promote the gospel in this region.

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1st Annual Bighorn Mountain Lectureship

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Friday July 1, 1994

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9:00-9:35 God Has SpokenThomas Reid
9:45-10:20 The Word Shall Not Return VoidRick Popejoy
10:30-11:05 The Eternality Of The ScriptureMelvin Elliott
11:15-11:50 The Word That Was GodSkip Andrews
11:50-1:30 Lunch Break
1:30-2:05 The Word IncarnateCharles A. Pledge
2:15-2:50 The Word Of TruthRick Popejoy
3:00-3:35 The Inspiration Of Scripture, I ...Harrell Davidson
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7:30-8:05 The Authority Of Scripture, IJames W. Boyd

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9:45-10:20 The Credibility Of ScriptureWayne Price
10:30-11:05 The Understandable WordDean Fuggett
11:15-11:50 The Word Of GraceWard Jones
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2:00-2:35 The Word Of Our SalvationDean Fuggett
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3:30-4:05 The Honor Of God's WordThomas Reid
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Finally, we must recognize those who have been withdrawn from and not use them in meetings, lecture-ships, workshops, or on faculties in our colleges. Who can deny that this has been a major problem that has supported the digression we are now involved in! When "Christian" colleges invite known, marked, false teachers to appear and spread their man-made doctrines throughout the body of Christ, untold harm is done. College presidents, board members, and lecture-ship committee members ought to be aware of what is going on in the brotherhood. Bringing false doctrine into areas via our Christian colleges, is detrimental to the Lord's Church. The men and women responsible for introducing these false teachers to the body of Christ will no doubt be held responsible on that last great day (II Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:24-25)!

Let us all strive to be more faithful to God the Father and Christ our Lord and Savior. May we all promote unity and peace by teaching and preaching the word of truth. By following the Divine Pattern, the Bible, we can be pleasing to God and have a home some day in heaven. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

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- 7:00 Evil CompanionsWade Webster
- 8:00 Situation Ethics.....Ed Casteel

MONDAY, JULY 25

- 9:00 WitchcraftRichard Carlson
- 10:00 Bribery.....Douglas Hoff
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) Love Your Husband and Children (Titus 2:4).....Dana Hale
- 11:00 Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco.....Joe Nichols
- 1:30 Hatred, Jealousy, Strife, Envy, "Works of the Flesh"Randy Kea
- 2:30 Lying, Deceit, DishonestyJerry Joseph
- 3:30 Digression - Update '94Wayne Coats
- 7:00 Nakedness.....Gilbert Gough
- 8:00 Living Soberly, Righteously and Godly
in the Midst of Immorality.....Charles Blair

TUESDAY, JULY 26

- 9:00 Gambling.....Tom Larkin
- 10:00 EvolutionTerry Joe Kee
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) The Virtuous Woman (Prov. 31)Peggy Leonard
- 11:00 Elders Providing Moral Leadership
Through Overseeing the FlockEddy Craft
- 1:30 Preachers Providing Moral Leadership
Through Preaching and Teaching.....Wayne Cox
- 2:30 Lasciviousness, Dancing.....Virgil Hale
- 3:30 Digression - Update '94Wayne Coats
- 7:00 There is an Absolute Standard of Morality.....Charles Pledge
- 8:00 Fornication, Petting, ParkingTerry Joe Kee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- 9:00 Parents Providing Moral Leadership and TrainingVirgil Hale
- 10:00 Capital PunishmentDan Sikes
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) For Such A Time As This.....Sherran Upchurch
- 11:00 AdulteryEddy Craft
- 1:30 Murder, Abortion, Euthanasia.....Mark Bass
- 2:30 Sodomy/Homosexuality: Such Were Some of You.....Windell Fikes
- 3:30 Digression - Update '94Wayne Coats
- 7:00 Repent or PerishKen Burleson
- 8:00 Church Discipline of the Immoral.....Charles Leonard

THURSDAY, JULY 28

- 9:00 Racism.....Ken Burleson
- 10:00 Pornography: Movies, Videos, TV, Music, MagazinesDarrell Beard
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) Discreet, Chaste, Keepers at Home (Titus 2:5).....Sue Case
- 11:00 Suicide, Assisted SuicideCharles Blair
- 1:30 Profanity, Pure Speech.....Daniel Coe
- 2:30 Medical EthicsRichard Guill
- 3:30 Digression - Update '94Wayne Coats
- 7:00 Suffering Persecution Because of Righteous LivingGarland M. Robinson
- 8:00 Refuse the Evil and Choose the Good.....Sidney White

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send me information about your lectureship" ...Arab, AL. "You are doing a great job in keeping the public informed of false teachers and false teaching. Keep up the great work. I am thankful for you. I shall pray for your work to continue. Please send me 15 copies of the Feb. 94 issue on "Errors of Jubilee Speakers" ...Cookeville, TN. "While traveling with several other preachers that past week, I came across a copy of your publication S.T.O.P. I was impressed with the content and would like to be placed on your mailing list" ...Jefferson, TX. "We really enjoy S.T.O.P. Keep it coming" ...North Pole, AK. "Thank you for an excellent publication. I just finished reading the December, 1993, issue (concerning Joe VanDyke and the Magnolia Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama, having a joint worship service with the Methodist Church, gmr). My husband and I were very impressed at your straight forward, truthful writing. We both are concerned that church membership does not study the Bible. It is appalling that any of our congregations would condone the practice of any denomination as did the Magnolia church uniting with the Methodist. Our brother VanDyke needs our prayers. We are native Tennesseans and members of "the church." We have very weak churches in the Southwest. We request that our names be placed on your regular publication list. May God be with brothers Robinson, Bates and the East Corinth church" ...Las Cruces, NM. "I enjoy S.T.O.P. so much" ...Tishomingo, MS. "I just finished reading the May, 1993, issue of S.T.O.P. (concerning Larry West and the White's Ferry Road church of Christ in West Monroe, Louisiana, gmr). I appreciated the excellent articles and would like to be added to your mailing list. Thank you and may the Lord bless you as you faithfully serve him" ...Goldsboro, NC. "Please renew our subscription. I hope this contribution will help a little with postage costs" ...Pearl, MS. (Editor's Note: There is no subscription charge for S.T.O.P. It is supported by interested churches and individuals by free-will contributions.) "Please start sending me S.T.O.P. It is a sound publication" ...Morrison, TN.

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