



The Caller

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From Where I Sit

Michael D. Greene

I think it was Shakespeare who said "The best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray" or something like that. When Mary and I came here four years ago, it was our intent to stay a long time, as I believe that a preacher ought not to move every four or five

years. But, as was announced this past Sunday, Mary and I will be leaving Elizabethtown to work with the Lehman Avenue church in Bowling Green. We will be at Etown for the next eight weeks, and I am scheduled to begin my work at Lehman the first Sunday of the New Year.

The decision to move was one of the most difficult Mary and I have ever made. It was made difficult by the kindness and love we have received from the wonderful Christians who make up the congregation here at Etown. It has been a joy to preach for folks who only want the truth proclaimed. It has also been a joy to work alongside Ray and Kay. They are great fellow workers and friends. It has also been a privilege to work with the elders here. While the make up of that group has changed since we came, I have appreciated their unchanging desire to be faithful shepherds of this flock and seek only the best for this church.

Enough for now. I am sure I will have more to say concerning all this at a later time.



As I was driving north on I-65 this past Monday a little after three o'clock, I came upon an accident in the southbound lane. Although traffic slowed down in our lanes, it was hard to tell exactly what had happened. But I could tell there were at least three cars and one semi-truck involved in the accident. One of the cars was badly mangled. The front end of a van was crushed. The load of pipes from the semi had been tossed all over the road and median. I silently prayed that no one was seriously injured. Several vehicles had stopped and people were rendering aid to the folks involved.

I was more than a little disturbed by the pictures of the accident in Tuesday's paper. It said that one person had died in the crash. The others were not seriously injured. The report said that a north bound driver's inattention caused him to cross the median and collide with the other vehicles.

What consequences from inattention! After I read the article I thought about the person who perished due to the inattention of another. Then I thought how much damage is done to homes due to inattention, to spiritual lives, to the church, or to marriages. When you stop to think about, it gets scary. To what do you need to pay closer attention today? Hebrews 2:1-3.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

I have almost recovered from the shocking news that Mike and Mary Greene will be leaving us and moving to Bowling Green, Ky to work with the Lehman Ave congregation. Although we may be saddened by this news, we should also be appreciative of

what Mike and Mary have helped this congregation accomplish over the past 4 years. Please keep the eldership in your prayers as they progress to find a quality replacement for Mike.



Thanks to Ken and Monica Bybee for opening their house for the youth devotional on Sunday night. Ken gave an excellent lesson about our reputation. As we go through the next several days let's keep in mind what keeping a positive reputation means in today's world. Next month we go to Mike and Mary Greene's for the devotional period. I have posted a signup sheet on the youth bulletin board for you to sign if you wish to host the devotional at your home. The devotionals are coordinated by Terry Nowland. He has done a fabulous job in doing this and I am confident that he will continue to do so in the future.



This past Sunday we began to project the songs on the screen once again. We believe that we have found the solution to the problems that were being experienced and have moved carefully to correct these issues. Our song leaders are reminded that we need to have the songs that you wish to sing selected turned in to the office on Thursday. Remember to select the songs along with which verses you are going to sing. Having them by Thursday will allow ample time to develop the slide show used at the particular service you will lead at. You can give the song numbers and verse to Kim or Ray in person or email them to us. Our email addresses are as follows:

Kim - kimwhobrey@kvnet.org
Ray - rpack119@bbtel.com

Thanks in advance for you assistance in this effort.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Where No Oxen Are, Proverbs 14:1-4*

P.M. - *You Shall Not Take the Name of God in Vain, Exodus 20:1-7*

Some Thoughts for Parents

(Having presented two lessons concerning the relationship between parents and children, I thought the following two items from other church bulletins might be useful and thought provoking. The first one especially since every parent has done their share of "wrestling" with Charlie! MG)

Keeping Control of Charlie in Church

Sometimes the only worship experience I have on Sunday morning is the short prayer I utter as we enter the church building, "Please, Lord, let Charlie be decent today and the preacher's sermon be short."

Charlie is my two-year-old wiggle-worm who has known from birth that the excellent acoustics in the church building were created just for him. He automatically becomes all arms and legs as we enter the swinging doors and delights in wrapping them around me at the worst possible times. Songbooks become a challenge to tame, pencils become weapons to duck, and the collection plate would make a great hat if he could just get his hands on it.

We don't dare sit at the end of the aisle because the man serving the Lord's Supper might have his coat button snatched unceremoniously off his coat. But we can't sit in the middle because we always make a pilgrimage back to the nursery (after we collect his shoe, my purse, and his books).

Do I ask myself if it's worth it? Sometimes. But I know that "training up a child in the way he should go" is a seven day a week job, not just Monday through Saturday responsibility. Sleeping on Sunday morning might be a bigger temptation if we didn't consider Charlie a very special gift from God ... a gift that is a bundle of responsibilities. I am certain that what we do on Sunday now will affect what he does on Sunday twenty years from now.

