



The Caller

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From Where I Sit

Michael D. Greene

Once again I want to thank those who responded to the plea for assistance in hosting the youth group from Savannah, Tennessee. Several housed the young folks and/or their adult chaperones and others helped with feeding them Sunday after

services. It was a joy to have some of the adults in my class and I know that Ken enjoyed having all the visitors in the High School class.



Let's continue to pray for our sister Dorothea Weaver who came forward yesterday to ask for forgiveness and prayers. Her nephew passed away last week and her sister continues to be ill in Cincinnati. She needs our prayers and encouragement as she struggles with these burdens.



I read the following today in an article entitled "What Does it Matter" in the December issue of *Think* magazine. The article was written by Gary McDade.

In America today, a generation of people that grew up with the twisted philosophy that "freedom of religion" resolved down to "freedom from religion" has raised its offspring. If they continue to be taught that there is no God, and life is the product of a plethora of random, unexplainable events, why should consequences more favorable than those experienced by Israel of old be expected? What really matters is that Christians tirelessly continue to engage the discussion of humanity's origin, purpose, and destiny through every means available. Faithful to God's Word, the church will always be "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). The church by divine design is the unique instrument through which God may be glorified. Paul wrote, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph.3:21).

I have often contemplated the consequences of several generations being taught that they are not the product of the creative act of a benevolent and loving God, but rather the product of chance and time.

We as Christians need to know what our children are being taught and how to show the shortcomings of the so called theory of evolution. *Think* magazine is but one resource. Our brethren also maintain an excellent web site that has abundant resources designed to help teach our children the truth. Check it out at www.apologeticspress.com.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Last week I failed to say thanks to David & Claudia Woodring for hosting our monthly devotional. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated. Young folks remember the words of encouragement that Mike gave concerning the example that you set for others around you. Next month we will be at the home of Terry & Tracy Nowland.



This coming Sunday night, February 4, after the evening services the entire congregation is invited to the home of Terry & Tracy Nowland. This will be the annual Super Bowl party. Check with Terry or Tracy to find out what to bring. Why not come and enjoy this period of fellowship!!



We are currently in the process of reworking the church web site and have changed to a different web hosting service that will allow for more information to be stored and placed on the webpage. The web address has changed to www.etowncofc.org. However, you will still be able to access the page from our old address www.elizabethtownchurchofchrist.com. Be patient as this is an ongoing process.



This coming week Mike and I will be attending the Freed Hardeman Lectures. If memory serves me correct I will be attending for the 13th straight year. Many friendships are rekindled, new friendships are made and we are blessed to hear some challenging lectures. The theme this year comes from Deuteronomy. This will help in our own study of Deuteronomy during the 3rd quarter of this year on Wednesday nights. Thanks in advance for affording me this opportunity.



Remember Dorothy Brothers and Tracy Webb as they travel to Panama on a mission trip.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *The Battle in Gethsemane,*
Matthew 26, 36-46

P.M. *Dennis Hogan will deliver the evening lesson.*

"Ethics is Ethics"

While I like most Americans have a little more than a passing interest in the realm of politics, I have realized that there is at least some truth to such statements as "Politics is a full-contact sport and not for the faint of heart." And "If a man ain't crooked when he is elected to office, he will be when he comes out."

It was with some interest that I observed the discussions in the last election cycle as to a person's ethical values and the source of these values. Some political pundits wanted anyone running for office to assure the American public that if they held religious views and values (and particularly if they held Biblical views and values), those views, values, and beliefs would not influence how they might conduct themselves once they were elected to office. Glenn Colley, a faithful gospel preacher, wrote the following in the December issue of *Think* magazine.

Author John C. Maxwell was asked one time to write a book on business ethics. He responded, "There's no such thing." The question came back, "What do you mean?" He said, "There's no such thing as business ethics-there's only ethics. People try to use one set of ethics for their professional life, another for their spiritual life, and still another at home with their family. That gets them into trouble. Ethics is ethics. If you desire to be ethical, you live it by one standard across the board."

Ethics come from a man's core value system, and how one determines right is based on his code of ethics. There are two aspects to ethics: first, the ability to discern right from wrong, good from evil, and propriety from impropriety. Second, the commitment to do what is right, good, and proper.

The greatest guideline for ethics is from the lips of our Lord-so broad that it works for men, women and children of all ages; so practical that it works for people handling lots of money and people who have none; so timeless that it may be adopted by any people of any generation, and is found in Matthew's book of the New Testament as he quotes Jesus Christ I've heard it called, "The gold standard," and when I was a kid we called it the golden rule. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt. 7:12).

"Ethics is ethics. If you desire to be ethical, you live by one standard across the board." To do less would be hypocritical would it not? Even the world cannot tolerate hypocrisy. I think we have a right to know the source of the ethical and value system of those we elect to office and whether or not they will follow it, not whether or not they will ignore it.

Colley calls to our attention the practical value of what he calls "the gold standard" of ethics. It is of course the golden rule as Jesus Himself gave it to us many centuries ago. It has never been surpassed in its simplicity or practicality. An ethical system based upon this and the other ethical teachings of our Lord will prove to be not only the highest and best ethical system in theory, but also in practice. Such a system would also serve one well in every avenue of life and in every honorable vocation, including politics, which deserves to be conducted on a high moral plane... As does in fact every vocation.

But as Colley observes, when folks try to compartmentalize life and have a different ethical system for each of those respective areas of life, they will eventually get themselves into trouble. How much better to have one practical, workable ethical system based upon the gold standard of Jesus' teaching?

