



The Caller

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Ray's Ramblings Ray Pack

We enter a new phase of our transitional period today. John and his family will have arrived by the time you read this. I encourage each of you to make sure they feel welcome and a part of our family here in Etown.

My thanks goes to each member who has given encouraging words to me. It has been very busy trying to do the work of two people, and I have learned some valuable lessons during this two month period. One lesson learned was the true value of time management. All my life I have heard about managing time wisely. I thought I had done a good job managing my time, but I've learned that I must truly budget my time in order to accomplish what needed to be done.

I cannot emphasize enough the blessing of working with this congregation. Things are progressing in a very positive direction, and I fully expect the progress to continue. The Lord has been good to our congregation over the years. Please continue to pray for the works that we, as a congregation, are involved in.



Flyers are available in the lobby announcing our Gospel Meeting March 16-19 with Jonathan Jones from Spring Hill, Tennessee. Informational brochures are also available in the lobby with details of our upcoming Men's Retreat in April at White Mills Camp. Be sure to take one and give it to a friend.



The monthly Youth Devotional for February will be this Sunday, March 2. Beth Boyd and Misty Dunn will be hosting.

I hope to have applications for Taylor Christian Camp and Horizon's available for our youth within the next two weeks.

Thanks to Terry Nowland, Jerry Carter, Peggy Hogan and Kay Pack for chaperoning the young people who went to Gatlinburg for the Challenge Youth Conference. Terry will have a detailed report that will appear in next week's bulletin.

I hope you all have a great week, and I will see you in worship on Sunday!!!!

Tracts of the Week

This week's tracts...

"Wait Till the Honeymoon" - For Our Young People
"Dealing With Sexual Temptation"

We have two tracts featured this week, and both have a great deal to say about dealing with sexual temptations. Just look around and you will see that advertisers have learned that sex sells their product. Many years ago when I taught the middle school class, before most of our current young people were born, I told them that advertisers were figuring this principle out. Wheel of Fortune was on its way to becoming America's favorite nighttime game show. It was due to the popularity and appeal of one Vanna White. Deal or No Deal today uses scantily clad models to reveal the dollar amounts in the cases. We live in perilous times and need to be very careful about the temptation of sexual immorality.



WELCOME

John Board will begin his full time work with our congregation this Sunday morning, March 2. Please extend a heartfelt welcome to him and his wife, Brenna, and their daughters, Kayleigh and Emaleigh. Their address and phone number will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Also, special "Thanks" to Ray Pack for the good sermons he has delivered and Bible class lessons he has taught while awaiting John's arrival. We appreciate you, Ray!

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *What Can We Learn From Garments*
Mark 5:21-29

P.M. - *Things of Note From the Gethsemane Account, Luke 22:39-46*

Let Him Sing Praise

In James 5:13, James writes “Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise” (ASV). Often times commentators will state that James is making a contrast in this passage between bad (suffering) and good (cheerful). Another thought based upon the context of the book also may be worth noting.

Consider what James writes in chapter one. James here encourages his reader to “count it all joy” when they face trials (temptations KJV). Some would have difficulty finding the joy in trials and would need to pray for wisdom (1:5).

In 5:13, James returns to the thought of enduring trials (suffering) and reminds his readers to pray. While a contrast seems present, the continuity of the teaching from chapter one could suggest as well that spiritual growth comes from enduring suffering. As spiritually mature Christians, we possess an inner joy that is expressed in the outward praise of song.

The word used for “cheerful” in 5:13 is an interesting word. The only other time the word is employed in Scripture is in Acts 27:22 & 25 where Paul is attempting to encourage (raise the spirits of) his companions prior to their shipwreck on Malta. In James the word expresses the inner attitude of good cheer that the Christian should possess when facing suffering.

What is one way the Christian can express that inner joy? James writes that the inner joy should be outwardly expressed in song. This instruction was not new.

Praising God in song for His deliverance through suffering is often found in the Bible. The children of Israel praised God in song for His deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 15:1). The Psalmist, referring to this deliverance, states that the Israelites saw His works, believed His words and sang His praises (106:12). Because of the deliverance through their trial, their faith in God increased and they praised God outwardly in song.

Think of other examples in Scripture. At the climax of the solemn occasion—the last Passover meal—Jesus and the disciples praised God in song. Jesus had revealed that one of the disciples would betray Him but provided hope through instituting the Lord’s Supper. On a solemn occasion, an inward peace was provided that resulted in the singing of a hymn (Matt. 26:20-30).

