

# Contending FOR THE Faith™

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE TRUTH AND HATE ERROR

## KENNETH CHUMBLEY AND JERRY MANNING CORRESPONDENCE

**An e-mail exchange concerning an attempt to set up a meeting with Curtis Cates for the purpose of allowing Cates to present what he claims to be conclusive and incontrovertible evidence proving beyond a reasonable doubt that Dub McClish, David B. Watson, *CFTF*, *Defender* et al., are in error regarding Dave Miller's doctrines on the R&R of elders, MDR and the disruption of fellowship among brethren over the last four years regarding the same.**

On Thursday April 24, 2008, some preachers met for lunch at a restaurant in Augusta, GA. Jerry Manning, preacher for the West Columbia Church of Christ, Columbia, South Carolina was present. He was fairly new to the Columbia area and had come to the Thomson, Georgia church to conduct a Gospel meeting. Prior to the restaurant meeting, I had never met Jerry. During that meeting Jerry made accusations against Dub McClish and *Contending For The Faith*. He made his accusations when asked a question regarding Dave Miller. Following my comments is an exchange of e-mails between Jerry and me. They grew out of our restaurant discussion.

During the exchange of e-mails Jerry proposed that I visit West Columbia in Sept. when bro. Cates would be with them in a Gospel meeting (2009). He said the three of us could meet with him in Jerry's office. You will note that I proposed a meeting that would bring Curtis and Jerry together with those they have accused (Dub McClish, Dave

Watson, David P. Brown) which accusations stemmed from the situation arising from Dave Miller's false teaching. I also suggested that others might want to be present in this effort to get matters causing division in the church scripturally remedied and the breach in fellowship healed. You will note that Jerry reported the response he received from brother Cates, which completely ignored my proposal. That response was that Curtis would "consider" a private meeting provided that I agreed to certain conditions which included *no recording of the meeting, no report of the meeting and that I sign an agreement prior to the meeting "that what is discussed will not be published or made public in any (e-mail, web site etc.)."* You will further note that the meeting was to be one in which Curtis Cates "will present the evidence" and, as Manning stated: "This is for you to hear and brother Cates to present. Neither one of us has to say a word." Thus, the only kind of meeting that would possibly be agreed to by bro. Cates was one where I would be there alone with him and Jerry Manning with no opportunity to counter any alleged "evidence" that he might present.

You will also note that in the exchange I mentioned the Memphis meeting of 1973 with representatives of the *Herald of Truth* that Garland Elkins and others called to discuss the

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## Editorial...

### “PROVE ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD.”

(1 THESS. 5:21)

Any effort to hinder or thwart Christians from complying with Paul’s inspired directive in the verse that serves as the title of this editorial is sinful. To make accusations and never attempt to prove them is also a violation of this verse. The same thing applies to any church member who seeks to or actually prohibits a Christian’s effort to obey 1 Pet. 3:15. In order to see what God thinks about anyone who attempts to hinder the truth read the account of Bar-Jesus (Elymas) when he “withstood them (Paul and Barnabas—*Editor*), seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith” (Acts 13:8). Strong apostolic judgment was rendered upon Elymas for his actions. In the process thereof Paul accurately characterized the man saying to and of him, “O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord” (verse 10).

Boldly asserting that one has conclusive and incontrovertible proof that proves a charge to be true is not enough, but then when one refuses to reveal it, except under clandestine circumstances that forbids cross examination of any kind, is not only contrary to the authority of Jesus Christ, but un-American. This is contrary to the United States Justice System as well as honest and fair conduct among and between men. But above all things there is nothing Christian about it. People have a right to face their accusers and vice versa. Imagine the mind-set that shudders at the thought of having one’s evidence examined and, therefore, seeks to keep it to himself—excepting those who are in full agreement with him in the first place.

Dub McClish, Dave Watson, *CFTF*, *Defender*, et al., have made and continue to make public charges regarding the break in fellowship that came about when some brethren determined to fellowship Dave Miller regardless of the fact that he taught and participated in the erroneous practice of the re-evaluation and reaffirmation of elders along with teaching, condoning and supporting error regarding MDR. Brethren are sinning when they fellowship the unrepentant Miller and those that support him. This has been and is the case because these are public and not private matters—they were not done “in a corner.” Moreover, we have offered and do offer proof (adequate evidence) to substantiate our accusations. Furthermore, we welcome those who boldly assert that we are liars and slanderers to publicly under proper polemic conditions attempt to prove their case. But we will not hold our collective breaths until their actions speak louder than their cloaked words they so freely speak under

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liberalism that had come into the *Herald of Truth* program. This meeting was not a private one where no record was kept of what occurred. Neither was it one where the representatives of *Herald of Truth* presented their views, but no one else could speak; nor was it one in which the *Herald of Truth* representatives were forbidden speak, but could only listen. Yet, some of those who were insistent that the representatives of *Herald of Truth* attend the meeting are now among those who only want to meet privately with individuals and not meet “face to face” with those against whom they have made accusations. Although I disagreed then, and still do, with the position of the representatives of *Herald of Truth*, I appreciate that they were willing and agreeable at least one time to meet those concerns of that day. How unlike those today who wish to hide behind private one-sided meetings with a signed agreement that nothing be published.

—Kenneth Chumbley



***Following is the e-mail exchange.***

From: Chumbley kjchumb@gmail.com  
To: JerryManning@yahoo.com  
Fri., Apr. 25, 2008 at 7:14 AM  
Subject: Dub McClish and Hatred

Jerry,

Would you consider these statements show hatred?:

“A small toxic loyalty circle.”

“These people are as vile a group, and I do mean vile, as I have ever read after in my life”

These are statements that have been made in writing or recorded, not feelings based on tone of voice.

BTW (By the Way—*Editor*)—You may have noticed that I used my cell phone when we were all talking yesterday and you had stated that Dub McClish hated Dave Miller based on what you detected in the tone of his voice on the telephone (a very subjective way of telling what is in a person’s heart!). I was trying to contact Dub directly so that he could respond to your charge to all of us. I called his house and then called his cell phone but his (sic) was unavailable at the time as he was on the road. Later I was able to get hold of him. I directly asked him the question—without informing him at the time of the source of the statement—and he strongly denied it.

Also, either you have never read or heard Dub’s Lecture at Bellview and are simply repeating what you have heard or (sic) you need to listen and read his manuscript that is in the book again. At least three of us were sure that you were in error when you stated that he doesn’t deal with Dave Miller but did not have the evidence to hand. Indeed, along with other situations, he deals specifically with Brown Trail and Dave Miller. Further, about that time, Brown Trail—which included Dave Miller, as he was still a member of the congregation—had indicated that they had made a mistake and would not do it again. However, history shows that they did indeed do

it again and Dave Miller was very much a part of it and since he has refused to repent, that is what brought about the change with regards to him being marked as a false teacher. That letter he wrote in September of 2005 does not show repentance but denies any wrong doing.

I will await your documentation of the lies in *Contending for the Faith*.

