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GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK and “GOOD STEWARDSHIP”

Ken Chumbley

At the beginning of July 2007, there was a discussion on an e-mail list conducted by members of the church on the matter of “good stewardship” with respect to the work of the Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) and its budget. It was suggested by the original poster on the thread that the budget was \$4 million per year. Chad Dollahite, the Production Manger for GBN, quickly jumped in and stated:

“\$4 million a year? You need to check your facts, for they are wrong. The budget is just barely over half that. Now, I know that \$2 million may seem like a lot, but WHAT IS A SOUL WORTH, BRETHREN?”¹

Then, within an hour, Chad returned to post and downgrade that amount to \$1.6 million for the operating budget.² Barry Gilreath Jr., self-described as “a representative for GBN,” in his first post felt “compelled to set the record straight.” He stated: “The fact of the matter is that we are operating on about 1.6 million a year.”³ A significant discussion continued over several days regarding GBN’s budget and “good stewardship.”

However, following the discussion on the list Gary McDade – who is listed on the website as Director of Development for GBN – had two articles in the “Getwell News” [the bulletin for the Getwell Church of Christ—**Editor**] that again called into question what the actual budget is for GBN. In “On the Home Front,” Gary writes:

“The Gospel Broadcasting Network is seeking 1,000 congregations that will give \$500 each 5th Sunday. This will total the amount needed for the annual operating budget. The next 5th

Sunday is September 31st (I didn’t know September now had 31 days! – K.J.C). I hope we can participate again and keep this desperately needed network of Bible programming on the air 24/7/365!”⁴

Now let us look at the math. $1000 \times \$500 = \$500,000$. Multiply that by the four fifth Sundays in a year and you have \$2 million—that’s just \$100,000 less that the \$2.1 million figure that had been previously stated in numerous GBN Newsletters (the latest I have in hand being November 2006).

In the newsletter for March 2006, it is stated:

“We have reached Number 1000 of our ‘7000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal’ Campaign. Seven thousand committing to give a minimum of \$25.00 monthly would result in our meeting our annual current budget of \$2.1 million. We have reached the first milestone—1000. Will you help us reaching the goal of 7,000?”⁵

Yet, in the April/May 2006 issue of the newsletter an appeal was made by Barry Gilreath for congregations to have “fifth Sunday collections” for GBN. He said they hoped to raise by this means \$900,000 “to underwrite the cost of uplink satellite service for a year to broadcast to the United States, Canada, parts of Central America, and the Caribbean.”⁶ In the November issue of 2006 it was reported: “Some churches have given very generous contributions, with nearly fifty giving ‘Fifth Sunday’ contributions totaling nearly \$160,000. [This does not include October’s ‘fifth Sunday,’ yet to come at this printing].” Did they meet the goal of \$900,000? If they fell short, how much did they fall

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Editorial...

We Bid 2007 Goodbye

Life “is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14b). There are many things in our earthly sojourn that bear out the truth stated by James. One of them is how quickly the years seem to rush by, especially as we grow older. Thus, we come to the final editorial for 2007, with the full reality that we have no assurance that we will ever write another one.

With the last days of the year upon us, we are filled with thanksgiving to God for those brethren who continue to sacrifice their lives and all that pertains thereto in order to obey all of God’s Word, rather than compromise to any degree, in any way, form or fashion, God’s Word.

We are most thankful to our subscribers. Your many encouraging letters, notes, cards and emails that let us know of your desire for us to keep up the fight of faith; to continue to expose and mark false teachers; to unmask the unscriptural conduct of erring brethren and to refute any and all error, are truly words of exhortation. Also, from time to time some of you phone us. From you we hear, not only the terrible state of affairs of the church where some of you are, but the determination revealed in your words and in your tone of voice to remain steadfast and unmoveable in your stand for the whole Truth of God’s Word, whether it is in opposition to “anti” type doctrines or “liberal” ones.

CFTF wants our supporters to know that if we can encourage the remnant of the faithful not to be overcome of evil, but to overcome evil with good (as the Bible defines “the good”), we will have accomplished much in our efforts to serve our Lord (Rom. 12:21). You are truly zealous (bold, relentless and uncompromising) in your fight for the right. As the song goes, *In the fight for the right (you) would dare and do*. How the church needs more like you.

From time to time we get all sorts of critical comments. This has been the case since *CFTF* began. Such criticisms were and are fully expected in view of what we do—that so few even attempt to do. Seldom do these letters attempt to approach us with an “open Bible” in an attempt to show us the error of our way on the pages of *CFTF* or anywhere else. Most of these criticisms are hypocritical. They attempt to take us to task for taking others to task for teaching error. For reason(s) unknown to me, such double-minded critics never seem to see their own error in what they do. The truth of the matter is that

these critics do not mind castigating folks just as long as those being castigated are brethren to which they are opposed. These are blind, leaders of the blind. Thus, the bottom of a ditch is their destination (Matt. 15:14).

We are made truly sorry that so many brethren, who we thought were willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, have sold their birthright, as Esau did, for a mess of pottage (Heb. 12:16). These pretenders to Christianity have turned out to be too much in love with themselves, their families, friends, positions, power, money, etc. to remain consistently true to all of the Truth of the Gospel. They have never seen a “chief seat” in which they did not attempt to sit.

