

WHO GAVE MAN THE AUTHORITY. . . ?

Authority means,..” having the power and right to give commands, enforce obedience, take action, or make final decisions; jurisdiction” (New World Dictionary).

When Jesus was about to return to heaven, He told His disciples “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matt. 28:18). Jesus had the power and right to give commands, to enforce obedience, take action, or make final decisions. Why? Because the church belongs to Him (Matt. 16:18). Because He is the head of the church. “. . . Christ is the head of the church, His body” (Eph, 5:22).

We are warned four times in the Bible not to add too or take away from that which is written (Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6 and Rev.22:18-19).

When man begin to write creed books and church manuals, it is the beginning of a departure from the truth of God’s Word. God tells us what will happen to those who do so. “. . . God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” (Rev, 22:19).

Man can never improve on God’s Word. It is the Book of Life, and was given so we could have an “abuntant life”.

--Floyd

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THE REMINDER

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.10:00 A. M.
Worship. 11:00 A. M.
Afternoon. 1:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies’ Bible Class. 11:30 A. M.

THURSDAY

Bible Class. 6:30 P. M.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME
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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor’s card so we will have a record of your visit.

PRAYER LIST: Ryan (Jessica’s son – neurofibromastosis,, Kyle and Brad Young-health issues, Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael- health issues, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart issues and cancer, also John and Dorothy Callahan their care givers, Dub Holland, Sarah Hickman, Dick Keith, Lynn Spurgeon.s

PRAY for our congregation and the efforts to reach the lost. Let us all work together to make the church the best it can be, and remember to pray for our fall meeting, September 9-12 with Mike Bonner. If you have not started making your invitation list, its not too late. Start working on it soon. The more we invite the more will come.

JUST FOR THE RECORD	Last Week	Last Year
SUNDAY:		
Bible Class	24	11
Worship	35	19
Evening	12	8
EVENING		
Bible Study	16	9
CONTRIBUTION	\$1027.00	\$935.00

WORDS OF WISOM

Life has but two ends, birth and death; one end has been used. Take care of the other end.

The person who knows everything has a lot to learn.

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL GOD ALLOW THIS?

The following article is from the American Family Association Journal, August 2018, page 5.

The Book of Discipline, the United Methodist Church’s book of law, states that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching and maintains that a self-proclaimed, practicing homosexual cannot be an ordained minister. Yet, the denomination’s Council of bishops recently proposed a “One Church Plan” that ignores denominational law and would allow individual pastors and regional bodies to make their own decisions regarding same-sex weddings and LGBT clergy. Set for a vote by delegates at a special 2019 General Conference, the One Church Plan would also remove controversial language about sexuality from The Book of discipline.

As the United Methodist Church weighs the issue of whether to formally accept homosexuality, some in the denomination have already abandoned established church law. For example, Dr. Karen Oliveto is the first lesbian to be given the title of bishop in the United Methodist Church and has officiated several same sex ceremonies at the UMC she previously pastored. In August of last year, she wrote a sermon, also posted on Facebook, in which she calls Jesus a bigot and a changing, flawed human being.

“The wonderful counselor, might God, everlasting one, prince of peace, was human as you and me,” Oliveto said. “Like you and me, he didn’t have his life figured out. . . We might think of him as the rock of Ages, but he was more like a hunk of clay, forming and reforming himself in relation to God.” She concludes, “. . . if Jesus can change, if he can give up his bigotries and prejudices. . .then so can we.”

How much longer? --Floyd