Ken Chumbley

[To save space the “From:” and “To:” lines and the information to follow will be removed from the e-mails in the rest of the exchange — *Editor*]

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Date: Mon., Apr. 28, 2008 at 2:37 PM  
Subject: Re: Dub McClish and Hatred

Ken,

Would you consider this statement showing hatred?:

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is prating (sic) against us with malicious words and his work is evil because he won’t receive the brethren and throws those that do receive them out of the church.

That’s just the apostle John calling Diotrephes’ work what it is.

I think what is being done to Dave Miller, Bert Thompson, Curtis Cates, Barry Grider, etc., is both toxic and vile. Maybe it’s not driven by hatred, maybe it’s pride; but whatever it is it’s SIN and needs to stop.

Dave Miller/Brown Trail did not teach or allow the congregation to have the authority to re-evaluate their eldership and dissolve or appoint elders at their discretion. That did not happen and they are not continuing to do that or teach such a thing. To accuse them of that is madness.

Did you ever think that maybe the reason Curtis Cates never answered your e-mails was that he was afraid they would be circulated around the world, published and taken out of context? The same way you jumped on me at the restaurant when I said that I know what you have concerning these matters. You started saying rather loudly, “Oh, you know ALL that I have? How can you know what I have?” As if I claimed to be some kind of god. I assumed I had your “facts” because there has been no new information published or posted on the “heretic detection” web sites or burned to CD that I haven’t already seen. But that didn’t stop you from jumping all over me. Am I going to be “writen-up”—PREACHER CLAIMS TO BE GOD!?

We were in a public restaurant. What if the waitress

went around to all the tables and told everyone that we were a bunch of preachers from the church of Christ. [?] Would they have been able to see that we were Christ's disciples by the love we had for one another (John 13:35)? I very much felt attacked and to the casual observer they would not have witnessed God's love between us.

One thing that bothered me was the accusation (several times) that I was defending an institution instead of defending Christ. I wasn't defending an institution (MSOP). I was defending a brother, Curtis A. Cates. It is an honor and a privilege to do so. Whenever the opportunity arises to defend a man-of-God or a woman-of-God I do so, as Barnabas defended Paul. Those who try and destroy such and their work, just hang millstones around their necks and become bitter.

I beg you brother Chumbley to get out of this "dog-fight," You are gnawing your own foot off.

The evidence I would present to you are the articles you already have, but "seeing you will not see." You need to go directly to Curtis Cates and talk to him about your "facts" concerning his sins, and do the same with Dave Miller. I refuse to be in this "dog-fight" except to defend faithful brethren that I personally know when the opportunity arises. To get the proper information you have to go to the source, which I have done. And when you go, don't brink (sic) a loaded shotgun but an open mind. I will be glad to arrange a meeting when Curtis Cates comes in 2009 but I'm afraid by then you will have gnawed off both your legs.

There is no doubt that you are consumed by this. Get it off your back so you can run the good race unimpeded.

My prayers go with you,

Jerry Manning



Date: Mon., Apr. 28, 2008 at 8:53 PM

Subject: Re: Dub McClish and Hatred

Jerry,

Thanks for your response to my e-mail. By that I assume that you made it home safely.

I will respond to your e-mail using a different font and color to show my responses in red. [In *CFTF* we have placed the appropriate names before each man's comments, Manning's comments are indented.—*Editor*]

On Mon., Apr. 28, 2008 at 2:37 PM, jerry manning <jerry1manning@yahoo.com> wrote:

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out of the church.

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**Chumbley's Response:** Jerry, I know exactly what that statement is and who wrote it.

Do you consider the statements that I quoted, ("A small toxic loyalty circle." "these people are as vile a group, and I do mean vile, as I have ever read after in my life"), to be of the same caliber as that of an inspired apostle? If so, then you account statements uninspired men as being of equal weight as apostles. The inspired apostle was able to know the truth with respect to Diotrophes by inspiration but these men (Joseph Meador and Keith Mosher) do NOT possess such inspiration. Further, you accused Dub McClish of hatred for Dave Miller based on what you perceived to be his tone of voice. Do you have the power to discern the hearts of individuals? Clearly you do since you were so positive in your affirmation that Dub hated Dave based solely on your subjective reasoning.

**Manning:** I think what is being done to Dave Miller, Bert Thompson, Curtis Cates, Barry Grider, etc., is both toxic and vile. Maybe it's not driven by hatred, maybe it's pride; but whatever it is it's SIN and needs to stop.

**Chumbley's Response:** Clearly, from your statement, you are ready to use the same kind of language as Meador and Mosher in speaking about brethren. Now you say it may simply be pride and not hatred—why are you changing your mind – are you not sure? You certainly seemed sure on Thursday morning when these matters were discussed. Yes there is SIN involved—and it could be pride or hatred on the part of some and it needs to stop—but WHO are the ones that are making statements like those quoted above and saying that some brethren hate others, are vile and toxic—those who for whatever reason—are upholding Dave Miller in his error and fellowshiping him. When will YOU call on the likes of Mosher and Meador to stop their personal attacks and deal with the evidence?

**Manning:** Dave Miller/Brown Trail did not teach or allow the congregation to have the authority to re-evaluate their eldership and dissolve or appoint elders at their discretion. That did not happen and they are not continuing to do that or teach such a thing. To accuse them of that is madness.

**Chumbley's Response:** Jerry, you are very postive (sic) in your statement—but offer NO proof to validate your contention. Am I just to accept YOUR word? I know you sincerely believe what you have stated to be true—but such is NOT evidence and is purely subjective. Is that how you seek to teach people the Gospel? I don't think so, but when it comes to brethren you expect them to believe what you say—WITHOUT evidence.

**Manning:** Did you ever think that maybe the reason

Curtis Cates never answered your e-mails was that he was affraid (sic) they would be circulated around the world, published and taken out of context?

**Chumbley's Reply:** Jerry, you conveniently forget that I was told by two of the members of the board of TGJ (Michael Hatcher and Tommy Hicks) to contact Curtis Cates, as it had been agreed by the board that he (Curtis) would answer any questions about the action that had been taken in the board meeting. At that time, I was just seeking information—Curtis had no way of knowing how I would react—I was simply seeking to get the facts and get to the truth. Curtis had received a copy of Michael Hatcher's e-mail to me (as Michael had sent his reply to me to him before he got my request—so he know (sic) it was coming. Thus, you (sic) speculation as to why Curtis did not answer is speculation—nothing more and nothing less—and indeed without your knowledge of what I stated in my request.

Further, this is DIFFERENT to what you said last Thursday when your response was that Curtis was a “busy man” and didn't check his e-mails (the same response you gave to me about any response from you). It is clear that Curtis DOES use his e-mail and responds when he desires to do so—indeed, I have seen copies of e-mails that he has written. If he wasn't going to use his e-mail—why have an e-mail address? Clearly you do use your e-mail address—since you responded quite quickly to my e-mail. I was sure that you did check your e-mail regularly otherwise you would not put your e-mail address in the church bulletin—which is where I was able to find it.