How it is that they have deceived themselves into thinking they can serve God with reservations is beyond us. But the fruits they bear tell on them—they reveal the ugly idols in their hearts from which, to date, they are unwilling to be turned. These brethren have become partners with the rich young ruler of Luke 18:24ff in that they are attempting to reserve some aspect(s) of their lives to use as they see fit. They conspire with one another for the purpose of determining what errors and the propagators of them they will or will not oppose. The strong odor of denominational Protestant sectarian conferences, Roman Catholic Synods and the Sanhedrin of the Jews hangs heavy in the air surrounding them.

As 2007 wanes let us remember, among other great Bible Truths, the inspired enlightening Words of the peerless apostle to the Gentiles regarding false teachers appearing in the church: **“For there must also be heresies (factions, sects—Editor) among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you”** (1 Cor. 11:19). False teachers, worldly members, hypocrites, contentious persons, whatever the sin or the sinner in the church, the faithful members will be brought to the forefront in dealing with them. This is the case because we will deal with them as with all things without respect of persons and in the light of objective “thus saith the Lord” propositions—nothing more, less or else.

It is all in the divine providence of God that He thereby has seen fit to reveal to the faithful who it is that is on the Lord’s side and who is not. Thus, we should rejoice that we have been counted worthy to be despised by our erring and unrepentant brethren. In actuality we are despised by them for one reason and one reason only—because of our Love for all of the Truth of God’s Word, and the resolve not to be turned from it. Let us, therefore, rise up and strengthen each other with a determination that at all costs we will always submit to the authority of God’s Word in solving the problems of this life. Let us highly resolve not to turn to the left hand or

right hand of the way of life; that we will persevere in the fight of faith, laying hold thereby on heaven itself. Let us fully know that when life’s little day is over, having kept the faith, we can lay our battle scarred armor down, never to wear it again. Then, having heard the sweet voice of the Captain of our salvation declare of and to us: “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord” (Matt. 25:21, 34), we will step through the gates into the City Foursquare never to depart from it.

Let us long for the day of our deliverance from this present evil world and into our heavenly home—for truly **“we are saved by hope”** (Rom. 8:24; 1 John 5:19). Thereby we will be strengthened to be victorious in the fight for the right. In the rout of the enemy we hear our King exhort His soldiers to “Press on, press on” (1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10). Let us then drive the enemy before us, until the victory is won. Then, as faithful soldiers of God’s great army, we can kneel before our victorious and glorious King as He (the Lion of the Tribe of Judah) stands in all His radiant glory upon the final field of battle, gazing down upon the pale face of defeated dead death (1 Cor. 15:25, 26).

—David P. Brown, Editor



Who is the Troublemaker in the Church?

Dave Dugan

- It is the one who CONFORMS to false doctrine, NOT the one who CEASES from it (Rom. 12:1,2; Gal. 5:19-23).
- It is the one who COMMENDS false doctrine, NOT the one who CONDEMNNS it (Eph. 6:10-17).
- It is the one who CONDONES false doctrine, NOT the one who CRIES OUT against it (Acts 20:27-31).
- It is the one who COVERS UP false doctrine, NOT the one who CORRECTS it (2 Tim. 4:24).
- It is the one who COMPLIMENTS false doctrine, NOT the one who CENSURES it (Tit. 1:9-11).
- It is the one who CHEERS false teachers, NOT the one who CHECKS OUT false teachers (1 John 4:1).
- It is the one who CHOOSES to set at the feet of false teachers, NOT the one who CALLS the names of false teachers (2 Tim. 2:17,18).
- It is the one who COMFORTS the false teacher, NOT the one who CAUTIONS others about the false teacher (Matt. 7:15).
- It is the one who CALLS the false teacher sound, NOT the one who CALLS upon the false teacher to speak whereof he stands (1 Pet. 3:15).

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short? Were they able to set this satellite service up or could they not meet the terms of the contract? *Further, was this “uplink service” only to provide 24/7 service to those who purchased the special satellite dishes at about \$300.00 (including shipping) per satellite dish?*

However, note again what McDade wrote in that July 30 bulletin under the heading “A Great Door And Effectual Is Opened”:

Presently, a couple of anticipated large contributions have not materialized for GBN, placing in jeopardy the operation. Are we in a financial crisis? When you have an annual operating budget of \$2,100,000 you came here [i.e., to GBN according to the context of McDade’s article –K.J.C] with a financial crisis!⁸

I will not get into the matter of a “financial crisis” here. However, did you note that McDade actually writes that the annual operating budget is \$2,100,000? We have had one of the elders and part of the “management team” for GBN – Barry Gilreath Jr. – state that the budget was \$1.6 million. Then, we have Chad Dollahite – the production manager – first stating that it was \$2 million and then quickly backing off to \$1.6 million. Gary McDade, Director of Development for GBN, stated the \$2.1 million figure. All of these figures were given in less than a month. *Which figure is correct?* You would think that the “team” could agree on what the annual operating budget for GBN is and put forth the same figures!

