

# The Caller

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## From Where I Sit

Michael D. Greene

When a preacher is asked to come and work with a congregation, both he and the congregation have a period of adjustment. Will this preacher be like the last one, in good and/or bad ways? Will this congregation accept my lessons? Who will

become close friends? Who will remain just Sunday morning acquaintances? Will the work go well, or will it be a source of frustration for both preacher and congregation?

When Mary and I came here four years ago such questions were on our minds. I am so very grateful that our association has been a good one. I know that Mary and I have benefited from being here. We have grown to love and appreciate the folks who make up this congregation more than we can ever express, and we thank you for it. As a preacher, I am especially thankful for the stand for the truth and the expressions of appreciation for the lessons presented from time to time. May God continue to bless.



One of the more obscure exhibits in the Smithsonian Institution displays the personal effects carried by Abraham Lincoln the night he was assassinated. They include a small handkerchief embroidered "A. Lincoln," a country boy's penknife, a spectacle case repaired with a cotton string, a Confederate five dollar bill, and a worn out newspaper clipping extolling his accomplishments as president. It begins, "Abe Lincoln is one of the greatest statesmen of all time ... "

Why would our sixteenth president carry around a clipping like that? History remembers Lincoln as a folk hero and a president's president. Was Lincoln an ego-maniac?

Hardly, when Lincoln was president, he wasn't as popular as he became after his death. The nation was bitterly divided, and Lincoln's leadership was constantly challenged. He was the object of a critical press. So Abraham Lincoln carried something in his pocket that reminded him that someone believed in him. It was a word of affirmation that served to encourage him and give him strength.

We all need that don't we? For the Christian, that affirmation comes from at least two sources. First, from our brethren. When we worship together and work together, there is the unspoken faith that we have in one another as we urge one another on (Hebrews 10: 24-25). Secondly, it comes from God. God affirms that he loves us and values us enough to send His son to die for us (John 3: 16, Galatians 1: 3-4). What a great thing it is to know that I am loved, by my brethren and my God!

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

I'm back in the saddle after a quick trip to Georgia for our nephew Mark's wedding. What a joy it is to see two fine Christian young people united in marriage. It is always a good thing to be able to visit with Kay's family.



Thanks go out to Mike and Mary Greene for hosting the monthly youth devotional. Mike shared some thoughts about who we choose to be role models in our lives. He stressed the importance of finding those who will help you attain the goal of heaven. There is a sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board for next year's devotionals. There are plenty of spots for you to sign to host one of the devotionals. I am appreciative of the support that each of you give to our young people.



The youth Holiday Party will be held December 15 at the home of Ray and Kay Pack. All food will be provided. All the young people need to bring is themselves and a gender neutral gift costing no more than \$10.00. The gift can be humorous, but needs to be useful. We will start at 6:00 PM. See Ray or Kay if you need directions to our house. We are also planning a lock-in December 21.



## Upcoming Events

- December 15 - Holiday Party
- December 21 - Lock In
- January 20 - Monthly Devotional
- January 18-20 - Evangelism University in TN
- February 17 - Monthly Devotional
- February 22-24 - Challenge Youth Conference in TN
- March 16 - Monthly Devotional



Next week I'll have the second article in the series comparing racing terms to Biblical terms.

## The Lucky Dog - Forgiveness

### Sunday's Sermons:

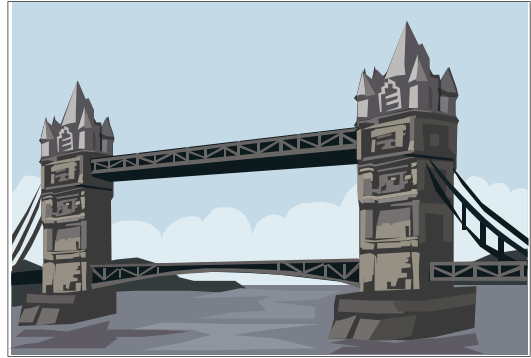
A.M. - *I Am the Vine*  
*John 15:1-8*

P.M. - *You Shall Not Murder*  
*Exodus 20:13*

# Being Trustworthy

The following appeared in the Progressive Farmer magazine:

Americans are great at building high-rise condos, super highways, and spaceships. What we're not doing so well is creating credibility among ourselves. Untruth seems to be not only acceptable but also the norm in politics, business, and the media. We need to concentrate on building bridges - bridges of trust. Civilization may depend on it.



If this statement doesn't ring true, think about how you react when a salesman starts to tell you about his product. . . or how you react when a politician says he will not raise taxes . . . or when a commercial tells you a product will do something and you know it is an unsubstantiated claim.