**Manning:** The same way you jumped on me at the restaurant when I said that I know what you have concerning these matters. You started saying rather loudly, “Oh, you know ALL that I have? How can you know what I have?” (As if I claimed to be some kind of god). I assumed I had your “facts” because there has been no new information published or posted on the “heretic detection” web sites or burned to CD that I haven't already seen. But that didn't stop you from jumping all over me. Am I going to be “written-up”—REACHER CLAIMS TO BE GOD!?

We were in a public restaurant. What if the waitress went around to all the tables and told everyone that we were a bunch of preachers from the church of Christ. [?] Would they have been able to see that we were Christ's disciples by the love we had for one another (John 13:35)? I very much felt attacked and to the casual observer they would not have witnessed God's love between us.

**Chumbley's Response:** Jerry, it appears that something is wrong with your memory regarding the events at the restaurant—in front of witnesses. I didn't JUMP you—indeed the boot was on the other foot! Remember YOU told us about Ernie Richards and the “hate” that he had for breth-

ren (was that another example of your subjective reasoning?). You used VERY STRONG language to describe the situation regarding Ernie and the West Columbia Church — would the waitress have been able to say that about you and your statements BEFORE any discussion came up about the Dave Miller situation?

When we began to discuss the Dave Miller situation, a question was raised and you responded in the same way that you had done with regards (sic) to the matters concerning Ernie Richards. You brought up *Contending for the Faith* (calling it “Contentious for the Faith”) and indicating that Dub McClish “hated” Dave Miller. You did not like it when I questioned you with regards (sic) to whether you knew all of the evidence and information that I have. You made an ASSUMPTION then and continue it here, and a FALSE assumption at that. You do NOT know all of the contacts that I had and the information that I gathered—ut you ASSUME to know EVERYTHING. Again, you continue your attacks against others—I assumed I had your “facts” because there has been no new information published or posted on the “heretic detection” web sites or burned to CD that I haven't already seen.” As for “jumping all over” anyone—you chose to do that IMMEDIATELY because some of us even dared to question your pronouncements about *Contending for the Faith* and Dub McClish. Incidentally, Jimmy Aaron made a good point when he pointed out that you had thought a great deal of Dub McClish and his judgment, then, because of this one issue you turned and accuse Dub of hating Dave—based solely on your subjective interpretation of the tone of his voice in a telephone conversation. Since when has such subjective reasoning passed for sound evaluation of the evidence?

**Manning:** One thing that bothered me was the accusation (several times) that I was defending an institution instead of defending Christ. I wasn't defending an institution (MSOP). I was defending a brother, Curtis A. Cates. It is an honor and a privilege to do so. Whenever the opportunity arises to defend a man-of-God or a woman-of-God I do so, as Barnabas defended Paul. Those who try and destroy such and their work, just hang millstones around their necks and become bitter.

**Chumbley's Response:** Oh, you weren't defending an institution? Numerous times you referred to the good that had been done by the school over the years in training men to preach and how wrong it was to criticize the school and those associated with it. You were NOT simply defending Curtis Cates. Just because an institution was worthy of support and did a good work in the past is NO proof that it is continuing to do so. Such can easily be proved by examining what has happened at the Christian colleges and universities (Abilene, Lipscomb, Freed-Hardeman—to name just a few). Yes, it is an “honor and a privilege” to defend a faithful brother—ut when by his words and actions he shows that he

is no longer faithful to the Lord then to continue to defend such is CONTRARY to the will of God (2 John 9-11). One example that can be quickly thought of is Rubel Shelly—once a faithful brother—but no more.

Those who continue to support such men and the works that they are involved with become those who do great harm to the cause of Christ. As for “bitterness,” I have seen such in your words (both spoken and written) as well as the words of others.

**Manning:** I beg you brother Chumbley to get out of this “dog-fight,” You are gnawing your own foot off.

**Chumbley’s Response:** Jerry—the one who needs to “get out” is you! YOU are the one who is upholding those who have erred from the truth and the teaching of God’s Word.

**Manning:** The evidence I would present to you are the articles you already have, but “seeing you will not see.” You need to go directly to Curtis Cates and talk to him about your “facts” concerning his sins, and do the same with Dave Miller. I refuse to be in this “dog-fight” except to defend faithful brethren that I personally know when the opportunity arises. To get the proper information you have to go to the source, which I have done. And when you go, don’t brink a loaded shotgun but an open mind. I will be glad to arrange a meeting when Curtis Cates comes in 2009 but I’m afraid by then you will have gnawed off both your legs.

**Chumbley’s Response:** Jerry, is this how you were taught at MSOP to respond when one asks for EVIDENCE? I know that such did not used to be the case, but has that changed? You made charges, unsubstantiated, concerning articles that had appeared in *Contending for the Faith* and when asked for evidence to substantiate those charges, this is your response. Is this because you do not have such evidence available to show that what is written are lies? If you are going to go around making such charges, as you did Thursday morning, you should have a[t] least ONE example ready to hand. Could it be that the reason you do not have such is that you are only repeating what you have been told? BTW—you avoid dealing with Dub McClish’s lecture at Bellview that you stated did NOT make reference to Dave Miller when we were together on Thursday. Why is that? Is that because you know that what you said is false? Or is it because you have not heard/read the lecture for yourself and were using “taking (sic) points” given to you by another?

As for Curtis Cates, if he were a “man of his word” in this matter, he would have responded when asked when those things took place. Further, Curtis, and others have been asked on numerous occasions to meet to deal with these matters and in more than one venue—indeed, there was an offer made for such a forum to be held in Memphis but such requests to meet have been ignored. You need to, hon-

estly, ask yourself: Why do they refuse to meet? Surely, if they have the truth on these issues, they should be willing to defend such in an open, full discussion? Jerry, maybe YOU are the man to get them to “come to the table”—hopefully before 2009—for their refusal to meet has gone on far too long already.

**Manning:** There is no doubt that you are consumed by this. Get it off your back so you can run the good race unimpeded.

Jerry Manning

**Chumbley’s Response:** Jerry, if anyone is consumed by this it is YOU. Your statements last Thursday when we met and the tone of this e-mail show that “thou are the man.” My prayers go with you,

**Chumbley’s Response to the whole e-mail:** Jerry, I pray that you will be able to “get the blinders off” and see where your unqualified support to an institution and certain individuals has gotten you as is seen by your words (spoken and written). I pray that you will repent before it is too late.

Ken Chumbley



Date: Wed, May 21, 2008 at 12:25 PM

Subject: Fwd: McClish and Hatred

Jerry,

I am still waiting for EVIDENCE regarding the lies that you state have been told in *Contending For The Faith*. This allegation was made in front of Sherman Offord, Matt Shelton and Jimmy Aaron as well as myself. Your e-mail—see below did not provide such evidence. if (sic) it is there, you have an obligation to provide it or withdraw your allegation.

I, also, would like a response to my e-mail in response to yours.

You seem so sure that you are correct—so it should not be difficult for you to prove your case.

I await your response and your evidence. If there is no response that provides evidence, such will serve to show that your allegations are without foundation.