It is interesting to note what was stated in the very first newsletter that was put out in 2004. The plea was made: “I WANT TO BE ONE OF THE *7,000! (7,000 x \$25/month = \$2,100,000 required by GBN annually).”⁹ This is the amount that they sent forth to the brotherhood as being the amount “required annually” for the work. Note that it was “required” – NOT simply the “budget”.

Further, it was still being put forth that way as late as the November 2006 issue of the newsletter. Yet Barry Gilreath Jr. says they are “operating on about \$1.6 million a year.” Why the \$500,000 difference? When did it change? \$2,100,000 was “required” – but now they are “operating on about \$1.6 million a year”!

Obviously, they were not able to raise the \$2,100,000 that was “required.” The latest newsletters – as posted online – do not have financial statements. Early on the newsletters did have them. Why do they not now provide that information? Could it be that if they made their records known supporters might indeed question their stewardship?

The November 2006 issue of “Good News” continued to promote the goal of the 7,000 and \$2.1 million budget. The July 30, 2007 issue of “Getwell News” still promotes the “operating budget” of \$2.1 million but – instead of 7,000 individuals and \$25.00 per month – it is now 1,000 congregations contributing \$500.00 every fifth Sunday. What happened with the 7,000? Was that goal not reached? Have they now changed their approach and are now seeking 1,000 congregations? Or are they seeking to get both and have a budget of \$4.2 million?

We also need to note the following in the same article,

mentioned above, as McDade, goes on to write:

“Brethren, we have something very similar before us right now, ‘and there are many adversaries.’ The Gospel Broadcasting Network received an offer just a few days ago from both Dish Network *and* DirecTV for one hour of air time every morning at 7. We are told that DirecTV has about 15 million subscribers and Dish Network is not far behind them. The calculations provided by these networks suggest a potential viewing audience of approximately 60 million people!

Our adversaries are not what you might think. No opposing religious organization is standing against us at this time. No civil authority has voiced any disfavor. Antagonistic Humanist organizations have not even been notified of this possibility for us. Our adversary is fundamentally one foe: \$20,000 per month to pay for it.”¹⁰

I do not plan to dwell on what “other adversaries” that McDade had in mind apart from the money, although McDade goes to great lengths to explain those who are NOT the “adversaries.” I would, however, like to note what he states about the DirecTV and Dish Network proposal. Also, laying aside the time of 7:00 am (not a very good time for people to watch) or what programming would be provided, there is another issue that needs to be addressed. McDade states that the cost is \$20,000 per month which translates into \$240,000 per year. Now, in order to get “24/7/365” on these satellite providers, let’s see how much it would cost – based on the \$20,000 per month figure for one hour (clearly, some time slots might cost less but others – prime time – would cost more). Thus we have \$240,000 annually for one hour, multiplied by 24 for total “24/7/365” coverage that would cost \$5,760,000 per year! That would be just for going on those two satellite networks in the US. Now, what about that \$4 million figure that the original poster had mentioned earlier in his post to the list? It seems to be a tad low! Further, that figure does not cover cable TV costs for the US *or* the costs for the programming going “24/7/365” around the globe!

Again, we note the following from Gary McDade in the Getwell bulletin, “Good News”: “GBN has the programming ready to go for the first airing Wednesday, August 22nd. In fact Barry Gilreath, Executive Director of GBN, has told me we have ample programming ahead to cover our obligations. We heard today [August 21st] that DirecTV may need time to “ramp up” the new channel that will carry our programming. That’s their business; we’re happy to be considered by them to air our programming.” On the inside of the same bulletin, McDade, has another article entitled: “Another Milestone for the Gospel Broadcasting Network” that again speaks of the August 22nd date for programming to begin. He also lists the time for the hour of programming as “7:00 am Central time.”¹¹

DirecTV channel 323 is the channel listed to carry GBN broadcasts. As we have basic DirecTV, I tried to get Channel 323 on August 30th and it came up onscreen as “Channel Unavailable.” On that same day, I went to the web site of DirecTV and found that Channel 323 was not even listed on

their lineup of channels – even on the Premium lists! I then looked up “programming” and eventually came across Channel 323. After much more searching on DirecTV’s web site, I came across some information in TV Listings that mentions Channel 323. This section calls the channel “Uplift TV.” In checking for more information this is what came up:

Uplift TV

Channel:
323 UPLF
Air Time:
Wednesday, November 7 12:00 AM EST
Duration:
720 minutes
Categories:
Specials
MPAA Rating:
NR (Not Rated) ¹²

Here we are, over two months (at the time of writing), after the scheduled start-up date, or even the updated date that Chad Dollahite had stated in an e-mail dated August 20, 2007,¹³ that the start-up date had been put back to August 29. However, McDade – writing a day later (August 21) – did not give the August 29 date. Cannot the Production Manager and the Director of Development get their information coordinated? Further, based on the information in another “Getwell News” article, there is further confusion:

“help us get [the] word out about the special 5th Sunday contribution in September. A special DVD is being produced as we write this that will go out to over 7,000 congregations stressing the effectiveness and need for GBN to continue. Afterward, those same churches will receive a letter requesting emergency funds to allow GBN to get on those two major satellite networks.”¹⁴

Now, according to McDade, the letter requesting “emergency funds to allow GBN to get on those two major satellite networks” will only go out at a later date. McDade’s bulletin article is dated August 6. Taking the later date for the start of programming (August 29) – as given by Chad Dollahite – how can that date be achieved when the letter requesting “emergency funds” for the programming would only go out to the 7,000 congregations *after* the special DVD that (again according to McDade) was still “being produced” as of August 6? If indeed GBN is in need of “emergency funds” (as stated by McDade) to provide the \$20,000 per month for the programming – then how could they possibly have the funds in hand before August 29 (the supposed date for starting the programming), in order to be able to sign the contract? Clearly GBN needs to get its act together and distribute accurate coordinated information.

