

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	January 27, 2007
BIBLE CLASS:	182
WORSHIP AM:	221
WORSHIP PM:	165
CONTRIBUTION:	\$8327.90

Count Contribution for February

Shawn Sanford, Barry Hyche, Jimmy Rivers

Adamsville Church of Christ
4207 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Adamsville, AL 35005
Return Service Requested



Please worship with us at the following times:

SUNDAY

Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Worship	5:00 PM

TUESDAY (September-May)

Bible Class	10:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY

Bible Class	7:00 PM
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Truth and Controversy
by Tom Wacaster

It is a recognized fact among those who seek to follow God that truth is absolute and attainable. We do not deny this. While some would have us believe that truth is subjective and elusive, the words of Jesus that “ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” serve as our compass in these matters. In addition to truth being absolute, it is also dogmatic to the core. Two plus two equals four - there is no room for error. Sincerity of heart or honesty of motive does not annul this fact. Truth is also narrow. A college teacher writes the problem on the board. Twelve divided by two equals six. There is absolutely no room for deviation. The answer is NOT seven, nor is it five. But society does not argue, nor do they accuse the mathematician of being unloving, unkind, or bigoted.

“This truth is dogmatic to the core.”

Now we move to the “truth” that makes men free. It is not mathematical truth, nor is it scientific truth, but that which is revealed from God Almighty through holy men “moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21). This truth is dogmatic to the core. It will not co-exist with error, nor can it. By its very nature it is narrow in its application. But unlike the mathematical truth that two plus two equals four, or twelve divided by two equals six, this “truth” of which we speak has eternal consequences. But how do men react when faced with this truth? Sincerity is placed above simplicity, and feelings take precedence over fact. Men become angry at the truth because it restricts their freedom to act and behave in their own chosen way. Rather than simply accept the truth and obey it, they argue with the facts presented, become agitated at the one speaking the truth, and close their ears and heart, as if their rejection of the same will annul their responsibility toward those things spoken.

Since the truth and only the truth will set men free, it would seem that all men, everywhere, would have such a disposition as to receive the truth at all costs. My we be like the Beoreans who were more “noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11).