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THE BIBLE – From Heaven or Men?

Is the Bible the true Word of God? Has our confidence in Scripture been misplaced?

The claims of the Bible are unmistakable. The Bible claims to speak the very words of God. David says, "The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; His word is upon my tongue" (2 Sam.23:2). Paul commends the Christians in Thessalonica: "...when you received from us the word of God, you received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also works in you who believe" (I Thess.2:13).

The Bible claims sacred writings can be preserved. Timothy grew up in the Gentile city of Lystra (Acts 16:1). His mother taught him the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament (2 Tim.3:14,15). How did they have a copy of the Old Testament? Obviously, through the providence of God, the Scriptures were preserved for hundreds of years.

The Bible claims to be timeless and universal. In Scripture, according to the Bible writers, "all the truth" has been revealed and written down (John 16:13; John 20:30,31). The whole gospel is designed for all of humanity (Mark 16:15).

The Bible claims to be understandable. One does not need to be a herdsman to understand the teaching of a lost sheep (Luke 15:1ff). Neither does one need to be an experienced traveler to see the lessons of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10).

The Bible claims to be "the gospel of our salvation," the very "word of life" (Phil.2:15,16). It is the only record of the great Teacher and Savior – Jesus Christ. "Obeying the gospel" (2 Thess.1:7-9) is the means of obtaining forgiveness in Christ (Acts 2:37,38).

If these claims are true, then one must obey, proclaim and defend the Bible (Phil.1:16). If these claims are not true, then multitudes of God-fearing people are being deceived. What is the truth? There is much at stake. Check the Bible. Read it yourself. We believe you'll say what Jesus says, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." (Matthew 24:35) - David Barker

October 6

Bible Study	114
A.M. Worship	163
P.M. Worship	104
Contribution	\$6,253

**STAGE IV
CULTURE
CANCER**
JEFF MILLER, PH.D.

A seminar that examines
*Society's attack on
biblical morality and the home*

Friday, October 18, 2019
6:30 p.m.: "Symptoms"
8:00 p.m.: "Causes"

Saturday, October 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.: "Metastasis I" (Dating)
7:30 p.m.: "Metastasis II" (Marriage)

Sunday, October 20, 2019
9:30 a.m.: "Metastasis IV" (Children)
10:30 a.m.: "Treatment"
2:00 p.m.: "Metastasis III" (Marriage)

Seminar Location:
Midway church of Christ
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Remember these sick and shut-ins with visits, calls, cards and prayers.

- Wendell Logan is in Decatur Morgan hospital, room 324B, with a blood infection and E.coli.
- Harold & Deborah Pirtle have moved to Cedar Springs assisted living. The address is 2505 Spring Ave. SW, Decatur, AL 35601.
- Hannah Flack has a chipped bone in her knee and will be seeing a doctor in Birmingham on Monday.
- Deborah Hall hasn't been feeling well.

ON-GOING PRAYER LIST

Continue to remember **Wilma Eady, Harold and Deborah Pirtle, Myron and Faye Dean Standridge, Corine Cahela, Luceal Meeks, Uel Hester, Lavona Cahoon**

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

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BIBLE SEMINAR NEXT WEEKEND! Please join us and tell others about this event. The first session is this Friday evening, 7 p.m. There will be two sessions on Friday evening, two sessions on Saturday evening (also beginning at 7 p.m.) and three sessions on Sunday (9:30, 10:30 and 2 p.m.). Topics include: The Bible and cultural disease, The Bible and dating, marriage, gender roles, childrearing, and The Bible and solutions which affect life here and life to come (cf I Timothy 4:7,8). That's October 18-20! We've already sent information out to over 3000 homes through house to house, we have spoken to an additional 200 homes through the door knocking campaign, we are advertising through facebook and the newspapers. But there's nothing more powerful than personal invitations. Let's do what we can!