As for the GBN programming, even researching the DirecTV web site (November 6, 2007) does not reveal any information concerning the program when looking at the program guide for the time that the program airs, all it has is “UpliftTV.” How is the “potential audience of 40-60 million viewers” (taking the totals for both DirecTV and Dish Network supplied by GBN) going to find the programming, when DirecTV has nothing listed? What, I wonder, are the plans of DirecTV and Dish Network – as well as GBN – to advertise

and promote this programming to the “potential audience,” apart from GBN and its associates promoting it to churches and individual Christians? Even when this programming is up and running it will only be for one hour per day, and not at prime time.

Further, it has been, and continues to be promoted as a seven day a week program but it has **never** been seen on a Sunday. In an e-mail to the list, dated September 30, 2007, I wrote Chad Dollahite concerning this. He responded stating:

“DirecTV gave us no notification at all about being preempted on Sundays. When the Sunday program didn’t air, we called to check on it. DirecTV is reserving the bandwidth for NFL football during the NFL season. There is nothing we can do about it, but we are being reimbursed for those days the program doesn’t air, and it should stop when the NFL season is over.” ¹⁵

I replied to Chad:

“Then they are being preempted for nothing since the screen is BLANK and NO programming is available! Further what NFL programming would they want to run on a channel that is unknown at that hour of the morning? I am, however, pleased to note that you are being reimbursed.

I would further ask what other sports are they going to preempt you for? Before you signed the contract, why did not the company that you signed the contract with inform you of this? It would seem that they either didn’t have their “ducks in a row” or they simply overlooked that little problem that would stop the programming being seven days a week? Why has there been no information on your web site advising potential viewers that it is NOT seven days a week as you have been preempted? Surely you would want potential viewers to know that it was being preempted?” ¹⁶

Dollahite replied: “Nothing on at that time would be kind of inherent in the concept of “saving bandwidth,” now wouldn’t it?” ¹⁷ Such was the extent of his reply.

I thus wrote further:

“You clearly miss the point - they are NOT using it! Furthermore we are now several weeks into the season.

Will they be saving it for other sports leagues as well? If you don’t know, you need to ask.

Why were you NOT made aware of this when you signed the contract?

Your boast of it being an hour a day seven days a week - simply wasn’t true. Perhaps GBN needs to be more thorough in finding out the terms of a contract before they sign it!” ¹⁸

Dollahite never responded further to these enquiries. As of this past Sunday (November 4, 2007) the program was still not being aired and no use of the time slot was made for the NFL. Further, there has been nothing forthcoming from GBN concerning this matter. In an undated letter, written by Barry Gilreath, Sr., Executive Director and an elder of the Highland Church of Christ, published in the Getwell Church of Christ bulletin, in which the programming was discussed, Gilreath still speaks of “one hour *a day* on both DirecTV and Dish Network” ¹⁹ with no mention of the fact that the program was not being aired on Sundays. Even as of this writing, November 6, 2007, the GBN website gives no indication that the

program is not airing on Sundays. *So much for seven days a week of programming!*

Let us note more concerning the matter of getting “24/7/365” coverage around the globe. In the April 2005 issue of the GBN newsletter, Barry Gilreath Sr. stated:

“A contract must be signed with the company that will place the network on a satellite for nationwide distribution. The satellite’s coverage will include part of Canada, the Caribbean, and most of Central America. This contract with the satellite server will be a three-year commitment, with expenses running about \$55,000 per month or approximately \$2,000,000 over the three year period.”²⁰

Is this the same service referred to in the April/May 2006 newsletter, as quoted above? If so, why did the figures change from \$2,000,000 for three years to \$900,000 per year between April 2005 and April/May 2006? Also, does this mean that they did not sign the contract during 2005? Further, did they sign the contract at \$900,000 per year as per the April/May 2006 issue of the GBN newsletter? Clearly there are some questions that need to be answered in this regard that come under the heading of “good stewardship.”

Also, in the April/May 2006 issue of the GBN newsletter there was given a “PLAN FOR GLOBAL EXPANSION OF GBN”:

Phase 1 - 2006-2007

Expansion throughout all of the United States and Canada, portions of Central and South America and the Caribbean, via addition of cable and satellite service providers.

Phase 2- 2008

Expansion into Latin America via PAS-9, C-Band satellite.

Phase 3 – 2009

Expansion into Europe via Hotbird-6, Ku-Band satellite.

Phase 4 – 2010

Expansion into Africa and Southern Asia via PAS-10, C-Band satellite.