Ken Chumbley



Date: Mon., Aug. 18, 2008 at 3:53 PM

Subject: Dub McClish and Hatred

Jerry,

I am still awaiting the EVIDENCE of the lies that you have said were told in *Contending For The Faith*. It has now been nearly four months and none have been forthcoming. It must be you can’t find them or that you were simply parrotting what you had been told at MSOP. If you can’t find them, ask Curtis Cates or Keith Mosher to point you to the

necessary articles.

On second thoughts (sic), YOU need to repent of the lies you told me and the others present that day—Jimmy Aaron, Sherman Offord and Matt Shelton.

Ken Chumbley



cc: Sherman Offord <offord48@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Aug. 20, 2008 at 8:58 AM

Subject: Evidence Still Needed

Jerry,

It was clear when you spewed forth your venom against Dub McClish and *Contending For The Faith* at the restaurant in April, you had no idea that you were going to be challenged by three of those there. You have now had almost four months to produce the EVIDENCE to back up your statements. However, it was clear when Sherman Offord and I spoke with you last night that you NEVER had any evidence since you stated that you would not take hours to find it!

When one launches attacks on brethren and a brotherhood publication one should have the evidence—not necessarily at the time—but should [have it] quickly (sic) available. That you did not have such shows you were simply parroting what you had been told and your actions were, and remain such as are not Christlike. You may be able to fool some people—like Ed, one of your elders—but you can’t fool the Lord.

It is clear that you thought—and still do—that we should accept your HEARSAY—without EVIDENCE. Is that how you act with people in denominational error or is such reserved for members of the Lord’s church? Do you expect people to “roll over” at your say so—without providing EVIDENCE? If that is the case—then you are self-deceived? (sic) If that is not the case—then provide the EVIDENCE—if you can.

It was abundantly clear that you were trying to avoid us tonight because you still have no desire to change your unchristian actions and words. I pray that you will repent before it is too late. You talked about souls—I am concerned about souls—I’m concerned about yours and thus I will pray for your repentance.

Ken Chumbley



cc: Sherman Offord <offord48@gmail.com>

Date: Thus, Aug. 21, 2008 at 8:22 AM

Subject: Dog Fight

Jerry,

You said you don’t want to get into “your dog fight.” However, I would remind you that YOU entered into this with your accusations against Dub McClish and *Contending*

*For The Faith*. When challenged for EVIDENCE, you refuse to provide it. Instead, you hypocritically, say you are keeping yourself above the fray and not getting into what you refer to as a “dog fight” when you were the one who “yelped” when you brought up your false accusations (they are false since you do not have and refuse to supply evidence). You didn’t like it when Sherman Offord, Jimmy Aaron and myself didn’t just “roll over” and accept your accusations.

You like to “stir” the pot but when your stirring is challenged—you can’t stand the heat and try and hide under a cloak of false piety.

I pray you will repent of this attitude and your false charges.

Ken Chumbley



cc: Sherman Offord <offord48@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Sept. 13, 2008 at 11:45 AM

Subject:

Jerry,

You have repeatedly claimed that you “had no dog in this fight.” Yet it is clear that before you even met us you had picked your “dog”—and that you had done so without examining the evidence (proof). You brought up about Dub McClish and the *Contending For The Faith* with respect to Dub’s “hatred” and *Contending For The Faith* being “full of lies” but when you were challenged for proof you have REPEATEDLY failed to offer such proof—just as many others who have offered similar “talking points.” Thus to say that you have “no dog in this fight” is a LIE and you need to repent not only of that but also, unless you can offer PROOF of your charges then you need to withdraw them.

Jerry, these are SERIOUS matters with eternal consequences. I pray that you will indeed repent before it is everlastingly too late.

You have picked your “dog” and it is the WRONG dog. Beware lest that dog “bite” you.

Ken Chumbley



[Eight months lapsed between last e-mail and this one.—Editor]

bcc: Sherman Offord <offord48@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, May 23, 2009 at 8:19 AM

Subject: Similarities

Jerry,

I see great similarities between you and Nancy Pelosi.

She accuses the CIA of lying—you accused Dub McClish of hatred and *Contending for the Faith* of being full of lies. Just like Nancy, when asked for evidence you refuse to give it.

I know from other sources that you and other students at

MSOP were being told this nonsense and that you were not to read *Contending For The Faith*.

I know that it is now over a year since you made these allegations—in front of witnesses—but they haven’t gone away and you still need to provide evidence and since the evidence doesn’t exist you need to REPENT while you still have time and opportunity. I continue to pray that you will do this before it is too eternally too late.

Ken Chumbley



Date: Wed, May 27, 2009 at 1:21 PM

Subject: Re: Similarities

Kenneth,

[T]he evidence has been printed in the pages of “Contentious For the Faith.” I will give you an opportunity to speak directly with Curtis Cates here at the West Columbia church of Christ regarding the lies and slander against him and his wife. They are coming to do a gospel meeting Sept. 13-16 (Sunday to Wed.). We can meet Monday, Tues. or Wed. afternoon and discuss this quietly and calmly in my office (not in the hallway after preaching, making a scene).

What I did in front of witnesses was defend a brother from vicious lies and hatred and I made it quite clear that I had no intention of getting involved with the likes of men who would do such things. The sin is on them. If you want evidence then set up a meeting time and it will be presented by brother Cates himself. If you fail to do this then you will be the Nancy Pelosi.

Until then I will have no further discussion about it except to confirm the meeting time.

Jerry Manning



Date: Fri., Jun. 5, 2009 at 3:10 PM

Subject: Re: Similarities

Jerry,

You have made the accusation, repeated here, (“the evidence has been printed in the pages of “Contentious For the Faith”) thus YOU have the obligation of proving your allegations? Where is your PROOF? For over a year you have refused to supply the same. However since you made the accusations against Dub McClish, David P. Brown and others, in front of witnesses, the onus is upon YOU to come up with the evidence of that which has been printed in *Contending For The Faith* that is “vicious lies” and the evidence of the “hatred” that you maintain that Dub McClish has for certain brethren. Nancy Polosi (sic) has made accusations but is unwilling to provide evidence to back up her statements—even when pressed. YOU have made accusations against brethren and even when pressed, have refused to provide evidence to prove your accusations.

Now you suggest a meeting with Curtis Cates. He has also made similar accusations and, to this time, has refused (more than once) to meet in an OPEN FORUM with the brethren against whom he has made the accusations, where such can be fully discussed and evidence presented for all to see. By your own actions, you have aided and abetted him in his sin.

At the meeting you have proposed, would you, and Curtis be willing for others to be present that you and Curtis have accused (i.e. Dub McClish, David P. Brown, Dave Watson and Michael Hatcher and perhaps others) to discuss this with evidence being presented by yourself and Curtis and an opportunity for a response from those mentioned above against whom accusations have been made, as well as others? Further, such a meeting would need to be recorded for the protection of all participants so that none would have to rely on memory as to what was discussed. I would be willing to participate in such a meeting where the truth can be ascertained and recorded for all to examine.

