

Below are numerous post exchanges from the LookingUntoJesus yahoo group. These posts are used by permission of the owner. It is clear based on the evidence contained in these posts that Curtis Cates has always been **"all about the money."**

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List,

In the past I mentioned to some of you that I was going to post some information which would/will reveal some things which may shock some of you.

First, allow me supply this web site link and call your attention to the September 1987 issue of the Defender and the February 1988 issue as well. <http://www.bellviewcoc.com/defender-pdf.php>

In 2005 at the lectureship in Muskogee, OK during the noon meal (which day I do not recall) Tom Bright, Paul Brantley, Jerry Brewer, and myself were sitting together and discussing many things as preachers so often do.

I asked brother Paul if Max Miller ever repented and made things right between himself and the congregation at Bellview. Brother Paul replied; "Not to my knowledge, he didn't."

Many may be aware that the Guilt Edge congregation, north of Memphis, TN. hired Max Miller shortly after the Bellview congregation closed down her school of preaching.

But what is not known is that, not long after the Guilt Edge congregation hired brother Max Miller, brother Miller met with the faculty of the Memphis School of Preaching one morning before chapel.

Brother Miller was permitted to speak in chapel to the students of the school that same morning. Brother Cates of course commended brother Miller and his effort, brother Cates had also given brother Miller a commendable introduction.

I have recently spoken to John West, who was also a student at this time, and I asked brother West if he recalled Max Miller having spoke in chapel after the Bellview School of Preaching was closed. Brother John said that he vividly recalls this event. Brother West relayed to me that he remembers having spoken to his father (Wayne West) about the matter.

Being a student, one is not endowed with much wisdom, nor is one aware of lot of things. Being a student, I of course "trusted"

brother Cates in these matters.

There are of course multiple problems which are involved in this. First, the Guilt Edge congregation saw fit to hire a preacher (a man) who had been withdrawn from and who had not repented. Second, brother Miller, who had been withdrawn from, and who had not repented, was permitted to speak to the students of the Memphis School Of Preaching in chapel that same morning. Third, brother Cates gave public support to a man who had been withdrawn from who had not repented.

Most realize that many of the students of schools of preaching are only able to attend these school through the support they, as students, receive from individuals, and congregations.

Like many other students, my support came from individuals, and congregations, I was also able to attend the Memphis School Of Preaching through the benefits of my G.I.Bill.

The Guilt Edge congregation supported me as a student \$300.00 per month. Now \$300.00 per month 20 years ago was quite a substantial amount of financial support. I would estimate that the support I received from Guilt Edge was about 15% to 20% of my monthly support.

Is it not clear, that in order to "keep the money" the Guilt Edge congregation was providing me as a student(the Memphis School Of Preaching)brother Cates did nothing more that allow Max Miller, (who had been withdrawn from, and had not repented) to speak in chapel that particular morning, and refused to do that which was right, by refusing to encourage Max to repent and make things right between himself and the Bellview elders and congregation?

I have been keenly aware of this situation far more so than many others, for this directly involved me, and the support of my family.

Would it not have been better for brother Cates to have refused to permit Max Miller to speak and "risk" losing the support of the Guilt Edge congregation? Should not the school, and Curtis have instantly declined the monthly support Guilt Edge was providing when Max Miller was hired by Guilt Edge? Would not Max Miller been the better off with urgency's issued to him to repent and make things right with the Lord, and the Bellview elders and congregation? Would not the Guilt Edge congregation have been better off if they would have been encouraged to correct the sin of having hired and fellow-shipped a brother who had been withdrawn from and had not repented?

As it stands now, according to the elders of the Bellview congregation, Max Miller never did make things right. Further, the Guilt Edge congregation, to my knowledge has never repented for having hired and fellow-shipped a man who had been withdrawn from and had not repented. Third, Curtis Cates has never repented for extending fellowship to Max Miller, who had been withdrawn from and who had never repented.

Is it not clearly seen just how far the spoils of sin reach. Far reaching are the consequences of sin. Is it not the case that repentance needs to be made by many as a result of Curtis Cates doing what was done so long ago in order to "keep the money?"