Phase 5 – 2011

Expansion into the Pacific Rim via PAS-8, C-band satellite. The estimated budget to reach global coverage is \$300,000/month (\$3,600,000/year).²¹

Phase 1 through phase 5 sure brings the dollar amount close to that \$4 million a year figure that Gilreath and Dollahite did not like! Where are they in progressing towards these goals? Again, such needs to be answered with respect to “good stewardship.”

One other point in the GBN newsletter of May 2005, announcement was made concerning the Charitable Income & Endowment Plan (CIEP). Those who were interested were to contact Gary McDade.²² This was touted as a means whereby older individuals (70 to 90 years of age) could contribute through an insurance program. Again, in the interests of “good stewardship” it needs to be asked was this a legitimate program? If so, does it still continue? Is GBN receiving contributions through this means?

Chad Dollahite, Production Manager for GBN, has attempted to give some response to two of the concerns that have been raised. Chad writes:

“2 questions (and answers):

- 1) How can I view GBN programming?
- 2) Is GBN focused only on America (as some have falsely assumed)?

For question # 1, the following are the answers:

1. GBN is available 24/7 via the Internet. The signal streams constantly from our website (www.gbntv.org <<http://www.gbntv.org/>>). High-speed connection is required to view audio and video, but even with dial-up access, audio is available.
2. The direct-to-home dish. These KU-band satellite dishes (similar to the ones used for Dish Network and DirecTV) are available from a third-party vendor. The satellite has a one-time cost associated with purchase and installation. No monthly fees are charged to view the programming. No other channels are offered, as that would involve monthly fees. ***GBN does not sell these dishes (or anything) to viewers, but we can put you in touch with those who do (Bold Italics mine—Editor).***
3. Several cable systems have picked up the GBN signal and carry it 24/7 in their area. I do not have a full list of the areas and/or subscriber numbers, but you can obtain this information by contacting the GBN office if interested.
4. Charter subscribers in the Montgomery area of Alabama, northern Georgia, and middle Tennessee receive GBN programming on the “Main Street” channel. Northern GA subscribers receive 1 hour of programming, and AL and TN subscribers receive 2 hours.
5. FarEast TV subscribers receive GBN programming once a week (this involves several countries/continents see below).
6. Beginning August 29, GBN programming will be available on DirecTV ch. 323 at 8 AM EST and Dish Network ch. 9407 at Noon EST.”²³

Note that numbers four through six indicate only an hour or two of programming. Number Three indicates that some (unnamed) cable systems carry programming 24/7 but clearly, none of the big providers. Number Two is the special satellite that has to be purchased and can only pick up GBN programming. ***How many non-Christians will be willing to purchase a satellite that can only pick up one religious channel?*** Number One is the Internet, which is *not* “broadcasting” – and video can only be picked up with a high-speed connection. This is the closest thing to “24/7/365” worldwide. Yet, such could be provided at much less cost – and indeed *is* being provided – by various congregations. *It is interesting that Chad places the Internet as Number One when it is not even “broadcasting”!* Truly, this is a long way from the “24/7/365” broadcasting that they “sold” the work on in their initial requests for money from the churches. We know, from what Gary McDade has written, the actual cost of Number Six. How much do Numbers One through Five cost?

His response to the second question is:

“For question # 2, plans are in place to, with God’s blessings and the necessary funding, blanket the entire planet with the GBN signal. GBN is still now in Phase 1, but there are 5 proposed phases of development. Assuming all 5 phases come to fruition, the GBN satellite signal (not just the streaming internet signal) will be available 24/7 anywhere in the world. Also, as mentioned, the GBN internet stream is available 24/7 wherever there is an internet connection. The FarEast TV programming was also mentioned above. For more on that, I have pasted below the announcement from the GBN “Good News” newsletter (Volume III, Number 5, July, 2006) when this programming first went into effect. If there is

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any question as to whether GBN’s programming has impacted those beyond just the United States, one can go to the website (www.gbntv.org<[httpL//www.gbntv.org/](http://www.gbntv.org)>) and view guestbook comments that literally are from all over the world, including India, Romania, Sweden, Canada, Sri Lanka, etc..”²⁴

Dollahite then lists the places where programming can be seen on Far East TV for one and a half hours per week on a Sunday morning. Again, one and a half hours per week is a far cry from a satellite network that covers the globe “24/7/365”! Earlier he had stated, in noting Question Two “Is GBN focused only on America (as some have falsely assumed)?” His charge “as some have falsely assumed” is a red herring since, no one – to my knowledge – has charged that the work is “focused only on America.” What *has* been said is that GBN’s programming, in its scope, style, and language – appears to primarily be focused on the U.S. There is a huge difference between “only” and “primarily.” The claim made by Dollahite does not address the obvious fact that the principal focus of GBN is, at least at this time, on the U.S.

In answering both questions, no reference is made to cost or to how funds are expended. Indeed Dollahite offers **no** response respecting financial matters concerning questions regarding “good stewardship” that have been raised on the aforementioned lists – by me and others – as referenced in this article.

It is past time for the elders at Highland and the “Management Team” of GBN to come clean on the actual costs for their “24/7/365” concept throughout the world and to deal with the question of “good stewardship” as we have referenced in this article.