So we keep going, knowing on some future Sunday Charlie is going to sit quietly through the whole service; and it won't be due to the ropes and gag I threaten to use each week. With patience and discipline, we prayerfully hope to see him grow to be a Christian man, strong and faithful to his Lord.



Patricia Glenn, Memphis, Tennessee
From: Concord Road Chronicles
Concord Road Church of Christ, Brentwood, TN.

What Children Need *By Kerry Duke*

Children need your direction more than they need your money.
Children need to be in your prayers more than they need to be in your will.
Children need you to be at worship with them more than they need you at ballgames with them.
Children need you to teach them the Bible more than they need to do their homework. Children need you to talk with them more than they need to watch television.
Children need to see that their Mother and Father love each other.
Children need to be disciplined, not turned loose.
Children need a loving, spiritual home, not an expensive one.
Children need to feel that they are more important than the house, the furniture, or the car.
Children need to hear you say, "I'm proud of you," "I was wrong," and they need to hear you say "No."

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."-Deuteronomy 6:6-7

News and Notes

HOWARD GARDNER is in Room 603, North Hardin Nursing & Rehab in Radcliff. **MICHELLE LAWSON** continues to battle her illness and was in Hardin Memorial last weekend.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Roy Johnson
Alyenne Bates	J Martin
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
Braden Bybee	Charline Rich
Elonda Crafton	Marie Rose
W. C. Davis	Terry Showers
Howard & Millie Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Barbara Underwood
Faye Guess	Lonnie Underwood

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Scott Allen, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan Blair

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Delsie Axton, Gil Berry, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Louise Clymer, Michael Clymer, Lindsay Corman, Betty Davis, Martha Dillow, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Kevin Fox, Sadie Gentry, Betty Goheen, Renee Green, Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Beulah Lasley, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Phil Noltemeyer, Joe Pawley, Ann Peters, Stephen Pitcock, Charles Pottinger, Patsy & Joe Richter, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Andrew Verble, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Butch Yates

Area Gospel Meetings & Ladies Days

Please check the bulletin board for congregations in our area who will be holding special activities in the coming weeks.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 10/28/07 Canned or boxed soup

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to W. C. Davis in the death of his sister, Beatrice McMasters In Pulaski,

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **YOUTH RALLY** at Ethridge Church of Christ, Ethridge, TN, **October 26-27**. A sign up sheet is posted on the Youth bulletin board for those 6th-12th graders who want to go. Cost is \$10 per person. See Ray Pack or Terry Nowland if you have any questions.
- **FALL GET-TOGETHER**, Saturday night, **October 27**, at the Muncy home in Bardstown, 6:00 p.m. Bring finger foods. Young people are encouraged to dress up. A night of fun and games for all ages.
- **MONTHLY SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **October 28**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **October 28**, in the South Wing. CSG #2 will host. See Jim or Dyrena White for food items to bring.
- **MONTHLY PHONE CALL** to the Central brethren in Donetsk, Ukraine, Sunday morning, **November 4**, at 8:30 a.m.
- **LADIES RETREAT, November 9-10** at White Mills Camp with Betty Jo Douglas from Holladay, Tennessee. Her topic will be "Teach Me Lord..." A sign up sheet and information packet is in the lobby. Registration fees of \$25 can be given to Mary Greene, Kim Whobrey or Mary Woodring. Let us know by Friday 26th.

Ukraine News

John Kachelman is currently on a mission trip to Ukraine. If you would like to read his reports and see photos of this trip, please check the following website address: www.ukraine.kachelman.com.

OUR RECORD FOR

October 21, 2007

Sunday Bible Study	131
Sunday Morning Assembly	185
Sunday Evening Assembly	124
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	10
Wednesday Bible Study	112
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,885)	\$5,790

**Elder/Coordinator for October
Ron Carter**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What man asked who was talking to him, and was told that it was a secret?

Last Week's Bible Question: What particular item of clothing is mentioned in regard to fishing? Mary Greene, Edna Ashlock, Kay Pack, Joyce Pack, Martha Cato, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Bloria Taylor and Kay Thomason 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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Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

Oct. 26-27 — Youth Rally, Ethridge, TN
Oct. 27 — Fall Get-together, Muncys
Oct. 28 — Singing at Atria
Oct. 28 — Oct. Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
Nov. 4 — Central Phone Call
Nov. 9-10 — Ladies Retreat

Daily Bible Reading Schedule Week 40

1. Psalms 81-84; Rom. 2
2. Psalms 85-88; Rom. 3
3. Psalms 89; Rom. 4:1-22
4. Psalms 90-93; Rom. 4:23-5:11
5. Psalms 94-98; Rom. 5:12-21

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