Brother Cates has obviously long been "all about the money" which is clearly seen through these facts. These are facts to which I am an eye and ear witness. I saw the money put in my hand from the Guilt Edge congregation. I heard Brother Cates commend Max Miller in chapel. I saw the Guilt Edge money put in my hand for two years during my time as a student in the school.

I have had these things on my conscience for no little time. I did want, however, to first contact the elders at the Bellview congregation and be absolutely sure of the facts before making any kind of post or statement.

The Bellview elders have informed me that the withdraw of fellowship of Max Miller still stands. In my email to the elders of the Bellview congregation I expressed my desire to have one of the elders reply to me who was one of the elders during the time Max Miller had been withdrawn. I wanted to be absolutely sure that I had "first hand information" from that, then serving eldership.

I have tried to do my homework and do it properly. I would hope that I have proven this to be the case.

Brethren, these are the facts, facts of which I have first hand knowledge, which can be affirmed by John West,(and others) as stated earlier.

If for no other reason besides this one I cannot, nor will not lend support to the Memphis School Of Preaching. Sad it is that the school has much repenting to do.

The question will of course be asked by some, "Why did you not do this years ago?" Brethren, I did, but not many recall Max Miller speaking

in chapel all those years ago. I must confess that I did not aggressively pursue this matter because so few recall the incident. For this I apologize and seek God's pardon, and I hope yours as well.

Daniel Coe

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Daniel and List

As Daniel stated in his email, I was a student of MSOP when Max Miller spoke in chapel. Daniel and I started at MSOP in 1987 while the Bellview problem was fresh. I had (and still have) in my possession several Defenders discussing the problems and the withdrawal of Max Miller. As a new student and one fresh out of high school, I did not understand at the time why Miller was allowed to speak in chapel. Brother Ira Rice often came to the school and he spoke in chapel not long after Miller spoke. I agree wholeheartedly with Daniel that it was (and is) about the money. While I did not see that at the time, as the years went by, I began to see it.

It is interesting to me by watching this problem unfold over the past year and a half alliances that have been made. I have heard Curtis Cates make remarks about liberalism at ETSOP and their lectureship. However in the "New" Gospel Journal, ETSOP is allowed to advertise (which indicates that Cates NOW supports and fellowships them since he is the Pres. of the board)(see p. 15 July 2006). In 2000, Cates and I were eating breakfast at Denton, TX while attending the Annual Denton Lectures. Robert Taylor Jr. walked out of the hotel (if memory serves me, he had to leave the lectures because of some emergency), Cates turned to me and said to the effect that brother Taylor is a fine man and a good friend, but he could not understand why he would go speak on the ETSOP lectures each year with those liberals. He also said that Robert Taylor has spoken at several lectureships which he (Cates) considered liberal and would not support. He said he wished brother Taylor would quit speaking at those places. I have also heard Cates make remarks about Jim Dearman (after Dearman quit teaching at MSOP) and his lack of confidence in him and Rod Rutherford. Now, it is just "water under the bridge" with Cates and MSOP. Until I see changes in MSOP, I cannot support the school and will encourage others to drop support of them until they repent.

John West

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John and List,

I want to express to John West my appreciation for his post of reply. The numbers of those who will stand up and confirm truth is getting smaller and smaller. This seems to be the case not just

where the Scriptures are concerned, but where brotherhood issues are concerned. Too often when one presents truthful first hand facts here of late, there seems to be a scarce witness to be found to confirm whatever truth was presented. Again Thank You brother West.  
Daniel Coe

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Daniel and list,  
There are more out there who could stand up and tell the truth if they had the courage to do so (we say in Alabama, "the guts to do it"). I Believe courage and truth both have been thrown out the window by the supporters of MSOP and the "buddyhood." I never thought I would see the day that I would stop supporting MSOP. If someone had told me this 3 years ago, I would have laughed in their face. It is very disheartening to see the direction MSOP is going. It still goes back to what was said on the CFTF list about Cates speaking in Montgomery with Tom Holland, Rodney Cloud (DLU) and others. I still believe it's about the money and popularity.

