


News and Notes

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Paul Brantley - Elder at Bellview, Pensacola, Fla. Heart damage and constant pain.
David P. Brown - Preacher/elder at Spring, Texas. At home, recovering from blood clots.
Kenneth Cohn - Elder at Spring, Texas. Procedure next week for blockage in his heart.
Harrell Davidson - Hornbeak, Tenn. preacher. Recovering from surgery for blocked colon.
Earlene Holley - Sherlene's mother. Severe osteoporosis in Bell Ave. Nursing Home.
Janice Ruffner - Roelf Ruffner's wife, Columbia, TN. Blood clots, Fibromyalgia, Lung problems.
Nancy Reed - Various health issues.
Patrick King - Hemiplegic Migraine.
Sandy Craig - Ongoing kidney problems.
Jo Ann McLerran - COPD.
Glenda Marble - Lexington, Okla. - Heart problems.
Paul Marble - Glenda Marble's son. Recurrence of cancer.
Debbie Post - Wife of Salisbury, Maryland preacher Doug Post - Cancer.
Charles and Linda Pogue - Congestive heart failure.
Nancy Verkist - Ellensburg, Washington. Von Hippel Lindau disease.
Chuck Verkist - Ellensburg, Washington. Undergoing treatment for Prostate Cancer.
Don Smith - Brother in Christ persecuted for teaching fellow inmates in an Ohio prison.

KENYA REPORT - Contributing to the Kenya Fund this week was Ronald Skinner, Lexington, Okla. Classes will resume next week in the school of preaching at Kalamindi. Students will return on April 6, This is the second of three 8-week courses that are taught each year. We continue monthly support of 12 men who are preaching in Kenya. A large one-time donation, recently received from the Eastside church in Lexington, Okla. is appreciated very much and will go far in our continuing support of the brethren who are preaching in Kenya.

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Those Who Serve Sunday Morning, April 1, 2018 First Prayer - Landry Brewer Closing Prayer - Earl Reed Communion - Jerry Brewer Offering - Earl Reed Sunday Afternoon, April 1, 2018 First Prayer - Patrick King Closing Prayer - Dylan Brewer	Records - Mar. 25 Bible Class.....18 Morning Worship.....19 Afternoon Worship.....16 Contribution.....\$1,067.00
Weekly Meeting Times Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....9:30 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 Sunday Afternoon Worship.....5:00	



Sound Doctrine

“But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1)

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“Thou Art The Man”

Jerry C. Brewer

After reading Garland Robinson's editorial in the Oct., 2017 issue of *Seek The Old Paths* (S.T.O.P.), the prophet Nathan's pointed words to David (2 Sam. 12:7) came to mind. In his editorial, entitled, "Who Is Causing Division?" Robinson wrote,

The same old and tired and misused expressions keep surfacing from digressives against the faithful: 'You are sowing discord,' 'you're causing division,' 'why won't you fellowship everybody?' 'you've gotten yourself out on a limb,' 'you're in a dilemma,' etc., etc. Such expressions are no better now than they have ever been. They are insults aimed at sound brethren. They are inspired of the devil intended to cause the faithful to 'back off' and let up on their pressure against error.

From that initial statement, he cites Ahab's accusation against Elijah of being, "he that troubleth Israel" (1 Kings 18:17), and makes the following application:

Elijah was not the trouble maker! He simply proclaimed the 'whole counsel of God' as all faithful preachers and church members do. ...A preacher's job is condemn error in public and private. 'Preach the word' (2 Tim. 4:2). 'Mark...and avoid' (Rom. 16:17). 'Have no fellowship with' (Eph. 5:11). Those who won't heed and obey these passages are the ones causing trouble in the kingdom of our dear Lord. Those who turn aside to the right hand or the left are the troublemakers in spiritual Israel today. They wish to fellowship everyone and turn a blind eye to the many errors in which they and others are involved! They are the ones who cry, 'let us all go along in order to get along,' which is just as false as false can be. There can be no Biblical unity where there is doctrinal error! Those who have 'lockjaw' (when it comes to the truth) are the ones who have gotten themselves out on a limb. They are the ones who are in a dilemma. Dear faithful brethren, don't let the compromisers 'turn the tables on

you and make you feel like you are the one in the wrong. ...'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** (2 John 9-11) [Emph. his].

While brother Robinson writes the absolute truth in his article, his application does *not* include opposition to Dave Miller's false doctrines, of which he has never repented. Miller's apologists have accused opponents of his false doctrines of, "sowing discord," and among those with a serious case of "lockjaw" is Robinson himself, who has not uttered a word, or printed a line in his paper, against Miller's errors.

