



“God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It”

Over the past few weeks I have written some thoughts I gleaned from a book Adam Hamilton wrote entitled, *Half Truths*. It is amazing how many statements we make that we think are Biblical, but in fact, might only be partially true or not at all. One such statement that you often hear or will find on bumper stickers is, “God said it, I believe it, that settles it.” This sounds right because if God says something, we should believe it whether we understand it or not.

The problem with this statement is that it oversimplifies Scripture. If we take this approach, we will condone things done in the Bible that no longer apply. For example, here is a list of a few things that we would need to start doing or change: You can’t wear blended fabrics or sow two different seeds in your fields (Lev. 19:19). You need to eliminate pork from and shrimp from your diet (Lev. 11:7-12). If you are a man, no shave November is not an option. In fact, you can’t even trim the edges of your beard (Lev. 19:27). If a child curses at or hits a parent, or if that child is persistently rebellious, that child is to be put to death (Exodus 21:15; Deut. 21:18-21). You can’t mow your yard or do any work on Saturday’s, the Sabbath, or you could be put to death (Exodus 35:2). I could go on but I think you get the point. Most of us do not read the laws of the Old Testament and say, “God said it, I believe it, that settles it.”

Scripture is amazing, for it helps us to shape our understanding of who God is and what His will is for our lives so we can be equipped to do what is good. God was at work in the lives of the Biblical authors, influencing their writing and at times even dictating. But we must guard against thinking that whatever we read applies to today. When we see something in Scripture, that doesn’t settle it; much goes into understanding the biblical text.

First, scholars help us determine the most likely reading of the text in the original language. We don’t have the original manuscripts of the biblical text, but we do have thousands of ancient manuscripts that are copies and very close to one another in what they say. There are some differences that are called variants in these texts and scholars must decide which variant is likely what the author wrote. Second, we have the work of translating the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts into English. Most Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words, like English words, can have different meanings depending upon the context. Third, once we start reading the text, we start to interpret it. This is called hermeneutics and exegesis and it is the attempt to understand the passage’s historical context, the background of the writing, what it meant to the original audience, and the way the text still speaks to us today.

I think the most important lens by which we should read Scripture and apply it is something Jesus said. “He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40). If you ever question how to interpret a passage, look at it through the lens of the things Jesus said or did, or with the command to love God and neighbor.

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Arlington Friends
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Welcome

We pray you will be encouraged and uplifted
as we join together in worship.

Guest Information

- There is a **staffed nursery** available for children under age 2. There is also a **parent/child training room** at the rear of the auditorium.
- An optional **children’s worship** is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick up your child after worship
- If you are visiting, **please complete a visitor card** so we have a record of your attendance.

Weekly Meeting Times

Sundays:

Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays:

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

	weekly budget	\$4,052
Nov. 5	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	163	\$5,469

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, November 12, 2017

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Missionaries:	Tom & Angie Langley - WEI	
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Our Sympathy is extended to...Sharon Galbreath as she mourns the death of her mother.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Roger Mink recovering from surgery; Rebecca Riggs; Terry Trent; Jerry Fittro; Becky Johnson; Casey Owens; Shirley Waggoner and Billy; Tom Drinnen; Karla Loftis and her dad.

Friends and Loved ones: Heather Ream's mother, Lynda Burchfield, struggling with mental health issues; Terri Trent's friend, Missy Essary; Jeff Hodges mother, Betty Hodges; Aiden Darnell; David Hunter; Deb & Rob Colones; Bill Norris; Faith Tindell; Greg Dyer; Helen Monroe's god-son, Ian Whelahan.

Shut-ins: Betty Buckner; Jack & Rosaline Davis; Lynda Elliott; Fred Galbreath; Edna Hullender; Peggy Mehlhorn; Kathryn Norman; Jessie Rutherford; Dan Trent.

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley; Tommy Drinnen.

Coming Soon

- Please take a moment to **pick up a card or two** to mail this week from the Card Ministry table.
- **Small groups**, tonight at 6 p.m. See an elder to pick a group that's a fit for you.
- **Hope Central Kingdom Kids** tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. at Arlington. See Sue Mink if you would like to help with food.



HOPE
CENTRAL

- **Senior Servants Study and Lunch**, Tues., Nov. 14, 11 a.m.
- **Men's breakfast** at Shoney's on Broadway, Thurs. Nov. 16, 8:30 a.m. See Hoyt Box for details.
- **Connection Sunday Night**, Sunday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share.
- **Thanksgiving Devotional**, Wed., Nov. 22, 7 p.m. All classes will meet in the auditorium.
- **No fourth Sunday fellowship** in Nov. or Dec. We will have our Christmas banquet on Saturday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m.



A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board for Jacob Shannon and Mikaela Parsley's wedding. Please sign up if you plan to attend so they can get a number for planning details. Everyone is Welcome!

Family News

Sermon Topics Today
Sunday Morning:
Does the Bible Say That? "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It"

Sunday Night:
Small Groups, 6 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:
Tyler Norris, Kevin Gillispie
Bruce McQuaig, John David Potter
Zach Shannon, Colby Coleman

Opening Prayer: David Price
Preside at Table: Steve Cooke
Greeters: Mark & Sammie French
Nursery: L Potter & R Riggs
Security: B Gilliam & J Hoff



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nov 17 Janet McQuaig
Nov 18 Rick Case
Nov 19 Woody Holloway



Happy
Birthday!!



Family Matters



Praise
Him,
All Ye
Little
Children

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Caring Cards Ministry

The Caring Cards Ministry provides cards for our sick and shut-ins, as well as friends and family members. Please see the information on the table in the hallway leading to the office for additional information.

Your participation is needed to send cards as well as to provide information regarding those who would benefit from receiving cards.

Please talk to John or Barbara Hoff for more details.



Caring Cards