John West

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I wasn't aware of this, thank you for sharing it with us. I was a student when Miller was tearing up the Bellview congregation. It is shameful to have a lost man address young preaching students and treat him as if he is saved... ah, but that seems to be the way things are done in some circles now-a-days... Sad. Tim Smith

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Tim,  
I would venture to say that the only one who knew of this of the Bellview students would be Ed Praschak. Ed was the only student MSOP allowed to transfer from Bellview to MSOP. Ed will indeed recall Max Miller having spoke at the school.  
Tim I do not know if the Bellview elders were ever made aware of this ordeal or not.

The reality of the motives behind Curtis Cates is clearly seen here, is it not?  
Now brethren, think with me, and ask yourselves this question: "Just how long has Curtis Cates and the MSOP fellow-shipped false doctrine and false teachers?"

Just what are your thoughts now brethren?

Daniel Coe

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List,

Correct this sentence in paragraph 6 to read: "But what is not known is that, NOT long after the Guilt Edge congregation hired brother Max Miller, brother Miller met with the faculty of the Memphis School of Preaching one morning before chapel."

Daniel Coe

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Dear brother Daniel, It will be a further saddening revelation to them to be sure, but it will only confirm more of what we all have been gradually coming to realize -- that with brother Curtis we were not really getting what we were seeing. Many of us were played, which is something he will have to account for by and by. If not in this lifetime, then...Someone has observed that Revelation 21:8 excludes politicians from heaven, and that goes for those in the church as well as in civil government. Daniel Denham

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Brethren,

Let me ask another question here in light of the facts as I have presented them. How do you suppose all those who have supported the MSOP through all these years would feel if they knew just what they were doing? And just what do you suppose all those sound gospel preachers (those who are still sound) who spoke on so many MSOP lectureships would say if they were aware of these things?

This is in part why I thought it needful to provide such a group as this. It may be well to further expose these things, but it needs to be done here where I, and John West (first hand witnesses) can answer what ever questions we may be asked. As far as I know, no one else of our class has been willing to come forward with this information. But, as we have both expressed, we were not as wise then as we are now.

Daniel Coe

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List,

It is not my intent to speak for anyone, but I am sure we can expect to hear some more about this matter.

Daniel Coe

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Brother Daniel,

Thank you for your earnest desire to be right in this matter that you stated (below). I appreciate you as a devout and sound preacher of the gospel and man of God.

You have made some points that should make all people consider that nothing is worth compromising the truth, and when man so does he is need of repentance. Even if it is a man or group of men who are highly respected and well known.

Peter's statement and observation at the house of Cornelius is the truth and truth does not change for anyone:

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34-35).

In Christ,  
Danny Douglas

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List,

Another question which came to me regarding post # 51 (listed below) is the rhetorical question which some have asked (in sarcasm of course) is; "Is there a statute of limitations on sin?" I suppose we would have to conclude, according to the logic of Curtis Cates the statute of limitations is completed when one who has been withdrawn from leaves the congregation from which he has been withdrawn and is hired at another congregation as the local preacher. For this is exactly what Curtis practised 20 years ago in his having allowed Max Miller to speak in chapel at MSOP.

Daniel Coe

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Brother Coe asked that I post some of the historical evidence in the case of Max Miller referred to in his post # 51. I was/am truly saddened that brother Cates extended fellowship to Max after he had been withdrawn from.

In 1987 I received a phone call from the Bellview elders and the late

brother Bill Cline, asking if I could come to Pensacola to help them out of the difficult situation that had arisen. Michael Kiser, who was also withdrawn from, was an instructor in the Bellview School of Preaching. The elders where I was preaching had had a run in with brother Kiser over some things while he was living in this general area. I told the Bellview elders that I did not have any time off for several years to come and that I would have to talk with my elders. My elders said that if they did not permit me to go and help, and if this seemed to condone what brother Kiser had done, that they would send me. I assured them that Bellview would take care of those matters.

The Bellview elders had asked two people to come and help. Brother Roy Deaver was the other one invited. I walked into the building that Sunday morning and brother Miller asked what I was there for. I told him that I was preaching, to which he replied, "we do not need you we have a half dozen preachers here that could preach." I preached as I was supposed to and addressed the problems. Members came to me saying that brother Miller was visiting among the members trying to get them to go to another congregation. He was proselyting right and left with some results.

