

The Caller

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From Where I Sit

Michael D. Greene

We have had a good week here at Etown. Last Wednesday, April 4th, Paula Cardin became a Christian. She had been studying with Sharlene and Dan Marcum. Then this past Sunday, April 8th, Jerad Allen, one of our fine young adults responded to the invitation

and asked that we pray that he might be forgiven for his sins. We rejoice with both of these fine folks and look forward to many years of faithful Christian service from them.



With so many others who are taking a "spring break," Mary and I will be leaving this Friday for a vacation with my family. We will be gone this Sunday, April 15th, and next Wednesday evening, April 18th. We will look forward to being home and back in our pew on Sunday, April 22nd.



The **Men's Retreat** is right around the corner. Jack Hall, a preacher/elder with many years experience will be here to lead a discussion of the topic: "Am I the Best God Has?" The theme is *Growing the Lord's Church*. Jack has lectured on this theme and topic many times over the years. I am really looking forward to the weekend at White Mills Camp. The dates are April 27 and 28. There is an informational brochure on the stand in the foyer. Be sure to let us know if you can attend by signing the sheet on the bulletin board.



Also do not forget the **Homecoming and Gospel Meeting** which will be June 3-6. John Kachelman will be our speaker as we welcome "home" many members from years gone by. I know this will be a great weekend as well. So mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this special weekend and Gospel Meeting. Make a list today of folks that you want to invite and begin praying for them today.



I want to remind folks that all the sermons presented here at Etown are available on both cassette tape and CD. If you would like to have a copy of a lesson that Ray or I have presented, just call the office and let us know and we will see that you get it.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Let me first say it is good to be home. I survived the week with 16 teenage girls, and only one day proved to be a challenge. It began with us thinking the hot water heater had gone out. As the morning unfolded several were surprised with cold showers. It

was discovered someone, name still unknown, left the water hose on after washing the sand off their feet. It reminded me of stories I have heard from the past about not having any hot water at any point. Many of you can possibly relate to this.



Our church family lost another member this past week. Bonnie Payton passed from this life early on Saturday morning. Words cannot express the sympathy that I have for the Payton family. Mrs. Payton lived just down the street from my family when I was 6 years old, and she was like a grandmother to me. There will be a tribute column in next week's bulletin with more comments.



From the Email Bag "Hand Dryers"

A preacher friend put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church building and after two weeks took them out.

I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there he saw a sign that read,

"For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

Sentence Sermons

The average man's idea of a good sermon is one that goes over his head — and hits his neighbor.

Worry pulls tomorrow's clouds over today's sunshine.

The best way to save face is to keep the lower end shut.

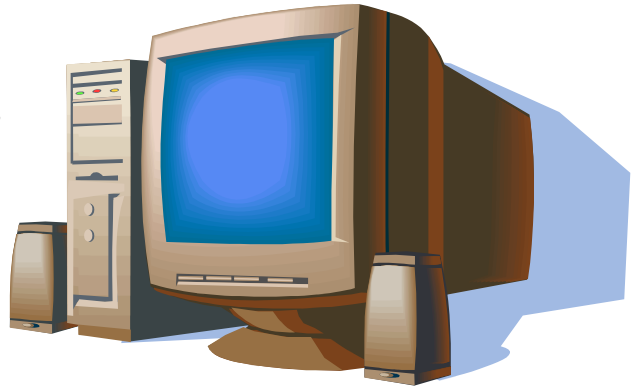
Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *If We*
1 John 1:6-10

P.M. - *Directions in Which Paul Looked*
2 Timothy 4:6-8

Acknowledging the Devil

(A note of explanation: Webb Williams is a good friend of mine in Tennessee who serves as a Youth Minister. Suzanne is his daughter who was seven years old when he wrote this article that appeared in the bulletin of the Main Street church of Christ in Mount Pleasant, Tennessee where he was serving at the time. M.G.)



Suzanne loves to play games on the computer. One of her favorite sites to access is the Disney page because it has many activities for her to enjoy. There she plays interactive games of all kinds. She especially enjoys playing on a Lizzie McGuire site.

For those who aren't familiar with Lizzie, she is a character on a television show by the same name. This teenager just goes through her everyday life with school, family and friends. The Disney location allows Suzanne to participate in little girl's activities. Recently she was playing on this page and got to answer some questions about her best boy friend. Notice that was two words, not one. She filled in the blanks as questions were asked about him. These answers were to questions like "Is he funny?" and "Is he nice?" I will not list his name in order to save her embarrassment.