Brother Colley is also right when he says *"Ethics come from a man's core value system..."* What someone does cannot be separated from what he believes. Expecting someone to act inconsistent with the ethics that emerge from one's core value system is to expect him to play the role of hypocrite, a distasteful prospect to all we would hold as ethical!

As Christians we are faced with ethical decisions on a regular basis. Our Biblically based core values are challenged by the world as being out of vogue and old fashioned. But they have stood the test of time. They apply as well in the home as they do in the business world, at school, in politics and even in our interpersonal relationships.

I am thankful for those who are committed to do what is good, right and proper and are so committed because of their commitment to the Master Teacher of ethics, Jesus Christ. Such folks are a pleasure to deal with, because you know they will deal with you honestly, just as they wish to be dealt with.

—Michael D. Greene

News and Notes

J MARTIN underwent foot surgery Wednesday at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville. **W. C. DAVIS** underwent a lung biopsy Wednesday in Louisville. **SHIRLEY WALKUP** underwent surgery at Jewish Hospital Wednesday for an aneurysm. **GAYLE MASSEY**, Barbara Underwood's sister, will be placed on the liver transplant list if her doctors determine she is a candidate. Please remember **DOROTHY BROTHERS** as she leaves February 3 for a mission trip to Panama.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Doris Martin
Alyenne Bates	Tom Morgan
Neil & Carolyn Burden	Bonnie Payton
Shirley Devore	Marie Rose
LaVelle Dyer	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Terry Showers
Bernard Gillim	Grace Spear
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
David Keister	Mary Walker
Diane Lewis	

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Justin Burg, Dave Fulbright, Scott Allen, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards

Additional Prayer List: Darcie Bergeson, Gil Berry, Christa Bradley, Sue Cantrell, Marie Dennison, Sydney Dover, Ina Duncan, Thomas Elkins, Kevin Fox, John & Connie Gardner, Evelyn Gattis, Betty Goheen, Renee Green, Tonya Harper, Greg Helm, Nicole Johnson, Art Lattanzi, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Erman McClaskey, Mike McCormick, Terri McDonald, Donald Montgomery & Family, Joe Pawley, Phyllis Pirtle, Stephen Pitcock, Charles Pottinger, Patsy & Joe Richter, Janet Rogan, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Sylvia Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Betty Tucker, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Alden Whitefield, Laura & Roy Woodcock

Seeds Needed

We are again collecting garden seeds to send to our brethren in Donetsk, Ukraine. These can be put in the mission box in the lobby or the church office.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Dorothy & John Weaver in the death of their nephew, Ricky Duncan, who passed away last week in Ohio.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 2/04/07

Peanut butter

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. John Weaver | 10. Jaclyn McKinney |
| David Keister | 11. Stephanie Pack |
| Monica Bybee | 12. Brandon Carter |
| 2. Mayford Spear | 17. Jerad Allen |
| 3. Katy Nash | Kim Whobrey |
| 4. Fred Pence | Jacob McKinney |
| 7. Caitlynn Parks | 18. Mary Walker |
| 8. Lani Moss | 19. Joey Muncy |
| 9. David Ginn | 25. Richard Lawson |
| 10. Dorothy Brothers | 26. Janice Hardin |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| John & Alyenne Bates | February 9 |
| Nathan & Shirley Nash | February 16 |
| Joe & Melanie Betterton | February 18 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FHU LECTURES, February 4-9.**
- **SUPER BOWL PARTY** Sunday night, **February 4**, at the Nowland home. See Terry or Tracy for more details.
- **ANNUAL SWEETHEART DINNER**, Saturday night, **February 10**, 6:00 p.m., in the South Wing. Men are asked to sign up for two dishes and a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. CSG #1 will have clean up duties, CSG #2 will set up and decorate and CSG #3 will be in charge of activities for the evening. (NOTE: CSG assignments to 2006 service groups.)
- **2007 CSG's** to meet Sunday morning, **February 10**, immediately after morning services.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **February 12**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **5TH GRADERS & UNDER** Old Fashioned Family Game Night in the South Wing Sunday, **February 18**, after evening services.

OUR RECORD FOR

January 28, 2007

Sunday Bible Study	179
Sunday Morning Assembly	243
Sunday Evening Assembly	110
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	16
Wednesday Bible Study	114
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,885)	\$5,841

Elder/Coordinator for February
Henry McAlister

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What king sent his wife in disguise to find out what would happen to their sick child?

Last Week's Bible Question: In what situation were ropes cut to discard a lifeboat? The correct answer is when the ship carrying Paul was about to sink, Acts 27:27-32. Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor, Mary Greene, Martha Cato (TN), Mary Walker, Katy Watson and Betty Bray correctly answered the question.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to rpack119@bbtel.com by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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1. Genesis 49:50; Matt. 14:13-36
2. Exodus 1-3; Matt. 15:1-28
3. Exodus 4-6:3; Matt. 15:29-16:12
4. Exodus 6:4-7; Matt. 16:13-17:13
5. Exodus 8, 9; Matt. 17:14-18:14

Week 5

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- Feb. 4 — Super Bowl Party, Nowlands
Feb. 4-9 — FHU Lectures
Feb. 10 — Sweetheart Dinner
Feb. 11 — Central Phone Call
Feb. 11 — CSG Meeting
Feb. 12 — Church Workers Workshop
Feb. 18 — 5th Grade & Under, Game Night
June 3-6, 2007 — Homecoming

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