Note, no reference has been made to the matter of their fellowship with known, and unrepentant, false teachers (such has been discussed and continues to be discussed in other places) – and the matter of fellowship (contrary to II John 9-11) is indeed *itself* a matter of “stewardship.” Thus, it needs to be asked: *Is it “good stewardship” to fellowship a known and unrepentant false teacher(s)?*

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“THE MAN OR THE PLAN” DISCUSSION REVISITED

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Introduction

In the early 1960s I was a young preacher, not long out of Abilene Christian College. I well remember the lively brotherhood discussion of “the Man or the plan” controversy (actually, it might be better styled, “the Man **instead of** the plan”). It arose from the accusation made by some brethren that preachers had generally been too “negative” and “dogmatic” and had emphasized “the plan” (i.e., regarding the plan of salvation, worship, church organization, et al.) too much and the person of the Lord and “grace” too little.

Reuel Lemmons, editor of *Firm Foundation*, opined in an editorial in 1962 that those who thus argued (who at the time he styled the “liberal left”) were seeking to foist a dangerous theological shift on churches of Christ. He predicted that, with the easing of the anti-ism controversy in the 1950s, the next battle would be with liberalism, signaled by those who were contending for less emphasis on the “plan” and more on Jesus and grace.¹ (Ironically, Lemmons, over the ensuing quarter century, moved so far leftward that he became one of those “liberal left” voices he earlier decried. Alton Howard gave Lemmons’ liberalism new life when he inaugurated *Image* magazine to give him a continued editorial platform after his dismissal from the *Firm Foundation* editorial chair in 1983.)

The K.C. Moser Factor

However, the push for “the Man instead of the plan” (essentially advocating a “grace only” approach to salvation) did not begin in the 1960s; it only revived at that time. Likewise, the veritable explosion of “grace only” advocacy among liberal preachers, authors, and professors among us in the 1980s and 1990s (as I will quote below) also has longer roots than the 1960s discussion.

John Mark Hicks, Lipscomb University Professor of Theology and Harding Graduate School of Religion Adjunct Professor of Christian Doctrine, chronicled these roots in his article, “K.C. Moser and Churches of Christ: an Historical Perspective.”² Hicks has for years been solidly among the Rubel Shelly-type “grace only” advocates, and his article confirms what I (and others) have known for a long time: In the Lord’s church, K.C. Moser (1893–1976) was (and through his writings, still is) the principal fountain of the “demote-the-plan-of-the-Man” contention of the 1960s and of the ever louder “grace only” advocacy since the early 1980s. The Hicks article provides additional interesting documentation of a few influential brethren who endorsed and encouraged Moser and his views and whose names may surprise some.³

Hicks pointed out that Moser began early in his writing career (mainly for *Firm Foundation*, 1920–34) to attack his perception of “legalistic” preaching relating to grace and the plan of salvation. In forty articles from his pen in this period, almost half of them treated the themes of grace, atonement, faith, and works and their relationships to each other. He attached the “Man or plan” concept to his ideas on grace at least as early as 1932 in a *Gospel Advocate* article titled “Preaching Jesus.”⁴ Moser’s article drew an immediate rebuttal from R.L. Whiteside, a staff writer for *Gospel Advocate* at the time.⁵

By 1932, Moser had all but ceased writing for *Firm Foundation* (likely due to Editor G.H.P. Showalter’s disagreement and weariness with his hobby) and had begun writing for *Gospel Advocate*. That same year The Gospel Advocate Company published Moser’s first book, *The Way of Salvation*, which incorporated material from his articles. C. Leonard Allen, an ACU-related liberal, summarized the intent of Moser’s book as a correction of a “displacement of the cross and God’s grace” in our preaching and our concepts.⁶

Wallace, Showalter and Whiteside

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published Moser's book. Foy E. Wallace, Jr., who had nothing but antipathy for Moser's "grace only" agenda, was editor of Gospel Advocate when the book was published. Had he controlled the company's book publication division, it seems certain that Moser would have had to go elsewhere to get his book published. Upon its publication, Wallace criticized Moser's book editorially.⁷ The book apparently generated little notice at first, except for Wallace's negative review. In another irony, on January 1, 1933, Moser was appointed (likely by Leon B. McQuiddy, the Advocate's owner—surely not by Wallace) to edit the "Text and Context" department of the Advocate, where he did not last long.

Forty-five years later, in his last book, Wallace was still much concerned about Moser's book, doctrine, and name in connection with his (Wallace's) years as Editor of the Advocate. He related that Moser's attempts to "inject his peculiar ideas on 'repentance before faith' and the 'conditions' of salvation...so contrary to the gospel" also provoked opposition from the other staff writers, men "known to be the strongest men among us—H. Leo Boles, F.B. Srygley, R.L. Whiteside, C.R. Nichol and others of like stature."⁸

That same year (1933), R.L. Whiteside began a series of articles in the Advocate on Romans, responding to and answering material in Moser's Way of Salvation. These articles later formed the basis of Whiteside's New Commentary on Paul's Letter to the Saints at Rome (which I have long believed to be among the best ever written on Romans). The following quotes from it illustrate how dangerous and without Scriptural basis the erudite Whiteside considered Moser's doctrine:

To me it seems inexcusable that a person should so misunderstand Paul as to draw the following conclusion: "Indeed, it seems to be difficult even at the present time for many to grasp the idea of righteousness that does not depend on human effort." Surely the author did not properly consider the import of his words. If a Universalist or an Ultra-Calvinist had penned such words, we would not be surprised....

