



The Caller

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From Where I Sit

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This will be the last "From Where I Sit" in the **Caller**. It has been a Monday morning routine (occasionally interrupted) for me to sit at the computer and compose this missive and write or copy an article for the inside. It is my prayer that the articles and

thoughts contained in the **Caller** from my pen have been a blessing to the readers.

Of course, I will be involved in mailing out a bulletin at Lehman Avenue when we get moved. If there are readers of the **Caller** who would like to receive a copy of that bulletin through the mail, please call me here at the Etown office (270-765-6446) or send me an email at mgreene@lehmancoc.org and I will see that you are put on the mailing list.



I certainly want to join Ray in wishing for all who receive the **Caller** a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a joy to work with the congregation, the elders, and especially Kim and Ray over the last four years. Both Ray and Kim have been a joy to work with. It is a privilege to be associated with such fine folks. While I will miss every member of this fine congregation, I will especially miss working with Ray and Kim on a daily basis. They made our labors together a joy.

As I have been packing up my office, I have come across so many reminders of good times shared with the good folks here. There is a picture of Stephanie Pack and Michelle Treadway taken the first year we were here that has graced my desk. There is a picture of me and Ray at VBS. There is a picture of Joey and Chris Muncy and their cousin from camp. There is a partial box of note cards that have a picture of the building on them that Shirley Walkup gave me for Christmas one year. I will take all these and many more fond memories with me and use them to recall the good folks here at Etown.

I will continue to pray for the congregation here at Etown. I will pray that it might grow in grace and knowledge and in number. I know the future is bright, and there is much potential here. I pray that the potential will be tapped. I close with the words of Paul written to a group that he felt very close to: *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart...*" (Philippians 1:3-11).

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

This bulletin and next week's bulletin will be the last two for the 2007 calendar year. With the office being closed on Monday and Tuesday Christmas week and New Year's week, it will be nearly impossible to get a bulletin in the mail. Look for your first copy of

the 2008 **Caller** to be mailed January 9 and then weekly thereafter. I look back and think, where has 2007 gone? It seems that time slips away so quickly these days. Do you remember back to the first of this year when you made your New Year's resolutions? How did they turn out for you? Let's all resolve to be more active in the work of the church in 2008.



*Best Wishes
for a very
Merry Christmas
and a wonderful
New Year!*

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *More Than Just a Man?*
John 20:30-31

P.M. - *The Rewards of Seeking Him First*
Matthew 6:31-34

If You Can't Be a Paul...

Do you look at the evangelists and elders and other leaders of the congregation and marvel at how well they can lead the singing, speak so eloquently or pray with such sincerity and think, "I could never do that"? Do you see the women ministering to the needs of others and think, "How did she know to do that?"

Very few of those talents mentioned in the first paragraph were attained in a short period of time. Song leaders, even those who are gifted spend time learning, practicing and leading. Even fewer speakers are able to speak without hours of practice, study and prayer. Women who serve, have spent hours learning to communicate and assess what is needed in a given situation. So, how do you develop YOUR full potential in Gods service?

1. *Have a desire to serve the Lord by serving His body.*
2. *Learn how to do anything you can that can be used for good.*
3. *Look for opportunities to practice your skills*
4. *Pray for opportunities to serve*

First set your priorities in order. Understand that the way we serve God is by serving others and only what is done for God will last. Train yourself to desire to help others learn about Jesus sacrifice and His plan for eternal life. Learn to know and love the members of the body so well, that you recognize ways of being helpful.

Learn everything you can. Read your Bible regularly. Listen and discuss sermon ideas. Even reading and writing can be used for helping those who cannot. Young women and men have vast opportunities to learn today. Most communities have adult education where you may learn new skills. You may take music lessons to learn the mechanics of music. You may take a foreign language that may lead you to other countries or to translate for newcomers who don't speak English. Learn about finances, relationships, communication. There are bulletins to write, events to organize, meals to be cooked and delivered and the lonely and ill to be visited. Learn to garden so you can share food. Learn to do the communion bread. Learn about art techniques so you can help with crafts for children's classes. Learn all the computer skills you can. The list is endless.

Even those who work at their chosen fields will find things to learn that can be used in service to God. In-services and seminars often teach skills that can be used in the Body.

However, let Christ remain your passion - don't let an interest in secular things lead to time consuming involvement that interferes with your desire to love and serve the Lord.