In addition consider the example of Paul and Silas in prison. During their time of trial, they possessed an inner cheer that allowed them to outwardly praise God in song (Acts 16:25). Christians were encouraged numerous times to praise God in song in spite of the fact that their lives were full of trials because of their faith (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

When we gather to praise God, remember that despite the fact that we face many trials, Jesus, our suffering savior, sings praises with us in our midst (Hebrews 2:12). When put in perspective, our suffering draws us closer to God and allows us to praise Him through song.

John F. Board

News and Notes

JIM MAPLES had cornea transplant surgery Monday in Louisville. He is recovering at home.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

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| Betty Addington | J Martin |
| Neil Burden | Johanna Morgan |
| Elonda Crafton | Tom Morgan |
| W. C. Davis | Herb Pence |
| Dana Fox | Marie Rose |
| Howard Gardner | Terry Showers |
| Bernard Gillim | Grace Speer |
| Faye Guess | Wilma Stull |
| Nellie Hart | Barbara Underwood |
| Diane Lewis | Lonnie Underwood |
| Kent Lane | Lawrence Wells |

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, Willie Mitchell

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Martha Brown, Sue Cantrell, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Betty Goheen, Renee Green, Terry Griffin Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Beulah Lasley, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Julie Murphy, Lynn Parsons, Joe Pawley, John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, W. O. Waters, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates

Thank You

I greatly appreciate all of the cards, letters, comments, prayers and encouragement given to me by the members of the Elizabethtown Church of Christ regarding my eye surgery. It feels so much better going into surgery knowing that you care.

*Sincerely,
Jim Maples*

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Elonda Crafton in the death of her brother-in-law, Lester Crafton. His funeral was held Monday in Arkansas.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 3/2/08 Boxes/Pkgs. of Rice

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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| 4. Carl Mercer | 13. Todd Curkendall |
| 8. Susan Gattis | Braden Bybee |
| 9. Kathleen Pence | 14. Sasha Tackett |
| Jerry Witty | 16. Brittany Hogan |
| 10. Dorothea Weaver | Kevin Nowland |
| Grant Whobrey | 19. Tyler Gattis |
| Misty Dunn | 24. Bill Fulkerson |
| 12. Wilma McAlister | 25. David Woodring |
| Leanna Stough | 30. Douglas Leverett |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Scott & Teresa Allen | March 20 |
| Jon & Holly Walker | March 22 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LADIES NIGHT OUT**, Saturday night, **March 1**, 6:00 p.m., at Panera Bread. Check with Angie Carter for details.
- **DIRECTORY PICTURES**, Sunday morning, **March 2**. These will be taken in the library.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday, **March 2**, in the South Wing.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** Begins, Sunday, **March 9**.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **March 10**, at 10:30 a.m. here at the building.
- **GOSPEL MEETING, March 16-19** with Jonathan Jones of Spring Hill, Tennessee. Flyers are in the lobby to invite your friends and family.
- **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR**, hosted by the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, Saturday, **March 29**. Speakers: Mike Greene & Tom Holland.
- **MEN'S RETREAT, April 25-26**, at White Mills

OUR RECORD FOR

February 24, 2008

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| Sunday Bible Study | 127 |
| Sunday Morning Assembly | 189 |
| Sunday Evening Assembly | 138 |
| Tuesday Ladies Bible Class | 11 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 118 |
| Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905) | \$6,235 |

**Elder/Coordinator for March
Ron Carter**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What sound is the laughter of a fool compared to?

Last Week's Bible Question: Where in the Bible are the fierce bulls of Bashan mentioned? The correct answer is Psalm 22:12. Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor, 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:

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| Bible Classes | 9:30 A.M. |
| Morning Worship | 10:30 A.M. |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 P.M. |

Tuesday

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| Ladies Bible Class | 10:30 A.M. |
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Wednesday

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| Evening Bible Class | 7:00 P.M. |
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Deut. 23:15-27:10
2. Deut. 27:11-28:68
3. Deut. 29:1-32:14
4. Deut. 32:15-34:12; Joshua 1:1-9
5. Joshua 1:10-4:24
6. Joshua 5:1-8:23
7. Joshua 8:24-11:9
Mar. 1 — Ladies Night Out, Panera Bread
Mar. 2 — Directory Pictures
Mar. 2 — Youth Devo
Mar. 9 — Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar. 10 — Church Workers Workshop
Mar. 16-19 — Gospel Meeting w/Jonathan Jones
Mar. 29 — Fundamental Truths Seminar
Apr. 25-26 — Men's Retreat

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