If people would quit arraying the **commands of God** against the **grace of God**, they would have a clearer vision of the scheme of redemption. God's grace is in every command he gives.⁹

The following year, *Firm Foundation* Editor, G.H.P. Showalter, bluntly expressed his view of Moser as a traitor to the cause, who had embraced Baptist doctrine.¹⁰

Wallace also noted in his 1977 comments on Moser that the Baptist debater, Ben M. Bogard, whom so many brethren debated in the first half of the past century, endorsed Moser's book in his (Bogard's) periodical and taunted brethren with it when debating them. Any who have read much from Moser and from Bogard must admit that Bogard was fully justified in claiming Moser's book for his cause. Is it not strange that Baptist Bogard could recognize Baptist doctrine in Moser's book, but some influential brethren could not and still cannot? Wallace also related that, when Moser came out with his book, both Showalter and Whiteside

...exposed his "saved by the man, not by the plan" and "salvation by faith" hobby as being contrary to the gospel plan of salvation, and being no more nor less than denominational doctrine.¹¹

Brewer, Thomas, and Mattox

Hicks documents the fact that G.C. Brewer, prominent preacher of the past century and also an Advocate

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staff writer under Wallace, praised the Moser book. Brewer advised readers to read it more than once and called it “one of the best little books that came from any press in 1932.”¹² While Wallace rightly judged Moser’s doctrine as borrowed from the denominations, Brewer viewed it as an antidote for what he perceived to be “legalism” among brethren. In 1937, Moser published a booklet titled, *Are We Preaching the Gospel?* In it he accused brethren of preaching an “abstract plan” of human works rather than grace received through faith. Brewer also promoted this booklet.¹³

Moser produced yet another booklet in 1952, titled *Christ Versus a “Plan”* (published by Harding College Bookstore, incidentally). As one should expect by now, if Moser wrote it, Brewer promoted it. Accordingly, Brewer indicated in his autobiography that he praised and promoted this tract and its theme.¹⁴ That same year the late J.D. Thomas, Director of the Abilene Christian College Lectureship, invited Brewer to speak on the program. Thomas purposely assigned him the topic, “Grace and Salvation” because he agreed with the “man-instead-of-the-plan” theology of Brewer and Moser and wanted to promote it in Texas. Brewer apparently accomplished Thomas’s goal and made his own mark on the grace/works theme in his speech. Richard T. Hughes relates that Thomas told him in a 1993 interview that he counted Brewer’s lecture a “pivotal turning point” in doctrine for the church.¹⁵ Doubtless, if nothing else, the sermon lent some credibility to Moser’s unrelenting theme.

Moser’s final book was *The Gist of Romans*, a brief commentary (thematic, rather than textual), published in 1957.¹⁶ It was somewhat of a distillation of his assaults on alleged “legalism” among brethren over the previous thirty-five years. Brewer died of cancer in 1956, and thus never saw Moser’s last book. Some unknown benefactor made a copy of this book available to me (as I presume he did to all Bible majors at ACC) in 1957. Obviously, someone(s) wanted to influence young would-be preachers with Moser’s doctrine (Thomas, then head of the Bible Department, may

well have been the benefactor, given his doctrinal kinship with Moser).

In 1964, F.W. Mattox, president of Lubbock Christian College and long-time friend of Moser’s, called him out of retirement to join the school’s Bible faculty. He taught there for eight years, giving him countless opportunities to influence young people and giving him credibility and a platform he had not previously enjoyed. Hicks reports interviewing Jim Massey, who taught with Moser at LCC, during which Massey stated that Moser, because of his doctrine, was called “the Baptist preacher” on the LCC campus.¹⁷ This appellation fully accords with the above-referenced comments of Wallace and Whiteside. While I find Moser’s LCC reputation comment accurate, I find it far short of amusing.

The Dormant Seeds Sprout

Seeds can lie dormant for years or even centuries, awaiting just the right conditions to germinate and spring to life. This characteristic inheres in the Gospel “seed” (Luke 8:11), and, unfortunately, in the “seed” of error as well. In his book, *Distant Voices: Discovering a Forgotten Past for a Changing Church*, C. Leonard Allen, a dedicated change agent, avers: “The efforts of Moser stand directly behind some of the theological shifts occurring among contemporary Churches of Christ.”¹⁸ Allen should know—as I believe he does. This being so, to read Moser is to read source material for some of the wild and heretical statements concerning grace among us over the past forty plus years. Compare the following statements with some of Moser’s (and Baptist Bogard’s!) quotes and/or emphases referenced above:

Nobody has any right to preach anything other than the Gospel of pure grace. We are saved by grace plus nothing. You are saved by faith period. There is nothing you can do to be saved (1982, excerpt from sermon, the late Glen Owen, at the time an elder, Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, TX).

If one is to be saved, it must be totally by grace.... I was brought up on the “Christian duty” concept. All facets of

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“grace only” premise utterly.

