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## **God's Word: No Hoax**

It bothers me to hear people attempt to discredit the truthfulness of the Bible, of God, and of Jesus. But it has always been that way, and I suppose it always will. Bottom line, though, it is what I believe that should matter to me.

I have recently read comments in one setting that I frequent that said linguists had now proven that the Bible is a hoax. I know that it is not a hoax, but the problem is that if someone says it, someone believes it. That is the biggest problem. Many people are easily influenced and they will take anything for the gospel truth (no pun intended).

I am concerned about the effect of people's ideas on others. For the moment, discounting a chance to write on the likely probability of a resurrection to a new life (Christ's apostle Paul said Christians would be most miserable if it were not to be), the simple lack of a standard of goodness is troublesome. Standards of goodness make us what we are. I say it is God's goodness that makes us generally a good people.

John said it succinctly: "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:8).

It is like a child growing up. The child is influenced mostly -- or should be -- by parents. If parents have high standards, the child will usually have high ones when he is older. No standards at home usually make for a pretty poor moral character later on.

The apostle Peter said that false teachers "will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord..." (2 Pet. 2:1). The Hebrews writer said, "Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings." Paul spoke to Titus about the necessity of combating false teaching from "many rebellious people, merely talkers and deceivers...." In the same setting Paul said, "To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure" (Tit. 1:15).

Knowing that false teachers existed, and were to come, Paul warned that Satan would be involved in every sort of evil "that deceives those who are perishing."

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**For our national leaders and world leaders** as they lead their respective nations.

**For our troops** in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

**For the "people in the box"-- the lost in** our families and community.

**For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ** in our own time

**For marriage to stand** in our laws as God ordained it.

**For the innocent** who are suffering in the midst of war.

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri**

**For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel**

**Bonnie Hall** (Matt Cram's mother) has had a recurrence of breast cancer and will be starting treatment soon. Matt and Kendra are with her.

**Ellen Lemon** is scheduled for treatment #4 in her chemotherapy this week.

**Emerson Coriell** was admitted to the OSU Hospital on Monday to build his system up. His last week of treatment has been temporarily suspended until he regains his strength. .

**Penny Ball** has a knee replacement surgery scheduled for August 11.

**Sharon Rogers** is still dealing with pain but healing is taking place.

**Aaron Salyers** (Melinda Hayward's close friend) remains in St. Mary's in Huntington but is improving. Yesterday they "waked" him up briefly and he was able to recognize and respond to people. He will be allowed to "wake up" for longer periods of time over the next few weeks.

**Merritt Hayward** was in ICU at KDMC this week with serious blood pressure problems.

### **Sympathy Extended**

To the family of **Kay Coriell** (Joan Coriell's sister) who passed away this past week. The funeral was Wednesday in Sciotoville.

To the family of **Rick Richmond** (husband to Rushie and father of Rikki Lynn) who passed away on Monday. The funeral was Friday in Sciotoville.

To the family and friends of **Mary Annette Coriell** who passed away on Wednesday. The funeral is scheduled today at the church building at 2:30 pm with one hour of visitation before the service.

To the family of **Ravin Salyers** (16 year old MHS student) who was killed in an auto accident this week. Her funeral was Thursday at Minford High School.

### **Thank You Received**

"We would like to thank our church family for your prayers and support during the loss of Kay. To all those who visited, sent cards, flowers and food, thank you. We love you and so appreciated all you've done." Love--Joan, Mike, Tim and Gregg (Card posted)

### **Bowls, Pans and Dishes**

We have many bowls, pans and dishes **in the church office** that need to be claimed by their owners. Please stop by and pick up your items.

### **Spirit Club Tonight**

Spirit Club meets tonight at 6 pm. th of the kingdom of God.

### **Farmers Market**

If anyone has produce to bring in for this program, please put it in the basket under the coat rack. Mandi Coriell.

### **Clutter Accumulation**

We have a lot of toys, clothes, bags, etc that have accumulated on the coat rack in the foyer lately. Most of it has been moved to the shelf in the hallway that leads to the women's restroom. Please, check to see if you are the owner of any of those things and take them home. After a week or two, we will be donating unclaimed items to Goodwill. Kristin R.



# Baptisms

This is old news and we apologize that we are just now getting it into the bulletin. During Sunshine's week at camp, 10 young people were baptized into Christ and three of them have Sunshine connections.

**Vanessa Dixon** (daughter of Mike and Becky Dixon) was baptized at camp. **Tyler Jones** and **Luke Purpero** (both part of our campus ministry at Shawnee State University) were baptized into Christ. We'll try to get phone numbers and addresses for Tyler and Luke for next week. Let us all rejoice in the grow

## Parking This Afternoon

This afternoon we have two major events happening in our building simultaneously. At 2:30 is the funeral service for Annette Coriell in the auditorium and from 2-4 is a 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration for the Simons in the annex. We would like to reserve the parking for the anniversary celebration for the north end of the parking lot (closest to Minford). For those of us who will be coming to the funeral but not going in procession to the cemetery, please stay to the south end of the lot and maybe even park on the grass toward the airport to help out with space. Thanks.



# Bible Study Curriculum

## Sunday

7/27 1 Corinthians 5  
8/03 1 Corinthians 6  
8/10 1 Corinthians 7  
8/17 1 Corinthians 8-9  
8/25 1 Corinthians 10  
8/31 1 Corinthians 11

## Wednesday

7/30 Genesis 20-23  
8/06 Genesis 24  
8/13 Genesis 25-26  
8/20 Genesis 27  
8/27 Genesis 28  
9/03 Genesis 29

## Verse of the Month

Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1

## Ladies Day at Circleville

Circleville church of Christ is holding its fifth annual Ladies Inspiration Day on August 9. Theme this year is "Growing God's Garden." Guest speaker will be Kelley Beerbower. Information card is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## God's Word: No Hoax

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He added, "They perish because they refuse to love the truth and so be saved" (2 Thes. 2:10).

But, back to the beginning premise that some say the Bible is a hoax. In my mind, and hundreds of thousands like me and before me, there are hundreds of proofs to say differently. The Bible is no hoax.

There is a simple logic that seems all the proof that I need: Why would anyone setting out to teach a falsehood teach people to be good. Teaching good is the theme throughout the Bible. Love God, love neighbor, Jesus summarized.

All of the lessons in the Bible are given to teach a lesson of how God hates evil and wants his people to do good.

If I were going to the trouble to write a book that would seem to travel tens of hundreds of years, I would make it a big falsehood, de-

signed to tilt any good toward being bad. No one with evil in his or her mind teaches to do good. Comparing that to the teachings of the Bible, that is the proof.

There are many who could offer empirical proof against the allegations of the linguists, whomever they may be, showing their proofs to be simply strawmen. I have books on top of books in my library that do so. Because of space, it is simply impossible to offer it here in this setting.

Back to John in about AD 90: "The life (Jesus) appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us" (1 John 1:2).

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*And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. - Gen 22:18*