SEMINAR (a few details): The sessions will be longer than usual. They will be loaded with content with several handouts. The sessions will be livestreamed on facebook and recorded for future use. We will also have snacks and coffee available in the fellowship hall on Friday and Saturday evenings.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: Please remember a few things about next Sunday. 1) Our evening service will be at 2 p.m. We will not meet at 6 p.m. 2) For Bible school – all adult classes and teen classes will meet in the auditorium for brother Miller's presentation. 3) We will be having lunch (potluck) together in the fellowship hall following morning services. 4) Our brethren at County Line church of Christ are conducting the nursing home service in our place next Sunday.

ABOUT OUR SEMINAR SPEAKER: Brother Jeff Miller comes to us from Montgomery, Alabama. He has been preaching and teaching for over 20 years and received formal education from Freed-Hardeman, the University of Texas and Auburn University. He has authored dozens of articles dealing with Christian evidences and his books include: Science v. Evolution, Hidden in the Heart, and Dating without Detonating. Brother Jeff currently serves in the science department at Apologetics Press, is associate editor of Reason and Revelation, and is the editor of AP's Bible class curriculum. He is married to Julie and they have five children: Evelyn, Celeste, Davy, Campbell, and Quintus.

FUN IN THE FAMILY: Our annual Fall Festival is fast approaching (Saturday, Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m.). Please see the sheets in the back and sign up to help with an activity. There are many choices – games, rides, serving food and welcoming guests. One particular need – if any of our men are available – is to be ready to help with parking. Thank you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

14 - (A) Jimmy & Elesha Jones
 15 - (B) Rachel James
 20 - (B) Madison Liles

16 - (B) Sawyer Owens
 18 - (B) Melinda Allen



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Today,**
 - ◊ Teen activity, miniature golf after morning services. Pew Packers meet at 5:45pm.
- **October 14,**
 - ◊ Monday Night Meal Delivery 4:30pm. Please see Beth James if you would like to help or contribute.
- **October 17,**
 - ◊ Ladies Bible Class 9:30am.
- **October 18-20,**
 - ◊ Bible Seminar. Dr. Jeff Miller will present "Stage IV Culture Cancer". This seminar examines the symptoms, causes, and metastasis of America's culture war, examining issues like homosexuality, abortion, the destruction of the home as God set it up (dating, gender roles, child rearing), etc.
- **October 26th,**
 - ◊ Fall Festival, 4 to 6pm. There is a list of games and activities on table in back of auditorium. Please sign up to help if

STAGE IV CULTURE CANCER

Session 1: "Symptoms of the Disease"

Seven cultural signs that lead to a bad prognosis for the survival of a society, including toleration of homosexuality and abortion.

Session 2: "Causes of the Disease"

From the beginning, Satan has been at the root of the disease. Since many Americans are "ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11), many are unwittingly indulging in the very things that initiate spiritual cancer in our culture. Every Christian should ask the question, "If, like Satan, my goal was to infect a society with widespread sin, what would I do?"

Sessions 3-6: "Metastasis: Spreading the Disease"

From Satan's perspective, what would be the most effective way to cause the rapid spread of the disease throughout the population? Answer: Target the home. Session 3: Dating; 4,5: Marriage & Gender Roles; 6: Childrearing

Session 7: "Treatment: Sending the Disease into Remission"

Doctors say that cancer cannot yet be cured. But it can be sent into remission by means of an effective treatment. What treatment should be given to send culture's spiritual cancer into remission?



For more information please call: (256) 390-0702

Jeff Miller holds a Bachelor's degree from Freed-Hardeman University, as well as Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a doctorate degree from Auburn University. He has mentored and instructed youth and preached for over 20 years. He has authored dozens of apologetics articles, several books for adults (including *Science vs. Evolution*, *Hidden in My Heart*, and *Dating Without Detonating*) and other materials for children. Dr. Miller currently serves in the Science Department at Apologetics Press in Montgomery, AL and is the Associate Editor of the monthly Christian evidences journal, *Reason & Revelation*, and the Editor of the Apologetics Press Bible Class Curriculum. He lectures around the country on Christian Evidences, science, the Bible, evangelism, and the home. Dr. Miller is married to Julie and has five children (Evelyn, Celeste, Davy, Campbell, and Quintus).

