

**KENT BAILEY-TOMMY HICKS E-MAIL EXCHANGES,
INDICATING HICKS' OPPOSITION TO DAVE MILLER**

From: SigPro52@aol.com [mailto:SigPro52@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2005 8:40 AM
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Subject: TGJ Controversy

Tommy,

Is there any way the TGJ board would reconsider its present decision regarding the dismissal of Dub and Dave? I fear that a great deal of unnecessary damage has already been done.

It probably is not possible at this stage to keep the editorship and associate editorship open to both Dub and David. If I were either of them I could not even consider remaining at the helm if the board's decision were reversed. Perhaps at least some of the damage can be repaired and at least fellowship can be maintained if corrections are made and apologies offered. Why is it the case that Bert Thompson is being treated like a victim whereas Dub and Dave like perpetrators? Do brethren fail to understand that a willingness to forgive does not negate or remove consequences of sin?

I have a deep love for all of those involved in this controversy. It is my sincere desire and prayer that a solution to this serious problem will be ascertained. If such is not to happen there will be an open split take place among those who have dearly loved one another and have faithfully labored together for years.

It indeed is a mystery to me how brethren very dear to me have jumped on board a band wagon in support of a work that has a false teacher as its director. The last week has been one of the most heart breaking periods of my entire life.

Brotherly in Christ,
Kent Bailey

From: Tom Hicks
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Cc: BROWN, DAVID; CATES CURTIS; HATCHER MICHAEL; DUB McCLISH; JOSEPH MEADOR;
KEN RATCLIFF;
DAVID WATSON
Subject: RE: TGJ Controversy

Kent,

Thank you for your email message and for your concerns relative to *The Gospel Journal*. Please allow me to refer you to brother Curtis Cates, President of The Gospel Journal Board. If you will contact him, I am sure he will openly discuss with you the matters you have raised. Because you and I are friends, I do want to make some personal (i.e., my own) comments that might be useful to you.

From some of your statements, it appears to me that you have been given some false information. I know that David Brown and Lynn Parker have been "spreading the word," calling and/or emailing brethren, trying to stir them up, telling them that *The Gospel Journal* Board "fired" Dub McClish and was giving its support to Dave Miller. Kent, that simply is not true. Though I do not know where you got your information, your message below sounds very much like what David and Lynn have been

telling people.

You did not use the word "fired," but you used "dismissal" which, to me, implies the same. Neither Dub nor David was "fired." Furthermore, neither was asked to "resign." By their own volition, both did resign. I cannot speak as to how Dub and David perceived their situation relative to TGJ Board, but if *anyone* says, "They saw the handwriting on the wall and resigned," I can assure you that *TGJ Board* had done no "writing on the wall." No vote was ever taken, therefore, no decision was ever made, by TGJ Board to "fire" them or to ask them for their resignations.

Kent, no TGJ Board member, let alone TGJ Board as a whole, has "jumped on board a band wagon in support of a work that has a false teacher as its director." *Anyone* who says we have is either misinformed or dishonest. If someone says, "Well, *it looks like...*" I would remind them of John 7:24. Specifically, regarding the false doctrines in which Dave Miller involved himself (i.e., elders "re-evaluation" doctrine and the marriage/divorce "intent" doctrine *a la* Everett Chambers), we stand with you and every other sound brother-in opposition to them. Right now, we, like a whole lot of other brethren (and, I would think you included), are taking a "wait and see" stance regarding Apologetics Press.

Dub and I have been friends since 1971. Having known him for 34 years I do not exaggerate when I tell you that I would trust him with my life. In matters of judgment, Dub and I do not always share the same opinions. But, in matters of faith we speak the same things and are of the same mind, and the same judgment. Dub has never taught or done anything of which I am aware that would cause me or any other TGJ Board member to question for a *moment* being in fellowship with him. In fact, each TGJ Board member has individually conveyed this to Dub and to David. Kent, there are absolutely no fellowship issues involved.

Hopefully, these thoughts will help your understanding of the matter. Be assured, TGJ has nothing to hide and is seeking to be only what it was established to be.

Brotherly,
Tom

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Subject: Re: TGJ Controversy

Tommy,

1. If neither Dub nor Dave were removed by TGJ board then what motivated their decision to resign?
2. If neither Dub nor Dave were removed by TGJ board what motivated Brian [*sic*] Braswell to inform Dub that both he and Dave were going to be dismissed from their respective roles at TGJ? Brian [*sic*] stated he received this information from Barry Grider of the Forest Hill Church.
3. Does TGJ board agree or disagree with Dub's *Summation Of The AP Scandal*?
4. Does TGJ board agree, or disagree with Frank Chesser's response to Dub's written summation?
5. Tommy, you stated that you did not endorse Dave Miller due to the false position he advocates

regarding reevaluation and reappointment of elders and MDR. I certainly stand with you on that opposition. However, you stated you were going to take a “wait and see” approach regarding Apologetics Press. The case being that Dave Miller has already been working at Apologetics Press for some time why do you desire to “wait” and what do you want to “see”?

6. Does TGJ board either presently endorse or oppose the work at Apologetics Press with Dave Miller at the helm?

7. Would the TGJ board be agreeable to an open meeting with Dub and Dave along with concerned brethren about this present controversy? Of course there would be a need to have a neutral moderator (one not affiliated with either *The Gospel Journal* or *Contending For The Faith* preside at such a meeting).

Again, permit me to emphasize that I dearly love all that are involved in this present controversy. This past week has brought an untold amount of sadness to my heart. It would give me no greater satisfaction to see this situation resolved in a scriptural manner. Although, this E-mail is addressed to you copies are being sent to all TGJ board members as well as others involved. I would appreciate any response made by any TGJ board member.

Brotherly in Christ,
Kent Bailey

[NOTE: The Hicks letter is the most any TGJ Board member has written in response to the multitude of questions relative to *TGJ* upheaval. The denial of the application of any pressure on the editor and associate editor to resign is simply not factual, as Michael Hatcher reported in his resignation from TGJ board and in his apology to McClish and Watson. His strong denunciation of Dave Miller is interesting in light of his continued close relationship with his fellow-board members who endorsed him and AP in writing and in light of his use of dozens of speakers on the Lubbock Lectures since writing the foregoing denunciation who are Miller defenders. Tommy did not respond to Kent Bailey’s questions in his second letter.DM]