



# The Caller

A Weekly Newsletter of the Elizabethtown church of Christ  
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## From Where I Sit

Michael D. Greene

"This looks great." "It is really pretty." "Someone did a great job picking out the colors, everything goes together so well." These were just a few of the comments I heard about the new pews and carpet in the auditorium. I, too, think it all looks great and will

make our facility serviceable for many more years.

A lot of folks worked hard to make sure all of it came together and it would be hard to remember and mention every one, but I want to say a special thank you to Henry McAlister and Ron Carter. They put in a lot of extra hours seeing to details that might have been overlooked and that assured a job well done. Thanks, Henry and Ron.

Hopefully, everything will be finished by the time you get this bulletin and things will get back to normal in the offices after two weeks wherein we have been a little disrupted from our usual schedule.



The **Fundamental Truths Seminar** at Lehman Avenue church in Bowling Green is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2007. The theme this year is "Uniting on Who We Are." It is going to be my privilege to speak on the topic "The Restoration Principle." Other speakers include Charles Baugh, Gary Hampton, and Marlin Connelly.

We always have a good group to go to this one day lectureship. A good meal is provided at lunch, and the lessons are always inspiring and enlightening. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those that would like to ride down for the day on the bus. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. EDT and return about 5:30 p.m. EDT.



The time for the **Men's Retreat** is right around the corner. It is scheduled for April 27 and 28. We will again be going to White Mills Christian Camp. Our speaker for this year is Jack Hall of Richmond, Kentucky. Our theme is "Am I the Best God Has?" We will discuss how we can be a part of growing the Lord's church.

One change this year is in the schedule. We will have the same number of sessions with our speaker, but we will be done right after lunch on Saturday which might allow more to be a part of this great weekend. Brochures with more information are on the stand in the foyer, or you can call the office and we will send you one. Of course, you are encouraged to bring a guest with you.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, or you can call the office to get your name on the list. So guys, don't miss this great period of fellowship and study together.

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

"Those new bleachers are awesome." This is the comment about the new pews and carpet that I enjoyed the most. I feel like we are in a new building. As Mike mentioned a lot of hard work went into this project and our building is serviceable for many years to

come. With that in mind, we all need to ensure that it stays that way. As Dennis mentioned during the announcements on Sunday, please do not bring juice boxes or drinks into the auditorium. Our teachers need to be cautious of what treats are handed out in class. If you see a mess or your child makes a mess, please clean it up or notify someone so that we are able to attend to it early and can get it cleaned up.



March Madness, the NCAA tournament, has arrived and as usual there are some teams that have been left out of the tournament. These teams feel that they had accomplished enough and deserved to be playing another day. I have heard the coaches from these respective teams in interviews explain why their team deserved a bid. I have even heard some say that the field should be expanded to include more teams. Personally I think that the number of teams should be decreased, but that is another matter. I think we could draw a Biblical principle here as it relates to the selection process. When the judgment day rolls around there are going to be those who feel they should be allowed access to heaven. I'm confident that they will be ready to try to explain to God why they should not be left out. To me it is a simple plan that God has set forth on how one may obtain heaven as an eternal reward. It is up to each individual to be obedient to what God has commanded us to do. If we fail to do that then we do not deserve the reward that has been promised. In basketball or whatever the sport may be how you perform on the court or field of play determines what your fate will be. I know there are many variables that can determine some aspects about whether a team wins or loses, but the team that makes the proper adjustments usually will come out victorious. The same applies to us spiritually. We make the adjustment to live God's way and we will be victorious and hear the words, "Well Done, enter in to the joys of heaven."

### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *What Do You Think of the Bible?*  
Matthew 5:17-18

P.M. - *When You Hear the Voice of God*  
Hebrews 3:7-8

# A Crisis of Faith

*(Since we have studied the account of the exodus of Israel from Egypt and the book of Leviticus on Wednesday evenings and have discussed the sins of Aaron in making the golden calf and Nadab and Abihu, I thought you would find this article challenging and thought provoking as I did. MG)*

The story is told in Leviticus 10 of Nadab and Abihu, priests of Israel and sons of Aaron, who "offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them."

All of us are familiar with that Old Testament narrative. We know the important lesson it declares. How many sermons based on this text have warned us of the danger in making unauthorized changes to the form of our worship? We must worship our God in the way He has specified and declared. The fire that rained down from heaven and destroyed the sons of Aaron is a fearful reminder that God means what He says. It is essential we do what He says in the way He has prescribed.

But there is another verse in this narrative I have pondered at some length in recent weeks. When the fire came down and killed Nadab and Abihu, the text records the reaction of Aaron, their father. In the briefest and most dramatic description possible, we read -

*"So Aaron held his peace."*

Try as I might, I cannot imagine what Aaron thought - what Aaron felt! - as he watched his sons consumed and incinerated by the sovereign judgment of Jehovah God. Although the chronology of Leviticus and Numbers is not always as straightforward and easy to follow as the Exodus narrative, it appears that Nadab and Abihu were struck down by the Lord when Israel camped at Mt. Sinai. Aaron's death is not recorded until Numbers 20, near the end of the forty years of wandering in the Wilderness.

*40 years!* How many times in those forty years did Aaron wake up from the nightmare of his sons' death, hearing their screams in his sleep? Here was a memory to torment a loving father all the days of his life.

There are trials of faith I would not wish on

anyone. There are temptations to compromise, pressures to surrender lifelong convictions so heart-breaking and gut-wrenching any feeling person must shudder and pray to God he or she might be spared so cruel a fate.