I await your response. Should you and Curtis be willing to meet, as outlined above, a written agreement from yourself, along with a written agreement from Curtis would enable the plans for the meeting to go forward. You and Curtis would be welcome to have any others attend the meeting.

As for our previous discussion, after the meeting at North Columbia, you are not being truthful. It was NOT in the hallway—as you contend—but in the auditorium with Ed Keller ( at the time one of your elders at West Columbia) and Sherman Offord (from Hampton Avenue, Aiken—who was also present when you first made your allegations, unsupported by evidence), and ourselves. This was AFTER others had left the auditorium and only you and Ed remained. It was at that time that brother Offord and myself entered to discuss your accusations and to remind you that you had not provided evidence for those accusations. Again, you refused to provide any.

You also wrote: “What I did in front of witnesses was defend a brother from vicious lies and hatred and I made it quite clear that I had no intention of getting involved with the likes of men who would do such things. The sin is on them.” It was NOT a matter of defense—YOU brought up the matter and made your accusations—before witnesses. You were then asked to provide evidence to prove your accusations. To date – over a year has passed—you have been unwilling to provide such even though you have been asked to do so by several means. Such action on your part is SINFUL.

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I await your response to my suggestions regarding the proposed meeting.

Ken Chumbley



Date: Thus, Jun. 11, 2009 at 9:20 AM

Subject: Re: Similarities

Kenneth,

I'll run this by Curtis, my dearly beloved brother.

Jerry



Date: Thur., Jun. 11, 2009 at 10:28 AM

Subject: Re: Similarities

Jerry,

I will await hearing from you relative to the response that Curtis gives.

I would like to suggest that of the days you have suggested, that Tuesday September 16, 2009 at 9.00 am would be best. Curtis and yourself will, of course, already be there but others attending would have obligations Sunday and Wednesday night. This would give time for travel to and from Columbia.

If that is not acceptable to Curtis, and yourself, please suggest an alternative date and/or time.

Ken Chumbley



Date: Wed, Jul.. 1, 2009 at 9:15 PM

Subject: Meeting with Curtis Cates

Kenneth,

I met with brother Cates in Memphis and he said he would consider meeting with you if you agree to the following terms:

- 1) You come alone and meet only with him and me in my office.
- 2) The meeting is conducted in the spirit of Christ.
- 3) There will be no recordings of any kind.
- 4) You will sign a written agreement that what is discussed will not be published or made public in any way (email [sic], website [sic], etc.).
- 5) Curtis Cates will present the evidence. If there are others interested in this evidence they can arrange to meet with him separately.

I await your response,

Jerry



Date: True, Jul.. 7, 2009 at 9:51 AM

Subject: Re: Meeting with Curtis Cates

Jerry,

How gracious of brother Cates to "consider" meeting with me provided I agree to his terms!

I note that in your response you make no reference at all to what I had proposed for a meeting and that in your reporting of brother Cates' "terms" he makes no reference to what I had proposed.

The second of brother Cates' terms states: "The meeting is conducted in the spirit of Christ." Jerry, the proposal to meet should also be "in the spirit of Christ," but clearly that is not the intention of brother Cates and, I assume yourself, since you pass on his "terms" without comment.

The first term, states: "You come alone and meet with him and me alone in my office." How can such be "in the spirit of Christ" when the terms state I must come alone, whereas Curtis and yourself would be in the meeting? That would be two against one when it came to what was said in the meeting. In other words, whatever I might report from the meeting that Curtis and yourself did not want to get out, it would be my word against that of you two. The third term compounds this by stating: "There will no recordings of any kind." Thus there would be no evidence of what was said at the meeting. What does Curtis have to hide that he doesn't want any recording that would provide evidence of what was discussed?

The fourth term is "the icing on the cake"! Why is it that Curtis, and others (I know that such meetings have been proposed before) are so afraid of the full truth getting out? Surely there should be no problem with the truth being made known far and wide (or is this a problem?! Further, the idea that anyone else must meet with him separately, and, I am sure, agree to his stipulated terms, is certainly one that is not conducive to resolving issues that are brotherhood wide.

Further, any thinking person would wonder why, if Curtis has incontrovertible evidence to prove the claims that you made of "hatred" in the voice of Dub McClish and that *Contending For The Faith* was "full of lies," he would not want to spread this evidence far and wide. Instead, he (and yourself, as you are a party to this) prefer to cower behind the set of "terms" for a meeting that Curtis and yourself would demand before you would "consider" meeting with even one person.

Jerry, it appears that Curtis Cates and yourself, by your insistence on private meetings, without the presence of those whom you have accused, are willing to deny brethren rights that the government, as well as the Bible, give for the accused to face their accusers. Are you and he prepared to defend such a position—i.e. that the accused has no right to face his accusers?

Those you have accused, Dub McClish, David P. Brown, David Watson and Micheal (sic) Hatcher are willing to travel, at their own expense, to defend their honor and their good names. Jerry, does this not cause you to wonder

that you might have been deceived? Or are you really so blind that you cannot see that Curtis and others do not want the whole truth to come out and that they are using you and others to help them deceive the brotherhood? I pray that you will open your eyes and that you will be willing to examine all the evidence and not allow Curtis and others to spoon feed you with what they want you to know, while demanding that you not read other information that they have not approved.

Jerry, if you haven't realized it yet, I am not willing to go into a "hornet's nest" for a private meeting with you and Curtis that would resolve nothing. There needs to be a FULL and OPEN discussion with all sides of these issues present that can be recorded and the information made available for others. This very thing was done in the Herald of Truth meeting in 1973 that Garland Elkins and others called in Memphis to discuss the liberalism that had come into the Herald of Truth program. I give those involved with the Herald of Truth due credit as they were willing to come and confront those with whom there was disagreement—some coming all the way from Abilene, Texas. They had more integrity than is now being shown by Curtis Cates, Garland Elkins and others in this current situation that has divided the brotherhood over the fellowship with false teachers. These matters of division were not "done in a corner" (Acts 26:26). Paul was prepared to defend himself openly before his accusers as are Dub McClish, David P. Brown, David Watson and Micheal (sic) Hatcher, yet Curtis, with your approval and complicity, seeks to hide these matters in private meetings with no record of what takes place and without the presence of the accused. Who is acting more like Paul: Curtis, yourself and others or Dub McClish, David P. Brown, David Watson and Micheal (sic) Hatcher?

Jerry, you made accusations and allegations over a year

ago in front of witnesses. When called upon to produce evidence to back up your claims that Dub showed "hatred" in his voice in a telephone conversation and that *Contending For the Faith* was "full of lies," you have repeatedly refused to do so. I, again, call upon you to repent or provide that evidence openly and freely and join in an effort to have these matters discussed fully and openly that this division in the body of Christ might be healed.

Ken Chumbley



Date: Wed, Jul.. 8, 2009 at 10:53 PM

Subject: Re: Meeting with Curtis Cates

Kenneth,

You have accused me of sinning because I defended Curtis Cates against the lies and slander that were published against him and his wife. You insist upon seeing evidence and called me Nancy Polosi (sic) for not producing it. Well, I am producing it and it is Curtis Cates himself with evidence that he will present. This is not two against one. This is for you to hear and brother Cates to present. Neither one of us has to say a word. This isn't a debate and this isn't an attempt to resolve the whole matter in a brotherhood meeting. This is between you and me and is personal. You want me to show you evidence and I will do that in the privacy (sic) of my office. My evidence is Curtis Cates and his documentation.

