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“BULLETIN BRIEFS”

A hundred years ago many of the major denominations in the United States and Great Britain took seriously the command of Jesus to go into all the world. And even though they held a corrupted form of the gospel many of their members took it upon themselves to spread the word as they believed it. Thus today there are large groups of Presbyterians, Methodists and Anglicans in other countries, because of the mission work of those denominations and others prior to the First World War.

Yet, when many of the older missionaries of those churches began to come home just before and after that war they found that liberalism and modernism had taken hold in the seminaries and the preachers in their churches and on their mission boards had no interest in taking the gospel to anyone. In fact many of them felt that the religion of Jesus was just one among many great world religions. They would often contend that Jesus was a good man, but certainly not the Son of God and that there were equally great men in other religions. Thus the very foundation for mission work among those denominations was destroyed.

At the present time the churches of Christ are being attacked by rank liberalism. Self styled change agents are trying to restructure the church to make it more palatable to evangelical Protestantism. What is worse, elders who ought to know better are bidding Godspeed to the change agents by allowing their preachers to join forces with those who are openly fellowshiping the denominations. This will lead not only to the abandonment of the New Testament pattern (2 Tim. 1:13) for the church, but a complete undermining of our mission efforts. Who will worry about spreading the pure and unperturbed gospel of Jesus, if “one church is as good as another?” Therefore I am using this issue of the *Waldron Newsletter* to help combat the false doctrine and the spirit of compromise that is destroying the church in many places. Below is a copy of an open letter I wrote for the July issue of *Bulletin Briefs*. This paper published by the Dunlap church deals with the activities of change agents and with evil practices which are destroying the moral fiber of this country. If you would like to receive it without charge, write to Randall Standefer, P.O. Box 123, Dunlap, TN 37327.

To Elders Whose Preacher Will Appear At “Jubilee” 2000

Dear Brothers in Christ

June 2, 2000

It is truly my hope that you are in good health and that your families are also. Yet, I must confess it is very disappointing to know that you are allowing your preacher to be a part of “Nashville Jubilee” (July 4-8).

Just this week (June 1-4) those who are the main driving force behind “Jubilee” are joining with Billy Graham in his “crusade” in Nashville. Many of you are very near my own age - I will be 65 in November - and you are well aware of the kinds of things Graham has taught over the last 50 years.

He, as a Baptist preacher, has taught millions that salvation is by faith alone, which is a direct contradiction of the scriptures (Mark 16:15-16; James 2:24). He has taught and teaches that once a person is saved he is always saved, which is the very opposite of the words of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:4; Heb. 6:1-8). Graham teaches that one church is as good as another and that one should join the church of his choice, which things are diametrically opposed to the words of our beloved Master (Matt. 16:18; cf., Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22, 23; 4:4; 5:25). Graham teaches that Christ’s kingdom has *not* come, but will be set up in the future, which contradicts the truth (Mark 9:1; Col. 1:13).

How is it possible that you as elders in God’s church could allow the brother who fills your pulpit to join forces with those, who proudly published on the internet eight months ago, “several of our shepherds wrote letters of invitation to Dr. Billy Graham to encourage him to come to our city?” (Woodmont Hills “Family of God,” *Lovelines*, Vol. 39,

Sept. 29, 1999, www.Woodmont.org). These men admit to inviting this wolf to come among God's flock in Middle Tennessee.

Not only are the above things true in relation to Graham, but the "Nashville Jubilee" is a para-church organization that has, for eleven years, done more to divide the churches of Christ in the state of Tennessee than any other thing. This has been done by the use of men who are, as a matter of public record, teaching things which are contrary to sound doctrine. A hundred years ago the "missionary society" was used to divide the body of Christ and to take many churches into the ranks of modernism and classical liberalism. Such division is classed with idolatry and witchcraft as a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). By promoting "Jubilee" you are bidding Godspeed to self-styled change agents who are dividing our beloved brotherhood (2 John 9-11).

I beseech you as brothers in Christ to oppose such change agents who are trying to restructure the church of Christ into a protestant community church. Remember the words of the apostle Paul, "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them" (Eph. 5:11). He also wrote to Timothy, that we are to "hold fast to the pattern of sound words" (2 Tim. 2:2). And to Titus he said elders are to hold "fast the faithful word ... for there are many insubordinate . . . whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households teaching things which they ought not, for dishonest gain" (Titus 1:9-11). The list of those appearing at this year's "Jubilee" may be found on the internet: www.nashjubilee.org.

Woodmont Hills has four men from its staff on the "Jubilee" program. These are Randy Gill, "worship leader," Eddie Plemmons, "children and family ministry," Terry Smith, assistant preacher, and Rubel Shelly, preacher, who has a long track record of joint participation with denominational churches and their leaders.

Others who are joining forces with Woodmont Hills at "Jubilee" are Jason Allison, Greg Anderson, Buddy Bell, Mark Black (David Lipscomb University Bible professor and preacher for the Donelson church, Nashville), Phil Barnes, Bobby Chapman, Mike Cope (preacher for the 5th and Highland church in Abilene), Ron Cook, Gwynneth Curtis, and Ken Dye (founder of the Hendersonville Community church, who now preaches for the West End church in Nashville). Still others are Steve Davidson, Doug Foster (professor of church history at Abilene), Joel Fort, Ken Green, Scotty Harris (preacher at Pegram, near Nashville), John Mark Hicks (professor at Harding Graduate School) and Gary Holloway, who is dean of the College of Bible and Ministry at David Lipscomb.

Still others are Jim Holway, Wesley Jones (Represents "World Christian Broadcasters, Inc.," Franklin, TN), Wayne Kilpatrick (preacher - Homewood church in Birmingham), Russ King, Mac Lynn, Don McLaughlin (preacher - North Atlanta church), Jim Martin, Rolston Mondaizie and Randy Moody.

Others include Ken Neller, Chris Qualls, Floyd Rose, Chris Seidman, David Slater, Brian Simmons, Chris Smith, Mark Smith, Brandon Scott Thomas (worship leader at Otter creek) and Jim Woodroof, whose two books, *Divorce Dilemma* and *The Church In Transition* provide self documentation of his antithesis to the doctrine of Christ. Tim Woodroof, Edwin White and Dale Ward are also on the program.

In Christian love,

Jim E. Waldron

P. S. Many who read this Newsletter have known me for ten, twenty, thirty or forty years and have shared with me as I have preached the gospel in places foreign and domestic. You also bear record that as Paul was, I am set "for the defense of the gospel." I will therefore do as the Lord commanded, "Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet" (Isa. 58:1). We are working with ten schools of preaching in three countries. I returned home May 10 after spending eight weeks in India and Nepal. . Plans are for me to return to that work the first part of July. Pray please for me and the church of our Lord that it will be delivered from deceitful men. We love and appreciate you (J & L)..

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