In 2005, and prior to that year, faithful brethren had opposed Miller's advocacy of "elder reevaluation/reconfirmation" (elder R/R) at Brown Trail in Fort Worth. Among those were Dub McClish, editor of *The Gospel Journal*, who published an article opposing elder R/R, by Marvin Weir, in the October, 2002 issue. Miller's doctrine was also examined at the Bellview Lectureship by brother McClish in 1996. Other voices dealt with that unscriptural practice in numerous articles printed in *Contending For The Faith*, edited by David P. Brown. Those included the transcript of Miller's sermon at Brown Trail in 1996, in which he advocated and explained the process of reevaluating and reconfirming elders. Consequently, brethren who opposed Miller's false doctrine were demonized by his defenders, among whom were the late Curtis Cates, then Director of the Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP), and Keith Mosher, also of MSOP. As did Ahab, Cates and Mosher spewed accusations of "troubling Israel" against faithful brethren. In an Open Forum at the Sunny Slope church's Lectureship in Paducah, Kentucky, on July 15, 2006, Mosher said of those who oppose Miller's doctrines:

But these people are as vile a group—and I do mean vile—as I have ever read after in my life. I have never seen the kind of attitude they have. They want to destroy about nine good works in the brotherhood just prove a point. And I want to tell all of you in public. This isn't about Dave Miller. This is not about Dave Miller. I went to school with Dave Miller. I sat in the classes in the graduate school as he and I fought those liberal professors together. He's the only one that stood with me. ...Just call him and see where he stands. But if you're going to believe some of these publications, you're going to have a problem, because those brethren are lying to you.

For many years, I had sent brother Robinson articles for publication in S.T.O.P. And he published them. I sent them by email and always got an acknowledgment from him that they had been received. Shortly after Dave Miller took the reins of Apologetics Press (AP) in 2005, I sent Robinson an article pointing out the error of endorsing AP with a false teacher at its head. From that day to this—almost 13 years later—I am still waiting for an acknowledgment that he received it. Garland Robinson wrote,

...Those who turn aside to the right hand or the left are the troublers in spiritual Israel today. They wish to fellowship everyone and turn a blind eye to the many errors in which they and others are involved! They are the ones who cry, 'let us all go along in order to get along,' which is just as false as false can be. There can be no Biblical unity where there is doctrinal error! Those who have 'lockjaw' (when it comes to the truth) are the ones who have gotten themselves out on a limb.

"Lockjaw?" Garland Robinson, "*Thou art the man!*"

The Inspiration Of Scripture

Jess Whitlock

Is the Bible the work of man, or is it of God? Is it the product of human wisdom alone, or did its authors speak as they were moved by the Holy Spirit of God" (2 Pet. 1:20-21)? I submit the Bible is the only Book that God ever wrote.

The atheists, agnostics, infidels, and modernists assert that the Bible is the mere work of man alone, that it was given of human wisdom only. Taking their assumption to the limit, they must insist that unless man has somehow degenerated in ability and declined in wisdom, that today he should be able to produce a book equal to the Bible, yea, superior to the Bible! The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (i.e., Mormonism) made such a feeble effort through the meagre meanderings of Joseph Smith, and that book failed miserably (1Pet. 4:11).

According to the unproved and unprovable theory of evolution, man should be better able to write such a volume today than when the Bible was actually penned. In those days, there were no printing presses, no institutions of "higher learning," no telephone, no television, and *no computers!* Man's wisdom was a proverbial drop in the bucket then, as compared to the advances of the 21st century. Inspired writers grappled with every problem and situation that confronts man today. The Word of God is all sufficient to guide man through life, unto the grave and eternal life. Let us learn from their words and examples (Rom. 15:4).

Let us challenge the atheists, agnostics, infidels, and modernists along with the humanists and evolutionists to produce a book better than the Bible! Let them search among their ranks for the most highly educated they can put forth. Let them have as many authors as they desire (40 ought to be enough). Let this elite group consult the greatest libraries and universities of the world; let them garner from the great Internet and all sciences, i.e., biology, geology, zoology, and any-ology of their choosing. When they have gleaned from all the best of human intelligence the world can offer, let them put this book together and offer it to the world as a substitute for the divine and authoritative Word of God. Do they have the courage and confidence to make such an attempt? If not, what flimsy excuse will they offer? Could it be the case that man has so fallen from his noble estate of wisdom of 20 centuries ago? *Or, is it the case that the Bible came from a source that is higher than man of our age can possibly hope to attain* (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:21)?