Why the terms? Why no recordings? Why no publication? Because this is between you and me and I want it to stay that way. Do you think I intend to publish something you might say or "write you up" and post it on the internet? I could no sooner do that than to go out and murder someone. However, I do believe that is your intention. The way you have twisted and manipulated my past comments and e-mails is appalling (sic) to me. I do not trust you and your intentions. Therefore, no hornets allowed. This goes no fur-

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ther than my office and we do not need recording devices to hear what Curtis Cates will present to you. If you refuse to come and see this evidence then you have nothing to charge me with and the matter is closed.



Date: Thus, Jul. 16, 2009 at 9:29 PM  
Subject: Re: Meeting with Curtis Cates

Jerry,

No, your sin was in saying that Dub McClish had “hatred” because of his tone of voice on the phone and that *Contending For The Faith* was “full of lies.” Even if, as you now claim, “I defended Curtis Cates against the lies and slander that were published against him and his wife,” that does NOT change the matter!

Further, this is the FIRST statement that you have made identifying what you consider “lies and slander” respecting Curtis Cates and his wife, but again, NO EVIDENCE! One can make claims, but WITHOUT corroborating evidence, that’s all they are “claims,” and referring to what was actually published as being “lies and slander” is simply an accusation that does not offer proof. Thus producing that which was published does not provide proof that it is “lies and slander.” Where is your evidence? Further, even if proof could be offered regarding the alleged “lies and slanders” against Curtis and his wife, such does not prove the allegations that you made—that Dub McClish had “hatred” in his voice or that “*Contending for the Faith* is “full of lies.” Neither would it eliminate the false teaching of Dave Miller or the fellowship and endorsement of Dave Miller in his false teaching which is at the root of what is disturbing the peace and unity of the Lord’s church. Thus, your proposed meeting, wherein I would have to “hear” brother Cates and “not say a word” does NOT deal with the real problems that are dividing the precious body of Christ.

Again you write, “You insist upon seeing evidence and called me Nancy Pelosi(sic) for not producing it.” Jerry, what is wrong in demanding evidence? Further, you need to check your facts before you start hitting the keyboard. Look at my e-mail “Similarities,” in which I indicated that you were LIKE Nancy Pelosi; I didn’t call you Nancy Pelosi. Yes, you

were like Nancy in that you made accusations but when asked to produce evidence you refused to do so.

You state “Well, I am producing it and it is Curtis Cates himself with evidence that he will present.” Jerry, YOU are not producing it—it is NOT in your e-mail. If Curtis has evidence why has he not presented it PUBLICLY before now, and why does he now insist that any meeting to present such “evidence” be a private meeting with no recordings and with a pre-signed agreement that nothing be published in any way about the meeting? Why should he, and you, want to hide this “evidence” if it could prove that *Contending For The Faith* was “full of lies” or even if it only showed what was published concerning Curtis Cates and his wife was indeed “lies and slander”?

Why would such a meeting, as proposed by Curtis (by the way you have still made no reference to what I proposed regarding a meeting) not be “two against one”? Only three would be present—Curtis, you and me. Further, according to your own words, it would be a situation for me “to hear and brother Cates to present.” According to this statement, I could not even open my mouth to ask a question, let alone provide any evidence that might disprove the claims that Curtis would make. Do you still insist that it would not be “two against one,” for surely, from what you have said in your e-mails, you would not be willing to counter anything your “dearly beloved brother” might state?

You continue: “Neither one of us has to say a word. This isn’t a debate and this isn’t an attempt to resolve the whole matter in a brotherhood meeting.” No we both LISTEN to Curtis and I have to sign a pre-meeting agreement that I will not discuss the meeting else where.” Don’t you see that the purpose of this “agreement” would be to silence

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any opposition from me to what Curtis may present as “evidence,” even if he cannot prove his case that “lies and slander” about him and his wife were published in *Contending For The Faith*? I would ask, what would be wrong in having a public debate about the whole matter of Dave Miller’s false teaching and the fellowship and support being given to this false teach (sic) that is contrary to Scripture (2 John 9-11)? Why should the meeting not be “an attempt to resolve the whole matter in a brotherhood meeting,” as you might remember, I proposed? After all it is a brotherhood matter and it is dividing brethren. Why should there not be such a meeting to “attempt to resolve the whole matter?” Clearly, Curtis, and others have, a number of times, refused to be part of such a meeting in an effort to resolve this brotherhood matter, including my recent effort. What are they afraid of? What do they have to hide? Why are they not willing to meet in a public manner where all would be documented (as in the Herald of Truth meeting in Memphis, TN in 1973—if you don’t know about that meeting ask Curtis Cates and Garland Elkins for they know all about it)? Do you not think that such a position is strange? Do you not think such a position is contrary to scripture (I Peter 3:15)?

Jerry this is NOT “between you and me and is personal.” It is indeed a brotherhood matter. Furthermore it involves others because your original statements were before witnesses, what you stated in the church building at North Columbia was not simply to me but also to Sherman Offord. Your attempts to make it personal do not work. It NEVER has been personal. This all started because of your statements, before witnesses: “Dub McClish had “hatred” because of his tone of voice on the phone and that *Contending For The Faith* was “full of lies.” I have nothing against you personally. All I have sought to do is to have you provide evidence to back up your statements.

Again you state: “You want me to show you evidence and I will do that in the privacy (sic) of my office. My evidence is Curtis Cates and his documentation.” Why must it be in the PRIVACY of your office? What is wrong with making these matters public? Why wasn’t this “documentation” made public back when what you claim the “lies and slander” were published in *Contending For The Faith*? How can Curtis Cates be your evidence? Is simply being in his presence proof enough that “lies and slander” were stated about him? Further, if he has “documentation” that proves his allegations, why has he not made such public to refute those who made the statements? Why does he have to show it in a private meeting and not allow any record of that “documentation” to be published? Again, what does Curtis have to hide? Why does he want to veil this whole matter in secrecy when the brotherhood is divided because of what took place back in 2005?

You state: “Why the terms? Why no recordings? Why no publication? Because this is between you and me and I

want it to stay that way.” Jerry, I have already shown that such is not “between you and me.” Nor does this matter affect the South Carolina/Georgia area but it is also a brotherhood matter because of the division that exists. As for your statement, “I want it to stay that way,” this I can well understand, considering the difficult position that you find yourself in your support of Curtis Cates and others.

Further you write: “Do you think I intend to publish something you might say or ‘write you up’ and post it on the internet? I could no sooner do that than to go out and murder someone.” What would be wrong in publishing something if it is the truth or a truthful record of what was stated? However, given the fact that you have not always been truthful in what you have stated in your e-mails, I wonder whether what you publish would be accurate. The truth of the matter is that Curtis Cates and you are afraid of the truth getting out and thus you want your “private” meetings and “agreements” before you would even meet to present your “evidence.” As for going out to “murder someone” that can be done, figuratively speaking, by stating and/or promoting lies that seek to damage another’s reputation, as has been attempted by you, Curtis and others while at the same time “hiding” and not facing those you have accused.