Always be on the look-out for opportunities. Let your congregational leaders know where you would like to contribute. Look at the prayer list and see what needs you might be able to meet. Your goal is to develop to maximum potential your service to God and to serve as many of the body as possible.

Pray for opportunities. Pray privately to learn to pray publicly. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16. We are called to serve one another, love one another, edify one another, comfort one another and spur one another on to good works.

So, if you can't be a Paul, ... be an Apollos or Dorcas!

From: *The Gospel Messenger*,
Thomas Woody, Editor

News and Notes

MAYFORD SPEAR had cataract surgery Monday in Lexington and will have his second cataract surgery December 17. **WILMA STULL's** surgery is scheduled December 19 at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville. **REIKO TARASAVAGE** has been moved to a nursing home in Athens, Georgia. **ROYCE GOODMAN**, Kay Thomason's brother, underwent triple bypass heart surgery Monday in Jacksonville, Florida.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Roy Johnson
Alyenne Bates	Kent Lane
Neil Burden	J Martin
Nickie & Gavin Calloway	Tom Morgan
Elonda Crafton	Marie Rose
W.C. Davis	Terry Showers
Dana Fox	Grace Speer
Howard & Millie Gardner	Barbara Underwood
Bernard Gillim	Lonnie Underwood
Faye Guess	

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:

Dave Fulbright, 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, Nathan McClain

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Delsie Axton, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, 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, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Harold Parks, 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

Congratulations

Nickie & Daniel Calloway are the proud parents of a baby boy, Gavin Nicholas Calloway, born December 8 at Hardin Memorial Hospital. Gavin weighs 4 lbs. 10 oz. and is 17 inches long. Gavin was transferred to Kosairs Hospital in Louisville Sunday because of some problems with his lungs. Nickie was released from Hardin Memorial Tuesday. Proud grandparents are Greg & Lisa Treadway.

Chloe Elyse Pitcock was born December 6 in Bowling Green. Proud parents are Stephen and Dawn Pitcock and proud grandparents are Barbara and Jerry Witty.

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed Monday, December 24 & Tuesday, December 25; and Monday, December 31 & Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

The Food Center and Clothing Center will be closed December 25 & January 1.

There will be no Ladies Bible Class December 18—January 8. Class resumes Tuesday, January 15.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, calls and cards following my surgery. We appreciate all you do. Your love and support means so much to us.

*In Christian Love,
Roy & Peggy Johnson*

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards you sent Lindsay while she was in the hospital. Your kind words of encouragement and your prayers have meant so much to us. Lindsay is doing really well now. The doctors say her recovery has been remarkable. Thank you for the kindness and support you have shown to our family.

*Love,
Ronnie, Kristi (Seaton), Lindsay & Dylan Corman*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❑ **YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 15**, at the home of Ray & Kay Pack. All food will be provided. Bring a gender neutral gift costing \$10 or less.
- ❑ **JOHN BOARD** and his family from Bridgeport, West Virginia, will be with us **December 16**.
- ❑ **5TH GRADE & UNDER PARTY**, Sunday **December 16**, in the South Wing after morning services. Please bring a gift, \$5 or less, for an exchange. Pizza will be ordered and each family is asked to contribute toward the cost. Families are asked to bring drinks and/or desserts. Any questions, check with Ken or Monica Bybee.
- ❑ **DECEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **December 30**.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 12/16/07

Boxes/Pkgs. of Rice

OUR RECORD FOR December 9, 2007

Sunday Bible Study	156
Sunday Morning Assembly	219
Sunday Evening Assembly	134
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	15
Wednesday Bible Study	112
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,885)	\$6,485

**Elder/Coordinator for December
Henry McAlister**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What event caused a patriarch to anoint his pillow with oil?

Last Week's Bible Question: Who copied the law of Moses on stones in the presence of the Israelites? The correct answer is Joshua, Joshua 8:30-32. Kay Thomason, Mary Greene, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Martha Cato, Bloria Taylor, Kay Pack, Mary Walker 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. Proverbs 22:17-23; Ephesians 2:11-22
2. Proverbs 24-26:12; Ephesians 3
3. Proverbs 26:13-28; Ephesians 4:1-16
4. Proverbs 29-31; Ephesians 4:17-32
5. Ecclesiastes 1, 2; Ephesians 5:1-21

Week 46

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Dec. 15 — Youth Holiday Party
Dec. 16 — John Board to Speak
Dec. 16 — 5th Graders & Under Party
Dec. 23 — Budget Presentation
Dec. 30 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together

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