Take another look at the heartache of Aaron. I presume he enjoyed all the blessings of fatherhood. Was he not proud of his sons? Did he not love them as much as any father could love his boys? And to see them struck down so quickly, so completely! There was no trial. No appeal. No time to embrace and say goodbye.

Years ago I heard the whispers and speculation "explaining" how one great man of God restudied the marriage-divorce-remarriage issue and why he began to argue a looser view than he held in previous years. "It's his daughter," they said. "Brother so-and-so never would have changed his doctrine if his daughter had not left her husband and took up with another man."

I don't know about that, but I know this. Upon seeing his sons perish before his eyes, some sense of protest had to come into Aaron's mind. A father just can't see his sons struck down and not struggle with the immediate, spontaneous impulse to blurt out his hurt and anguish. Did the punishment fit the crime? Shouldn't the Lord have listened to His own High Priest before taking such drastic measures? Why was there no warning given to his sons, no occasion for repentance?

Here was the supreme test in Aaron's life. Would he give in to his hurt? Would he cry out and curse God? Would bitterness and resentment drive him to question the Almighty?

Say what you will about the cowardly Aaron who gave Israel a golden calf, the weak Aaron that followed his sister in a revolt against Moses. I know that grand old man faced his greatest crisis when God punished his children.

*- Grady Miller, minister  
Pike's Peak church of Christ  
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

# News and Notes

**DIANE LEWIS** is scheduled for gallbladder surgery March 15 at Hardin Memorial Hospital. **BONNIE PAYTON**, one of our shut in members and mother of Janice Hardin & Mary Woodring, has pneumonia. She was admitted to Hardin Memorial Tuesday night and is currently in Room 525. **DEANNA SPEER**, Grace Speer's daughter-in-law, underwent quadruple bypass surgery Monday in Arkansas. **W. C. DAVIS** received some good news this week after a doctor appointment in Louisville.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Diane Lewis
Alyenne Bates	Doris Martin
Neil Burden	J Martin
Elonda Crafton	Tom Morgan
W. C. Davis	Bonnie Payton
Howard & Millie Gardner	Marie Rose
Bernard Gillim	Terry Showers
Jacob Gringle	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Wilma Stull
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
David Keister	Lonnie Underwood

**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, Sydney Dover, Thomas Elkins, Kevin Fox, John & Connie Gardner, Betty Goheen, Renee Green, Tonya Harper, Greg Helm, Nicole Johnson, Art Lattanzi, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Mike McCormmic, Terri McDonald, Donald Montgomery, Joe Pawley, Phyllis Pirtle, Stephen Pitcock, Charles Pottinger, Patsy & Joe Richter, Janet Rogan, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Sylvia Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Betty Tucker, Andrew Verble, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 3/18/07 Pkgs. of dried beans

## Thank You

Thanks for the prayers, cards and phone calls while I was home with the flu. Thanks, also, to the Ladies class for the pretty card.

*In Christian Love,  
Pansy Sells*

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Dorothea Weaver and her family in the passing of her sister, Ina Jo Duncan. Her funeral was Thursday in Science Hill, Kentucky.

## K-5th Grade Bible Bowl:

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for this year's Bible Bowl at Madisonville scheduled August 4. Students in Kindergarten-5th grade during the 2006/2007 school year are encouraged to participate. The topics are the books of Ruth and Esther. Please see Ken or Monica Bybee for further information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CSG #2 POTLUCK**, Sunday morning, **March 18**, in the South Wing.
- **VBS MEETING**, Sunday afternoon, **March 18**, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 10.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **March 18**, at the McAlister home.
- **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR**, hosted by Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, Saturday, **March 24**. Topic: "Uniting on Who We Are." Speakers: Charles Baugh, Gary Hampton, Mike Greene, and Marlin Connelly, Jr. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to go. The bus will leave the building at 8:30 a.m. and return approximately 5:30 p.m.
- **MONTHLY SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **March 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **MARCH BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **March 25**, in the South Wing. CSG #1 will host.
- **MEN'S RETREAT**, **April 27 & 28**, at White Mills Camp. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and brochures are in the lobby.
- **HOMECOMING**, **June 3-6**

## OUR RECORD FOR March 11, 2007

Sunday Bible Study	116
Sunday Morning Assembly	196
Sunday Evening Assembly	146
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	10
Wednesday Bible Study	114
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,885)	\$5,858

**Elder/Coordinator for March  
Mike Pence**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: What quieting car part names an item of woman's attire?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: In a vision, a bear appears, with one side raised. What does it have in its teeth? The correct answer is three ribs, Daniel 7:5. Kay Thomason, Mary Greene, Edna Ashlock, Tracy Nowland, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker, Betty Bray and Martha Cato 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](mailto: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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## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

### Week 11

Mar. 18 — VBS Meeting  
Mar. 18 — CSG #2 Get-together  
Mar. 18 — Youth Devotional  
Mar. 24 — Fundamental Truths Seminar  
Mar. 25 — March Birthday/Anniversary Get-together  
Mar. 25 — Singing at Atria  
Apr. 27-28 — Men's Retreat  
June 3-6 — Homecoming

1. Leviticus 16-18; Acts 5:12-42  
2. Leviticus 19-21; Acts 6  
3. Leviticus 22-23:22; Acts 7:1-29  
4. Leviticus 23:23-24; Acts 7:30-8:4  
5. Leviticus 25; Acts 8:5-40m

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