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A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE MEETING WITH KEITH MOSHER & "COMMITMENT": "WHERE..."

The Winter Lecture Series was in many ways an impressive success! How can we realistically say that when the numbers were not nearly as high as they had been for our Fall Series? Because the members that attended every lesson were showing a very determined commitment to support the work, and it was duly noted by brother Mosher (in our Sunday adult class) that those who do not attend meetings or classes (under reasonable circumstances - such as health issues) are disobedient to Hebrews 10:25.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins..."

The breath of the theme covered every possible view that the scriptures present in terms of our faithfulness as Christians: being committed to God, His Word, His Son, and the church. Brother Mosher asked a very simple question in the last lesson: "Do you love God?" No one can say that they love God, and be uninvolved in the work of the local church - he proved that "and mightily" by the scriptures. Whether all brethren understand the full impact of that question is unknown. Not only did he ask that question, but also asked where some brethren had been on Friday and Saturday night.

Was that a necessary or even valid question? "How dare he ask what we do with our time? **We** are paying **him** to come speak; that does not obligate me to plan my vacation or trips, or work to attend his lessons. Everything will be covered by somebody else!"

Sometimes you have brethren with that attitude, but not many, nor that often. The point is that when meetings are planned they fall into the same category as any other church work that we should plan our time around and support to the best of our abilities. Again, obviously this does not include those whose health is a primary issue.

Another point brought up by brother Mosher was Christian giving. He presented some very important information to consider when we give. His statement that Jesus taught more about money than any other topic in the parables (or nearly anywhere) gives credence to brother Mosher's follow-up that more brethren will probably miss heaven over money than for any other reason.

The timing of the series this year did run in conflict with the annual meeting with Wayne Jackson at Airport, and we really regret that the mix-up occurred, but we are responsible for our own meetings being supported. We will continue to bring the best of the brotherhood to speak here, and we will continue to provide the best publications for the congregation to keep abreast of the state of the church - but none of these, nor the best that we can share in our classes can do any good unless we are committed.



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
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NEWSCLIPS

WE RECOMMEND: "FALLING AWAY..."

We don't usually start our recommendations on this side of the bulletin, but this month we are blessed to have several periodicals that scream for full attention. The first is the article that is highlighted in the *Christian Courier*. Titled, "Falling Away From The Living God", it focuses on the text of Hebrews 3:12.

This subject is so crucial today as we see (and hear of) brethren in churches all over who are slowly falling away from the Lord and do not even seem to realize it. This article looks at the areas of vulnerability and explains them in easily understood examples, using the scriptures to help us see what to look out for and avoid: "false teachers", hostile adversaries, family members, "the cares of this world", "the deceitfulness of riches", and last but not least - **neglect**. There is extra attention given to this term, as it is found in Heb. 2:1-3. The writer reveals that this neglect manifests itself in specific areas: an appalling lack of biblical knowledge and (once again!) church attendance. Have you wondered why so many publications have been addressing this issue over the last few years? Look around the pews and you'll see (or not) the effects of neglect. Do all that we can to encourage brethren to remain faithful to the Lord!

WE RECOMMEND: THE GOSPEL JOURNAL

This issue also has loads of information that is of utmost importance for the Christian today. Tired of reading already? You might change your mind!

An article by David B. Watson is so on target with an issue today that many of us may not apprehend the far-reaching implications of this piece:

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE...

Brother Watson not only exposes the error that many teach on this subject, but he surely squares his sights also on those brethren who are willing to compromise on issues in order to keep peace in the church. This is where I think this article has its greatest strength. Watson gives examples of the desire to avoid dealing with the gospel truth in order to appease someone. He attacks the "we'll just baptize them and let God decide" brethren: those spiritual wimps who are incapable of telling someone they need to repent in order to be baptized. Please read this article if no other!

YESTERDAY THE LADIES HAD A HOLIDAY TEA!

What a nice beginning to the holidays.