Even religion has not escaped. A recent survey I read said that ministers, while trusted more than most professions, are not trusted like they once were. Who can blame folks when there are reports of child molestation and abuse by religious leaders and many of the television evangelists are in jail or disgraced by their violations of the public trust.

But even more practical and down to our personal level, is the lack of trust by neighbors and even local businessmen. Time was when folks just trusted one another! But it seems those days are long gone. One thing a Christian should be is trustworthy. Consider the following from God's Word:

He who swears to his own hurt and does not change; Psalm 15:4.

Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:12.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. Philippians 4:8.

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. Romans 12:17.

But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. Matthew 5:37.

Let us be worthy of trust, because we are honest!

—Michael D. Greene

# News and Notes

**ROY JOHNSON** was transferred to Frazier Rehab in Louisville last week. He is in Room 913. **WANDA HOGAN** underwent more back surgery Wednesday in Chattanooga, TN. **CAROLYN SHOWERS** had further surgery Tuesday in Lexington and hoped to be released Wednesday. **MIKE GREENE** underwent outpatient surgery Monday in Louisville.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Roy Johnson
Alyenne Bates	J Martin
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
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, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Lindsay Corman, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Martha Dillow, Marie Dennison, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Sadie Gentry, Betty Goheen, Renee Green, Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Wanda Hogan, 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, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates

## Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed the following days for the upcoming holidays:

**Thanksgiving**—Closed Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23  
**Christmas** — Closed Monday, December 24 & Tuesday, December 25  
**New Year's** — Closed Monday, December 31 & Tuesday, January 1, 2008

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Dyrena White and her family in the death of her brother, Ronnie Houk, who suffered a heart attack and passed away Tuesday in Hart County. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

2. Diane Lewis	20. Amanda Gringle
8. Teresa Allen	21. Joyce Fulkerson
9. Lonnie Underwood	23. Susan Kulbacki
Laura Muncy	25. Reagan White
Dana Fox	Mary Ann Hardesty
15. Chris Goodin	27. Nickie Calloway
16. Jerry Carter	Chuck Dyer
18. Sharlene Marcum	28. John DeVore
Donna Barrett	30. Rosa Lee Norman
19. Roy Johnson	31. Karen Stough

### Anniversaries

Marvin & Mary Ann Hardesty	December 1
Neil & Carolyn Burden	December 5
Henry & Wilma McAlister	December 17
Todd & Jane Curkendall	December 17
Jerry & Angie Carter	December 18
Gene & Karen Stough	December 20
Chris & Shirley Goodin	December 23

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 11/25/07

Canned soup

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **November 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **November 25**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 will host. Please bring finger foods.
- **ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 1**, 6:00 p.m., in the South Wing. CSG #1 will set up and decorate, CSG #2 will be in charge of activities, and CSG #3 will clean up. If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a \$5 wrapped gift. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food items to bring for the planned menu, and each person attending is asked to donate \$2 toward the purchase of the meat. This needs to be given to Jason or Carrie White by November 28.

## OUR RECORD FOR

November 18, 2007

Sunday Bible Study	128
Sunday Morning Assembly	183
Sunday Evening Assembly	157
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	7
Wednesday Bible Study	106
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,885)	\$6,351

**Elder/Coordinator for November  
Dennis Hogan**

## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: What kind of person is specifically pointed out in the Bible as not yet knowing as much as he should, but not being aware of his lack of knowledge?***

***Last Week's Bible Question: A man of God was mistakenly misidentified as an Egyptian who led a huge gang of murderers. Who is he, and what is the reference? The correct answer is Paul, after his arrest, Acts 21:37-38.*** Kay Thomason, Joyce Pack, Mary Greene, Martha Cato, Bloria Taylor, 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 [rpac119@bbtel.com](mailto:rpac119@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**

Nov. 25 — Singing at Atria  
Nov. 25 — Nov. Birthday/Anniversary Get-together  
Dec. 1 — Adult Holiday Party  
Dec. 9 — Donetsk Phone Call  
Dec. 9 — Secret Sisters Get-together  
Dec. 15 — Youth Holiday Party  
Dec. 16 — Calloway Baby Shower  
Dec. 21 — Youth Lock-In  
**Week 44**  
1. Proverbs 1, 2; Galatians 1  
2. Proverbs 3, 4; Galatians 2  
3. Proverbs 5-7; Galatians 3:1-14  
4. Proverbs 8, 9; Galatians 3:15-29  
5. Proverbs 10, 11; Galatians 4:1-20