



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

As I begin this column I would like to present my goals for this section of the bulletin. From week to week I would like to present brief faith building thoughts. Obviously these will most often come from an examination of

God's word (Rom 10:17). From time to time though, this section of the bulletin may also contain extra biblical material that helps to confirm our confidence in God and His word. We will entitle this section of the bulletin *Confidence Corner*. Since Ray is leading our class on Wednesday in I Samuel, let's start with I Samuel 1:1.

In I Samuel 1:1 Elkanah is revealed to be an Ephraimite (ASV, NKJV). A study of I Chronicles shows clearly that Elkanah (vs. 16, 26, 33) was a descendant of Levi and as such a Levite. How could the Bible record that Elkanah was from two different tribes? Did the biblical writer make a mistake?

The alleged discrepancy disappears when we look at all the information regarding Elkanah. Remember some of the descendants of Kohath (a son of Levi and ancestor of Elkanah) lived in cities assigned to the tribe of Ephraim (Joshua 21:5; 1 Chronicles 6:66; cf. 1 Samuel 2:11). Elkanah's genealogy was Levitical; by birth he was a Levite. Elkanah, it appears, lived in a city assigned to the tribe of Ephraim; geographically he was an Ephraimite. When all of the biblical information is considered, there is no discrepancy.



Aristotle stated the Law of Contradiction (sometimes referred to as the Law of Non-Contradiction) as follows: "That the same thing should at the same time both be and not be for the same person and in the same respect is impossible." In studying the Bible when two or more passages appear to contradict one another, our responsibility is to provide one possible way of harmonizing the passages. To do so, it is important to keep these three questions in mind: (1) Are the passages addressing the same time period or point in time? (2) Are the passages referring to the same person or thing? (3) Is the biblical language used, employed in the same sense? If you apply these three questions to the biblical text, many of the alleged contradictions disappear.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Tract of the Week

"Let Every Man Be Swift to Hear"

As we conclude our study of the book of James we want to look at three tracts over the next several weeks that deal with James 1:19.

Being swift to hear is important in all phases of our life. Many relationships fail due to the lack of good communications skills. This tract goes to great lengths to help us understand the concept of better listening skills.



**Gospel Meeting
March 16-19, 2008
Jonathan Jones,
Speaker**

"Experiencing Relationship With God"

Sermon Topics:

- 9:30 AM Sunday - "Is it Possible to Experience God?"
- 10:30 AM Sunday - "A Divine Romance"
- 6:00 PM Sunday - "Falling in Love With God"
- 7:00 PM Monday - "Baptism, The Believer's Wedding"
- 7:00 PM Tuesday - "100% Innocent"
- 7:00 PM Wednesday - "Can I Be Sure I'm Saved?"

Please make plans now to be in attendance for this series of lessons and invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to join us.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *A Divine Romance*
Matthew 7:21-23

P.M. - *Falling in Love With God*
Matthew 3:7-8

Children Obey Your Parents

It was the eve of the worst flood of the Ohio River in recent times. A young boy around six years of age was out in the garage behind his house with his friend. The boys decided that they wanted to go fishing. The one young man went into his house and asked his mother for permission to go fishing. His mother said, "No, you may not go fishing. The river is very high; you need to stay away from there. It could be very dangerous."

As you may have already guessed, the young boy who asked his mother was me. When my friend Scott and I went back out into the garage, he convinced me not to listen to my mother. We gathered our gear and headed for the river. Now mind you, we were not knowledgeable anglers. As a matter of fact, our fishing gear that day consisted of a stick with a piece of white string—that's right, we did not even have hooks on the end of our strings.

After a short walk we arrived at the banks of the Ohio. The water was high enough that the shore was not visible. We proceeded along the bank until we found a spot where we could be seated and our "line" could reach down into the water. Well, just like the song, I was sitting on the bank...and you guessed it...the bank gave way. I went down into the water. It was cold and almost neck deep. My friend Scott said, "Here give me your hand and I will pull you out." I told him that I would probably pull him in too if we tried that rescue plan. I told him to run and get help. I floated down river a bit and fortunately the roots of a tree had been weakened by the waters and it had fallen into the river. I was able to use it to climb out of danger.

In the mean time, my friend Scott had run up to the closest house to get help—it was the funeral directors house. Scott declared, "John Board has fallen into the river and drown." Unbeknown to me, we were causing a big stir in Chester that day. No one knew I had found my way out of danger. The rescue department and police had been called. As I waddled home, I knew I was going to be in serious trouble. I did not realize how serious though until I arrived home. As I made my way in the back door, my mom was at the front door speaking to the Chief of Police—he was informing her that I had fallen into the river and could not be found. As my mother heard the back door open, she came running. She immediately hugged me and almost as quickly began to paddle my backside. Looking back on that incident in my life, I can make some spiritual applications.

First, this incident serves to remind me of the biblical principle "...be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:32). We often think we can get away with secret sin. The truth is, most often our sins are revealed in this life but even if they are not, our sins will be revealed in the Day of Judgment. We usually cannot hide things from our parents and we definitely cannot hide anything from God (Psalm 139).

Second, our parents usually instruct in ways that are good for us. When parents restrict what we can and cannot do, they usually know best. One thing is for sure though. When God provides his instruction to us through His word, He as our Creator always knows what is best (II Tim. 3:1-17).

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

JERRY WAYNE TADE underwent more eye surgery in Glasgow this week. **BARBARA UNDERWOOD** had laser eye surgery last week. **LARRY CLACK** continues to recover from his sinus surgery. **PAUL JACOB SELLS**, son of Donald Sells, had a pacemaker inserted Sunday at Hardin Memorial. **HARRY STULL** continues to undergo tests. **PRISCILLA GRATTON**, Holly Walker's aunt, broke her shoulder and is awaiting a decision from her doctor regarding surgery. **NELLIE HART** was in Hardin Memorial over the weekend and was transferred Tuesday to Fordsville Health & Rehab Center. Her address is posted on the bulletin board.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

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
Henry McAlister	

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, Berna Jean Goff, 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, Riley Nelson, Lynn Parsons, Joe Pawley, John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates

New Address

We want to welcome the Leverett family back to Etown! Their current address is Kelly & Lacey Leverett, 4336-B Warhawk St., