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A COMMITMENT TO TRUTH WON'T ALLOW FUNDING FROM FALSE TEACHERS AND LIBERALS

In the third verse of the book of Jude the writer explains that though he would have rather been writing unto the brethren about the salvation shared by all saints, that he was compelled, in fact, to discuss another matter (which was to contend for the faith). It is with this example in mind that we in San Mateo need to bring forth an issue (even during our lecture series!) of far-reaching ramifications. The matter before us is with regards to Leo Corpuz and the work that he is involved with in the Philippines.

This is a delicate matter because many people know Mr. Corpuz far better than some of us. Yet it is not how well we know him as much as it is what is reflected by his actions. We are not concerned here with a recent dispute that took hold of many of the local churches between Mr. Corpuz and the Airport congregation. That matter does not enter into this assessment at all. Rather, it is what we learned in San Mateo as the result of a request to consider the work of Mr. Corpuz for funding that led us on the trail of the most unconscionable of sacrifices to truth in order to "maintain" a work.

Leo Corpuz was instrumental in establishing the congregation in Daly City. At some point he became more involved in work in the Philippines and is now an elder along with his work that he conducts at the Philippine Bible College. This would be quite commendable except that the people who provide the majority of funding for Corpuz (and the elders that **oversee** the work in the Philippines) are the Campus Church at Norcross, Georgia (outside of Atlanta). What do we know about this congregation that would compel us to write this bulletin? It is one of the largest and notoriously liberal in the brotherhood and has invited numerous false teachers and change agents to teach and preach at their congregation. In the summer of 2003 Norcross invited Jeff Walling, Buddy Bell, and Rubell Shelley to speak or preach at the congregation! That is tantamount to three nuclear bombs against the truth that would be welcome nowhere this side of the devil himself. This year they invited Bell again along with Rich Atchley, and used quotations in their bulletin from Max Lucado! You get the picture. These people promote variations of denominationalism, non-essential baptism, instrumental music, and just about anything else that would be an offense to God and scripture.

So why does Leo Corpuz take money from these people? And how does this reflect on the work in the Philippines where Daly City and others are sending their funds for the "truth" to be taught? This is something that has been going on for some times, so no one can deny this under the pretense of having just learned of it. Leo has been getting money from Norcross for nearly (if not more than) twenty years! It is a total disgrace for a faithful minister of the gospel to grovel at the hands of false teaching liberals for money. Any attempt at a defense of these actions in any way must be viewed with incredulity - and Mr. Corpuz cannot explain this away. Worse, the congregations and individuals who support or condone his actions have no scriptural authority for doing so. That is like taking money from Al Capone to fund a gospel meeting. Can we?



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**FILLING THE WORLD
WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE
LORD**
Isaiah 11:9





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2004

28 9:45 CLASS 11:00 WORSHIP 2:00 WORSHIP	29 Evangelism Class 7-8 pm	30	1 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	2	3	4
5 9:45 CLASS 11:00 WORSHIP 2:00 WORSHIP	6 Evangelism Class 7-8 pm	7	8 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	9	10 Keith Mosher, Sr. San Mateo Gospel Meeting	11
12 	13 Evangelism Class 7-8 pm	14	15 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	16	17 Hayward Church of Christ -	18 Ladies Holiday Tea
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26 9:45 CLASS 11:00 WORSHIP 2:00 WORSHIP	27 Evangelism Class 7-8 pm	28	29 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	30 	31 	1 Happy New Year! Be Safe!

NEWSCLIPS

BIRTHDAY AND LECTURE SERIES FELLOWSHIP...

Today is one of those rare days when we have both the birthday fellowship and the lectureship fellowship on the same day. Since there are no December birthdays we can just enjoy this as an old fashioned lectureship meal. Still, we want the visitors to know that we want them to stay, and that they are especially welcome (they go to the front of the line!).

LADIES TEA THIS COMING SATURDAY...DEC. 18TH

Just a brief reminder for those ladies who will be responding to do so soon.

BENEVOLENCE ITEMS...REMEMBER TO BRING THEM!

HAYWARD CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP...

The monthly fellowship is this coming Friday. Details are on the board in the foyer.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES ARE ON THE TRACT RACK

Please notify us of any errors or changes not made. There are some emails that we might have missed.

COMMITMENT...KEITH MOSHER, SR.

The theme of the Winter Lecture Series is commitment, and Brother Mosher had delivered excellent lessons. Why would any congregation need someone to come all the way from Memphis to speak on commitment? Can't we just read our Bibles and see that this is an important subject, that we need to be committed to the Lord and service in His church?

The answer is "of course we already know what the scriptures say", but we all need the encouragement and exhortation. The idea of knowing what the Bible says and doing what it says are always quite different. Note the example of Demas.

Demas had been a faithful Christian. He had traveled with the apostle Paul. His life had been full of experiences that would make the average person's head spin: imagine the conversions after discussions with Paul! He was aware of the principles of the gospel, and the hope of eternal salvation. Yet Demas left the side of the apostle because he loved the present world. HE LOVED THE PRESENT WORLD!

What a sad commentary on the day of judgement!