One verges on irrationality to contend simultaneously for two “exclusive” factors of salvation. The late B.B. James, my father-in-law, worded this contradiction well:

As strange as it may seem, [Baptist] preachers will use Ephesians 2:8 in an attempt to prove the doctrine of salvation by faith only. I have heard others use the same Scripture in an effort to teach salvation by grace only. Paul Said, **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”** Obviously, if one is saved by **faith only** or by **grace only**, it could not be by grace through faith (unless, of course, grace and faith are the same thing).²⁰

As indicated by several foregoing quotations, Baptist preachers are by no means the only ones advocating Moser’s “grace only” heresy. One who says in the same breath that salvation is “by grace plus nothing,” then adds “by faith period,” and further pontificates that “there is nothing you can do to be saved” needs a caregiver. “Grace plus nothing” excludes faith. “Faith period” excludes grace. And if man can do nothing to be saved, who does the believing?

The charges by liberals are false that any of us are “afraid of grace,” that we do not believe in it, or that we do not understand, preach, or emphasize it. All who preach “the whole counsel of God” both believe in it and preach it. Every sermon that mentions the Christ, the church, the cross, inspiration, repentance, Heaven, Hell, and yes, even baptism and the law of Christ, declares and emphasizes the grace of God. Rather than excluding all of the foregoing (and many other matters, including works of obedience on our part), God’s grace and mercy include them. The problem liberals have with faithful brethren is not that we do not preach grace, but that we do not preach their Calvinistic perversion of it.

Scriptural accuracy includes “the Man and the plan.” Men who choose one in favor of the other are apostates. Our Lord, by self-imposed limitation, cannot/does not save apart from His plan (Acts 20:32; Rom 1:16; 2 The. 1:7–9; Tit. 2:11–3:5; et al.). The plan is but a lifeless, powerless, human instrument apart from the crucified, risen, enthroned Savior. There is no such thing as “grace only” salvation. Salvation is free in that we cannot earn or merit it. However, it is not free from the standpoint of God-given conditions men must meet to receive it.

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“UNITY—FROM GOD OR MAN”
FEBRUARY 24—27

David P. Brown, Director

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:30 AM	David P. Brown	<i>“Union in Diversity” Contradicts New Testament Unity</i>
10:30 AM	Darrell Broking	<i>Immorality and Unity</i>
NOON MEAL PROVIDED BY THE SPRING CONGREGATION		
5:00 PM	Steve Yeatts	<i>A History of Unity Movements in the Church of Christ</i>
6:00 PM	John West	<i>The Lord’s Supper and Unity</i>

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM	Dub Mowery	<i>The Influence of the Colleges on Scriptural Unity</i>
10:00 AM	Michael Hatcher	<i>Worship and Unity</i>
*10:00 AM	Sonya West	<i>How “Christian Women” Destroy Unity</i>
11:00 AM	Wayne Blake	<i>The Godly Home and Unity</i>
LUNCH BREAK		
1:30 PM	Skip Francis	<i>Is the Church in Crisis?</i>
2:30 PM	Paul Vaughn	<i>The Restoration Principle and Unity</i>
3:30 PM	OPEN FORUM	
DINNER BREAK		
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		
6:30 PM		
7:00 PM	Daniel Denham	<i>Sound Doctrine and Unity</i>
8:00 PM	Jesse Whitlock	<i>Bible Versions and Unity</i>

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM	Johnny Oxendine	<i>The New Hermeneutic and Unity</i>
10:00 AM	Ken Chumbley	<i>An Informed Membership and Unity</i>
*10:00 AM	Sonya West	<i>How Christian Women Build Unity</i>
11:00 AM	Geoff Litke	<i>Causes of Division</i>
LUNCH BREAK		
1:30 PM	Denny Wilson	<i>How Does Repentance Relate to Unity?</i>
2:30 PM	Gene Hill	<i>Money and Unity</i>
3:30 PM	OPEN FORUM	
DINNER BREAK		
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		
6:30 PM		
7:00 PM	Danny Douglas	<i>God’s Plan for Unity (Eph. 4)</i>
8:00 PM	Lynn Parker	<i>Is the Church of Christ a Sect?</i>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM	Tim Cozad	<i>Music in the Worship of God and Unity</i>
10:00 AM	David Watson	<i>Gospel Preachers and Unity</i>
11:00 AM	Gary Summers	<i>The Autonomy of the Church and Unity</i>
LUNCH BREAK		
1:30 PM	Paul Middlebrooks	<i>Church Discipline and Unity</i>
2:30 PM	Bruce Stulting	<i>Godly Fear and Unity</i>
3:30 PM	OPEN FORUM	
DINNER BREAK		
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		
6:30 PM		
7:00 PM	Lee Moses	<i>Love, the Authority of God’s Word and Unity</i>
8:00 PM	Dub McClish	<i>The Elders and Deacons Responsibility to Keep the “Unity of the Spirit”</i>

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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.

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-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 12, Denton, TX 76208. E-mail: northpointcoc@hotmail.com. Sunday: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; Wednesday 7:00. Contact: Dub McClish: 940.323.9797; tgjoriginal@verizon.net.

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