After she completed that task the following question came up. "Who is your enemy?" Suzanne didn't ask anyone for an answer. She quickly typed in "devil". The website rejected that answer and asked for another answer. She again typed the word, "devil". Again it was rejected. The devil was rejected each time she typed it in. She then called for help. We tried to type it in also. The game refused to acknowledge that the devil was an enemy. The seven-year-old knew who her enemy was but the computer geniuses at Disney couldn't figure it out.

There are many people around the world who have the same problem. They refuse to accept the fact that the devil is their enemy too. These individuals prefer to allow him to rule their lives daily. He is their ally. They ignore the warnings of God's word. The devil is referred to in scripture as our adversary and a roaring lion, I Peter 5:8; the wicked one, Matthew 13:19; and the father of lies, John 8:44.

However if it is our desire, we can be victorious over Satan. We can follow the example of Christ. He overcame the devil and his temptations, Matthew 4:1-11. If we are willing to put on the whole armor of God, Ephesians 6:11-19, Satan will be defeated. Satan is a deceiver and will make us believe that he is our friend instead of our enemy.

James 4:7-8 tells us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." It is a tragedy when people follow the devil. He is our enemy. The Disney Company did not acknowledge the devil as an enemy. If we don't want to spend an eternity with him, we had better do so.

— Webb Williams
Mount Pleasant, Tennessee

News and Notes

PAYTON WALKER suffered a sprained ankle last weekend.

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	Marie Rose
Howard & Millie Gardner	Terry Showers
Bernard Gillim	Grace Speer
Jacob Gringle	Wilma Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
David Keister	

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, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/15/07 Pkgs./boxes of rice

We Rejoice

JERAD ALLEN came forward Sunday morning asking for forgiveness of sin in his life. We appreciate Jerad's strength and courage and pray that he will strive to live for God each day. PAULA CARDIN, our newest sister in Christ, was baptized last Wednesday night! Paula has been attending services for several weeks and has been studying with Dan & Sharlene Marcum. We rejoice that Paula made that good confession and was immersed for the remission of her sins. She lives at 648 Upton Rd., Upton, KY 42784, and her telephone number is 369-9778. Please continue to remember Jerad and Paula in your prayers.

Thank You

To everyone who has sent cards and prayed for my father, Dewey Parks, I want to "thank you" from the bottom of my heart.

Shirley Nash & Family

A big "Thank You" to everyone for the Sunshine Basket. Carolyn and I really enjoyed all the many items it contained. It sure brightened our day. You are a thoughtful and caring people.

Love, Neil & Carolyn Burden

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of BONNIE PAYTON, one of our shut in members for many years, who passed away Saturday at North Hardin Nursing & Rehab in Radcliff. Her funeral was held Tuesday here at the building with burial also here in Elizabethtown. Mrs. Payton was the sister of Doris Martin, mother of Janice Hardin, Mary Woodring and Dale Payton, and grandmother of Shannon Hayes.

Congratulations

Reed Michael Reininger, son of Sean & Tonya (Pence) Reininger, was born Friday, April 6, in Franklin, Tennessee. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mike & Patsy Pence and proud great-grandparents are Howard & Teanie Pence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **April 15**, in the South Wing.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **April 22**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **April 22**, in the South Wing. CSG #2 will host.
- **MEN'S RETREAT, April 27 & 28**, at White Mills Camp with Jack Hall from Richmond, Kentucky as speaker. Lessons will focus on "Am I the Best God Has? Growing the Lord's Church." A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and informational brochures are in the lobby.
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**, Sunday, **April 29**. CSG #1 will be in charge of set up and CSG #2 will clean up after the meal.
- **HOMECOMING, June 3-6**

OUR RECORD FOR

April 8, 2007

Sunday Bible Study	117
Sunday Morning Assembly	212
Sunday Evening Assembly	123
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	No Class/Funeral
Wednesday Bible Study	101
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,885)	\$5,901

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What beautiful orphan became queen?

Last Week's Bible Question: What horticultural practice described the coming together of Gentiles with Jews in God's orchard? The correct answer is grafting, Romans 11:13-21.

Kay Thomason, Mary Greene, and Edna Ashlock 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. Numbers 32, 33; Acts 17:16-34
2. Numbers 34-36; Acts 18:1-23
3. Deuteronomy 1, 2; Acts 18:24-19:20
4. Deut. 3, 4; Acts 19:21-41
5. Deut. 5-7:11; Acts 20:1-16

Week 14

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- Apr. 15 — Youth Devotional
Apr. 22 — Singing at Atria
Apr. 22 — April Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
Apr. 27-28 — Men's Retreat
Apr. 29 — Congregational Potluck
June 3-6 — Homecoming

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