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FALSE MEANS NOT CONFORMING TO TRUTH: RESPONDING TO A “CHUBBY CHECKER” NOTE

I have to respond to information that came to one of our brethren regarding some statements made either in emails or our bulletins: comments referring to Leo Corpuz. I will touch on only a few of these points with brevity, because there are so many.

1. Leo Corpuz claims in a letter that I know him; that I met him “many, many times” at both San Mateo & Airport churches of Christ. He refers to a wedding that took place in San Mateo at least 8 years ago. I asked Lincoln Strattan and other men how many times they remembered Mr. Corpuz being here and they could not remember once if that.

2. Questions regarding the Campus church of Christ form the bulk of Mr. Corpuz’s complaints. He is basically asking me to substantiate the statements made with respect to the Campus church supporting false teachers; and that, notwithstanding, should not be construed as “support” simply because false teachers have been regular speakers at that congregation (“the argument of Oxendine is that if you use people like those mentioned above that you are like them”). I certainly do think that ANY congregation that would have Rubel Shelly, Buddy Bell, and Rick Atchley (add Jeff Walling in 2002) on ANY program supports “false” teaching. Their records are evident. To make the argument (Corpuz does) that using reference works by “denominational writers” (Barnes, Clarke, Pulpit Commentaries – I’ll add Robertson’s Word Pictures) is akin to having Atchely or Jeff Walling speak before the congregation is simply **ridiculous**.

Mr. Corpuz oddly writes that the elders in Norcross do not necessarily “embrace their erroneous teaching”! He asks, “is there hard proof that the elders embrace their (sic) erroneous doctrines of these men?” Isn’t he plainly admitting here that these men teach error, and trying to excuse the elders from any responsibility? **Invite = Support!** Mr. Corpuz also questions whether it is wrong to take money from a “false Church” (stating however in his letter that Campus is not). He then appeals to the Old Testament example of Cyrus as a non-believer providing “financial assistance” to the Jews to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, and to me as Sanballet (preventing good work from being finished). Do I really need to comment on the quality of that comparison?

Funny that Mr. Corpuz (watch this sudden “twist again” comment on Norcross below) is referring to a series of email correspondence that includes this sentence in the April 29 email from George Reed: “we told him (Leo) that if the congregation there supports such men as Shelly, and others in his camp, he needs to get a new congregation to sponsor his work. **He said he would do it and look for another one.**” That is a direct quote, and sounds less like the support of Norcross by Leo than he might lead some (wonder who?) to believe from his silly diatribe. And since we’re gunslinging, how does this sound (from that same series of emails): “I don’t know Johnny, maybe I’m in the dark. **It seems from talking to Leo he wants to do what’s right and will cease his support from Norcross.**” Gee, is that how it seems? (\$\$\$\$), I guess...NOT!



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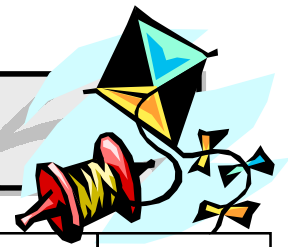
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19 9:45 11:00 2:00 WORSHIP	20-21 Vacation Bible School @ Airport church of Christ			22 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	23	24
26 9:45 CLASS 11:00 WORSHIP 2:00 WORSHIP	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Brandon 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	30	1	2

NEWSCLIPS



WE RECOMMEND...NEW ISSUES TO READ

Summer reading has never been better as we have new releases from both the *Defender* and *Reason & Revelation*. Both have articles that we want to point out as being worthy of consideration and study.

Michael Hatcher's editorial piece in the *Defender* takes us into an Old Testament story that illuminates contemporary concerns. Naaman's statement, "Behold, I thought" (II Kings 5:11-12), is used to discuss how some will respond to situations despite all of the information imparted. Tracy Dugger has a nice, short article on peace. He takes a look at what it means to have peace with God, and peace in the church.

Reason & Revelation addresses a topic that often generates some interest: slavery and the Bible. This is a long essay by Kyle Butt (who was in San Mateo) that looks at all of the angles and many of the events that one might think of while exploring this complex subject. There is also a feature article on Philemon.

LADIES BIBLE BREAKFAST - AUGUST 27TH...PLAN
Remember to schedule this time on your calendars.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT AIRPORT THIS WEEK

The information is on the board and has been in the bulletin concerning the VBS program at the Airport church of Christ. We want to encourage all who can to support this endeavor, and especially those who have little children.

STRATTAN CHALLENGE SIGNUP SHEET...

The opportunity to walk with Lincoln on the weekends to present the gospel to those in the immediate area begins. There is a sign up sheet on the board, and we want to ask all of the men to be involved in this work. The days available are Sunday and Saturday. Specify a time that you would like to go, and Lincoln will work out the details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS STUDY - I, II, III John

Last week we covered the remaining material in Titus and will now be moving into the I John epistle. Please read the first two chapters (though we may not cover all of that on Wednesday), and we will have a lively discussion. Also, encourage a brother or sister in Christ (or bring a friend along) so that they also can participate (or just listen!).