In an elders meeting brother Kiser pinned one of the elders to the wall in a mad rage for which he later repented. The night he repented of this action toward the elder he was asked if he was repenting of his divisive actions. He said that he was not. The elders announced the withdrawal the same evening he repented of his overt actions toward the elder. Additionally, brother Kiser went through-out the brotherhood bragging about having elders files in the trunk of his car. They were stolen and have never been returned to this day.

Meanwhile, brother Miller had tried out at Dresden, TN and having heard of it I wrote the church a letter that remained on the bulletin board for several weeks. Later he went to Gilt Edge. While there he put together a tabloid that was sent to every congregation in the nation as far as I know. His efforts were directed toward the late brother Ira Y. Rice, Jr. and myself. He sought to justify himself, brother Kiser and brother Ernest Underwood, who was also withdrawn from. We even made a trip to Singapore where brother Underwood was working and begged him to repent. He was more in love with brother Miller in this instance than the Lord and His Word.

It was an awful, awful thing. Division was the result at Bellview with 35 or 40 leaving. None of these brethren to my knowledge ever repented. It is too late for brother Miller. Maybe others will learn. Brother Miller is in the hands of a just God.

I am shocked to learn that even though brother Cates knew of the withdrawal, he extended fellowship to brother Miller on the occasion that brother Coe mentioned.

This has been extra long, but brother Coe asked for the historical account. I have given it to the best of my ability. By the way, the elder that brother Kiser held forceably against the wall, is brother Daniel Denham's father-in-law, brother Fred Stancliff.

Brotherly in the interest of truth,

Harrell Davidson

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Harrell,

Thanks for posting this information.

I was in England at this time and only heard of the situation and never knew the details.

This has helped fill me in.

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Dear brother Harrell,

What makes this revelation concerning brother Cates' support of brother Miller is that brother Cates was telling the Bellview brethren all along what a terrible person brother Miller had been in it all and that he supported the withdrawal. This I know firsthand. Brother Bill Cline had been a close friend -- supposedly -- of brother Cates, and his family has been influenced by Curtis and others adversely in this current situation becuae of that friendship. Now, to find out that Curtis was playing "footsie" in the matter adds new meaning to the word "double-cross." Oh, how I wish that Bill was still alive for so many reasons, but especially this! Daniel Denham

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Dear brother Daniel,

Oh, how much I agree with you on Bill still living. He would not let "spiritual garbage" be fed to his family. So, so Sad! Harrell Davidson

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Dear List,

In light of not just my post #51, but the comments of John West, Tim Smith and brother Davidson's, I must agree with Daniel Denham. If Bill Cline were alive today, just what exposure would be upon MSOP today. I know this, just as I stated in the subject post this information would indeed "shock" many of you. But brethren, I have fought this for 20 years. If brethren just knew that Cates has always been all about the money. Have I not proven this to be the case? Do not the facts I gave in post #51 prove this to be the case, especially in light of the facts which have given in follow up postings. Do these follow up posts not further prove that which I posted to be the truth indeed? Brethren this needs to be broadcast far and wide does it not?

Daniel Coe

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Harrell,

Thank you for your post and your stand for the truth. I have always admired your willingness to stand up and be counted.

John West

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Brother Daniel,

I wonder if the elders at Bellview would have marked and withdrawn from Curtis Cates had they but known??? I can not help but wonder if Curtis is not worthy of withdraw today, unless of course, as some seem to believe, there is a "statute of limitations" on such things?

Does not Curtis Cates need to repent of this? Does not the brotherhood have right to know?

I do not have brother Hatcher's email address but perhaps if one of you on this list has it I feel we need to forward this material concerning post #51, and all the replies to it to the Bellview elders and bro, Hatcher.

Brethren, this is exactly why I contacted the Bellview elders before I posted this material. I do need to say this I did have bro Hatcher's email address not so long ago but I did not save it. I

suppose I should have.

It may be best to have brother Hatcher invited to this list, and have access to these posts. If any one has the email addresses of the Bellview elders or bro. Hatcher please sent an invitation to them/him.

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Just how much will this mean to those elders at Bellview? Think ye that the hurt of deception will run cold with them? I think so!

Daniel Coe

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