You state: “However, I do believe that is your intention. The way you have twisted and manipulated my past comments and e-mails is appalling (sic) to me. I do not trust you and your intentions.” Jerry, you can no more know my “intention” than you can know that Dub McClish had “hatred” in his voice when he spoke to you on the phone, as you have, before witnesses, claimed. Jerry, you accuse me of having “twisted and manipulated” your past comments. You need to look in the mirror. It is you that sought to twist and manipulate what was stated when you originally made your allegations before witnesses and what occurred when we spoke before others after the Gospel Meeting at North Columbia in your e-mails to me. Could it be that you intended for your e-mails to me to be sent to certain individuals, without my responses, so that it would look like you were reporting accurately what had previously occurred?

You state: “Therefore, no hornets allowed.” I find that hard to accept given what you have previously stated both by spoken word and in writing. You write: “This goes no further than my office and we do not need recording devices to hear what Curtis Cates will present to you.” I ask, if Curtis

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has the “evidence,” as you claim, why should it not go much further than your office? What has Curtis to hide? Again, you make it clear that this would be a “one way street”—Curtis “presents,” I “hear.” Such is NOT conducive to resolving these matters that have divided the Lord’s church.

You close by stating: “If you refuse to come and see this evidence then you have nothing to charge me with and the matter is closed.” Such is a bogus statement. That I won’t come into a “hornet’s nest” to “hear” Curtis and I will therefore have no opportunity to see/hear his “evidence” (actually it is you that should have and present the evidence since you made your charges to me and others), does not mean that I have nothing to charge you with. You have sinned and need to repent. Whatever you may or may not say or do, the matter will NOT be closed until such time as these matters are discussed in open forum and where evidence can be presented and where those that you, Curtis and others have accused might be present to respond to your accusations. Otherwise this matter will not be settled until the Judgment. Jerry, for your sake and for Curtis’ and others, I pray that such would be resolved before the Judgment.

Please answer “yes” or “no”. Are Curtis and others willing to meet as I proposed in my e-mail to you of June 5? To date you have ignored completely what was stated in that e-mail.

I await your response.

Ken Chumbley



Date: Fri., Jul. 17, 2009 at 11:26 AM  
Subject: Re: Meeting with Curtis Cates

Kenneth,

I simply offered to present evidence that what was published in “Contentious For the Faith” about Curtis Cates and his wife was untruthful and slanderous. Since you are not interested in seeing this evidence have no further contact with me.

Jerry



Date: Tue, Jul. 21, 2009 at 7:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Meeting with Curtis Cates

Jerry,

You seem to have problems in remembering what you have said and written. When we first met and you brought forth your charges you stated that Dub McClish exhibited “hatred” because of his tone of voice on the phone and that *Contending For The Faith* was “full of lies.” Now it comes down to just this matter with Curtis Cates and his wife in that you claim that what was written about them was “untruthful and slanderous.” What has happened to providing evidence for your claim that Dub McClish exhibited “hatred” and the

*Contending For The Faith* was “full of lies”? As stated in my last e-mail:

“Further, even if proof could be offered regarding the alleged ‘lies and slanders’ against Curtis and his wife, such does not prove the allegations that you made—that Dub McClish had ‘hatred’ in his voice or that *Contending for the Faith* is ‘full of lies.’ Neither would it eliminate the false teaching of Dave Miller or the fellowship and endorsement of Dave Miller in his false teaching which is at the root of what is disturbing the peace and unity of the Lord’s church.”

In your first e-mail to me of April 28, 2008, in response to my e-mail, you stated: “The evidence I would present to you are the articles you already have, but ‘seeing you will not see.’” Jerry, how can the evidence be the articles? What is needed are facts that would prove that what was stated was “untruthful and slanderous.” It is clear that you need to determine what the evidence is. Whether the evidence is the articles that were written or it is some documentation that would prove the articles erroneous. Had you had documentation that would have proved what was written in *Contending For The Faith* was “untruthful and slanderous” you would have presented it long ago. But all you could say was that the “evidence I would present to you are the articles you already have.” Again, said articles are not proof of your claims.

From your e-mails it is clear that neither you, nor Curtis Cates are honorable men who are willing to meet “face to face” with those you have accused, but instead would seek to perpetuate a divided brotherhood with private meetings where there would be no record of what takes place, while insisting upon a prior written agreement that all that is discussed would remain private.

I pray that both of you would repent before it is eternally too late.

Ken Chumbley



***As of August 1, 2009, I have received no further communication from Jerry Manning. As indicated in the e-mail exchange, it is my prayer that Jerry Manning, Curtis Cates and others will repent before it is eternally too late.***

—Ken Chumbley



I had a little dog I called September. September was fond of jumping at conclusions, especially at the wrong conclusion. One day he jumped at a mule’s conclusion. The next day was the first of October.

***Retraction:*** To make one take back a statement. For example: A newspaper headline said—“Half of the city council are crooks.” The city council demanded a retraction. The next day the headline said— “Half of the city council are not crooks.”

extremely guarded conditions that allow for no rebuttal.

One of the things of interest in the Chumbley/Manning e-mails is the fact that brother Jerry Manning, who runs interference for Curtis Cates in said e-mail exchange, does not care one whit about fairness or evidence. He handles facts as if they were opinions and truth as if it were a fairy tale—*thinking himself most wise and astute in doing it*. If Manning actually cared about the facts in evidence as well as the truth he declares he loves, he would be demanding that Cates do what courageous Gospel preachers have always done—*meet his accusers publicly with the evidence he says he has and expose them for the slanderers and liars he says they are*.

Manning said more than he realized when, concerning Chumbley’s proposal to meet with Cates, he would “have to run it by Curtis.” Why, we already knew that if “Curtis” met at all he would demand a controlled environment where he would sit as the presiding judge, and anyone not in lock-step with his dictates during the meeting would be gaveled down and held in contempt of Judge Cates’ Court. Again, note the following conditions Cates arbitrarily dictated and supplied to Manning to which Chumbley must agree before he (Cates) would “consider” meeting with him.

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- 2) The meeting is conducted in the spirit of Christ.
- 3) There will be no recordings of any kind.
- 4) You will sign a written agreement that what is discussed will not be published or made public in any way (email [sic], website [sic] etc.).
- 5) Curtis Cates will present the evidence. If there are others interested in this evidence they can arrange to meet with him separately. (*Bold mine—Editor*)

*Could such a meeting under these conditions be correctly described as one that is open and above board? What is it that Cates et al., have to fear? Is it the truth?*

For Cates to stipulate that said meeting must be “conducted in the spirit of Christ” is ridiculous in view of the attitude of the one who conjured up such a self-serving, prejudiced and biased set of restrictions to which participants must agree before a meeting might be held. Why, then, should anyone expect such persons to practice the “spirit of Christ” in conducting the actual meeting? His points do not reflect “the spirit of Christ,” but they well reveal the spirit of Curtis Cates, et al., regarding protecting themselves at all costs—*yes, even at the expense of truth*.

