

When did the truth become a matter of interpretation?

God's word says that "you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). But one subtle way to discredit the message, God so carefully preserved through the centuries, is to little by little make people believe that "it is a matter of interpretation!" To buy into the philosophy that it is possible to have more than one interpretation of the truth, is to affirm that God lied when He said that there is "only ONE body, only ONE spirit" (Eph 4:4). The most common attack one might suffer when handling such subject comes in the form of being labeled close-minded, arrogant, or judgmental. No single Christian today has the authority to determine who enters heaven, but God does, and He made it clear that "only those who do His will" (Mk 3:35) have that privilege. Since one cannot argue with what God said, Satan planted the seed of doubt through those who say "maybe there is more than one correct interpretation!" For those who will keep trying to push such mentality down our throats by labeling us unloving, uncaring, not-understanding, heaven-hogs and many other names, I say "get thee behind me, Satan" (Mk 8:33), because they are doing Satan's bidding in the name of a false open-mindedness, false love, and hypocritical tolerance. Here is a light analogy of what those "loving" individuals are actually doing to others. When they convince people of their philosophy, they are being like the people who tell bad American Idol ® contestants that they actually sound good. Some of those poor contestants truly believe they sound good when they go in front of the judges. So those who LIED to them, actually helped them to be humiliated on national television, either by ignorance (because they actually thought they sounded good) or by "love" (because they didn't want to hurt their feelings). Will true love allow others to live a lie? Will true love allow others to face the judgment thinking they are ok when God couldn't spell it out any clearer? So judge for yourself which group has your best interest in mind! I have! And my logical, unbiased, non-arrogant, and open-minded attitude tells me that those who believe God's truth is absolute, those who are loving enough to argue their point when we disagree, those who can admit when they are wrong, and forgive me if I am wrong, most likely have my best interest in mind. So to answer our initial question, the truth became a matter of interpretation when Satan firmed his lie in society's mind, in other words, the truth is the truth and it is NOT open for multiple interpretations. And John leaves us a sobering warning "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Let us pursue a greater understanding of God's absolute truth.

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Overland church of Christ



February 7, 2010

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:30 a.m.

Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.

Bible Class.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Goodtimers.....10:00 a.m.

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

Elders...David Bradley, David Moon,
Tal Sims

Minister....Anderson Maestri
Youth MinisterDarren Wisor

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Our Faith In Action!

Sunday Bible Class	_____70
AM Worship	_____106
Evening Bible Class	_____78
Goodtimers	_____10
Wed. Bible Class	_____66
Contribution	_____ \$3,417
Budget Amount	_____ \$3,318
Mission Contribution	_____ \$11,312

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Family News

Art Tucker was hospitalized last week, he's home now and doing much better.

Tommy Peterson came forward last Sunday asking for prayers.

Nate Hardy will be having surgery on his knee February 9th. Please keep Nate in your prayers.

Brandi Grimes has asked for prayers for her grandpa James Fischer, who has cancer.

Please pray for Le Grand Strickland, son in law of Kathy Shaw (a former member), husband of Carrie (Shaw) Strickland, his vehicle was bombed in Afghanistan. He was the only one who survived but had to have both legs amputated and has a serious head injury. Keep Le Grand and his family in your prayers and please pray for the families of those that lost their lives.

Fairhaven is having a Food Drive and our items to collect are Ketchup and Miracle Whip, now through February 14th.

Children's Bible Hour is available for Ages 2 - 2nd grade. This weeks teachers are ~ Pam & Amy Bradley

Mark Your Calendars

Dinner and a Concert March 5th, 6:00 pm, in the fellowship area. Sign up sheet is available 50 spots available, \$10.00 per person. Ask Anderson or Pam for more information.

CA Sports Trivia Night: Saturday March 6th, 6:00 pm. To register call 314-429-7070 ext. 221 or email tyler.babbitt@cagsl.net. Deadline to register is 3/1/10.

Overland Ladies Day: Perfection....1 Day at a Time, 1 Verse at a Time. Saturday March 13, at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. Speakers: Melissa Wilfong and Kathy Wisor. R.S.V.P. to Kathy by March 7th.

This Week's Birthday's & Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday to:

Krista Thomas ~ 8th
David Bradley ~ 9th
Ada McRoy ~ 9th
Brandi Sims ~ 11th

Happy Anniversary to:

Walter & Patricia Hampton ~ 11th



Calendar of Events

February

Today ~ Super Bowl Party after evening services - **NO POTLUCK TODAY**

14th ~ Congregational Potluck evening services to follow at 1:00

March

5th ~ Dinner and a Concert, 6:00 pm

6th ~ CA Sports Trivia Night
7th ~ Congregational Potluck evening services to follow at 1:00

13th ~ Ladies Day

Youth

February

13th ~ Valentines luncheon for ALL of our older members
19th ~ Youth Rally @ Center Hill church of Christ, Paragould, AR

March

5th & 6th ~ Dexter Youth Rally
13th & 14th ~ Youth Rally @ Greenmount Road church of Christ

There is a staffed nursery for children up to age 2.
Nursery Attendants for today: Vanessa Thomas & Amy Ford
February 14th Attendants ~ Traci & Kim Sims

Prayer Requests

Members

Ethel Bales,
Nancy Douglas,
Cary Evans,
Walter Hampton & Family,
Lenwood & Mary Hodges,
Ann Knight,
Elmer McRoy,
Gordon & Tammy Phelps,
Karen Stephens,
Karen Thoele,
Chris Tucker, Art Tucker,
Roger Walters & Family,
Darren & Kathy Wisor

Family & Friends

Kay South Engler
(Andy & June's daughter)
Howard Evans
(Linda Tippet's dad)
Juanita Hampton
(Walter's mom)
Izzy Franklin
(Family member of the Wood's)
Martin Family
Mrs. White
(retired voice teacher for Harding)

Those Serving in the Military

Sloan Bain ~ Tommy's friend
Brett Campbell
Lt. Kevin Canning, USMC ~ Karen Stephens' grandson
Tim Davis ~ Thoele's nephew
Rammon Macon ~ friend of Brandi Grimes
Don Rude ~ Brandi Grimes' uncle
If you know of someone serving in the military and would like their name on our prayer list, please let the office know.

Shut-Ins

Ethel Bales,
Connie Ruth Brittain,
Nancy Douglas,
Sue Graham,
Ralph & Dee Loyd
Rosemary Rios
Reta Youngblood

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