When one reads Manning’s comments, one immediately notices that Manning’s proof is whatever Cates has told him. Notice that Manning charges Chumbley et al., with telling lies, etc. about Cates and others, but he never tells how he knows they are lies—unless it is something such as: *“Well Curtis said they were lies and that’s good enough for me.”*

As is true of people who are not at all open to all of the facts in a case—*Manning prohibits others from doing what*

*he permits himself to do*. He manifests his outrage that derogatory labels are placed on others—but what does he do to remedy the matter? *He rushes to engage in the same thing he thinks he sees in us and readily condemns us for doing*. He and so many others of his stripe have no problem with labels, name calling, etc.—*if you will agree with them as to whose names need to be called and the labels they assign to the condemned persons, no matter how slanderous those labels are*. No dog in this fight, indeed!

Bro. Manning has charged us with slandering and lying about bro. and sis. Cates as well as others. That being the case we challenge him to produce one instance of where CFTF has printed a falsehood about either bro. or sis. Cates, or anyone else for that matter. Though we do not knowingly print anything that is wrong, we have always been willing to correct any mistake we have made. But it may be that Manning will feel compelled to “run this by Curtis” as well. However, he may find enough courage within himself to act alone and on his own initiative to site one case of where we have printed something that is not correct.

Having made the preceding offer of the last paragraph to bro. Manning, will he be as generous with us? For instance, does brother Manning want to continue to stand by his statement in his Mon., Apr. 28, 2008 at 2:37 PM e-mail to Ken Chumbley? In that e-mail he wrote, “Dave Miller/Brown Trail did not teach or allow the congregation to have the authority to re-evaluate their eldership...”? Does he continue to contend “That did not happen.”? We only ask that Manning deal with this one instance selected from his e-mails to Chumbley. In view of his charges against us and our offer to him, are we asking too much from him? Of course, it may be that he needs to “run this by Curtis” as well.

No better evidence of someone being led around by the nose exists than that of Manning and those who walk in his shoes in said matters. Most of his answers are based on “Curtis, told me so.” Without this hear-say Manning would have had very little to say in his e-mails to Chumbley—Manning’s e-mails strongly testifying to the same. *Indeed, if Curtis Cates ate a cucumber, Jerry Manning would burp—accompanied by a host of like-minded burpers from others of Mannings stripe—and loud would be the burps thereof*.

—David P. Brown, Editor



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“What do you mean,” roared the politician, “by publicly insulting me in your old rag of a paper? I will not stand for it, and I demand an immediate apology.

“Just a moment,” answered the editor. “Didn’t the news item appear exactly as you gave it to us, namely, that you had resigned as city treasurer?”

“It did, but where did you put it?—in the column under the heading ‘Public Improvements.’”

## Directory of Churches...

### -Alabama-

**Holly Pond**—Church of Christ, Hwy 278 W., P.O. Box 131, Holly Pond, AL 35083, Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m., (256) 796-6802, (205) 429-2026.

### -Colorado-

**Denver**—Piedmont Church of Christ, 1602 S. Parker Rd. Ste. 109, Denver, CO 80231, Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. www.piedmontcoc.net, Lester Kamp, evangelist. (720) 535-5807.

### -England-

**Cambridgeshire**—Ramsey Church of Christ, meeting at the Rainbow Centre, Ramsey, Huntingdon. Sun. 10, 11 a.m.; Wed. (Phone for venue and time); www.Ramsey-church-of-christ.org. Contact Keith Sisman, 001.44.1487.710552; fax:1487.813264 or Keith Sisman.net. Research Website of 1,000 years of the British Church of Christ; www.Traces-of-the-kingdom.org and www.Myth-and-Mystery.org.

### -Florida-

**Ocoee**—Ocoee Church of Christ, 2 East Magnolia Street, Ocoee, FL 34761. Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wed. 7:00 p.m. David Hartbarger, Evangelist, (407) 656-2516, ocoeechurchofchrist@yahoo.com, www.ocoeeccoc.org.

**Pensacola**—Bellview Church of Christ, 4850 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32526, Sun. 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Michael Hatcher, evangelist, (850) 455-7595.

### -North Carolina-

**Rocky Mount**—Scheffield Drive Church of Christ, 3309 Scheffield Dr., Rocky Mount, NC 27802 (252) 937-7997.

### -South Carolina-

**Belvedere (Greater Augusta, Georgia Area)**—Church of Christ, 535 Clearwater Road, Belvedere, SC 29841, www.belvederechurchofchrist.org; e-mail belvecoc@gmail.com, (803) 442-6388, Sun.: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m., Evangelist: Ken Chumbley (803) 279-8663.

### -Oklahoma-

**Porum**— Church of Christ, 8 miles South of I-40 at Hwy 2, Warner exit. Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Allen Lawson, evangelist, email: lawson@starnetok.net.

### - Tennessee-

**Murfreesboro**—Church of Christ, 1154 Park Avenue, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, Sun. Bible class 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:00 a.m., Fellowship meal 11:00 a.m., Devotional 12:00 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. For directions and other information please visit our website at www.murfreesboro-churchofchrist.org. evangelist, Steve Yeatts.

### -Texas-

**Denton area**—Northpoint Church of Christ, 5101 E. University Dr. (Greenbelt Business Park). Mailing address: Northpoint Church of Christ, Greenbelt Business Park, 5101 E. University Dr., Box 6, Denton, TX 76208. E-mail: northpointcoc@hotmail.com. Sunday: 9:30, 10:30, 1:00; Wednesday 7:00. Contact: Dub McClish: 940.323.9797; tgjoriginal@verizon.net.

**Evant**—Evant Church of Christ, 310 West Brooks Drive, Evant, TX 76525. Office: (254) 471-5705; Jess Whitlock, evangelist (254) 471-5717.

**Houston area**—Spring Church of Christ, 1327 Spring Cypress, P.O. Box 39, Spring, TX 77383, (281) 353-2707. Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m., David P. Brown, evangelist. Home of the Spring Contending for the Faith Lectures beginning the last Sunday in February. www.churchesofchrist.com.

**Hubbard**—105 NE 6th St., Hubbard, TX 76648, Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Delbert J. Goines; DJGoines@Valornet.com.

**Huntsville**—1380 Fish Hatchery Rd. Huntsville, TX 77320. Sun. 9 a. m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. (936) 438-8202.

**New Braunfels**—225 Saenger Halle Rd. Sun: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Lynn Parker, evangelist. (830) 625-9367. www.nbchurchofchrist.com.

**Richwood**—1600 Brazosport, Richwood, TX. Sun. 9:30; 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. (979) 265-4256.

### -Wyoming-

**Cheyenne**—High Plains Church of Christ, 421 E. 8th St., Cheyenne, WY 82007, tel. (307) 638-7466, Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m., Tel. (307) 514-3394, evangelist: Roelf L. Ruffner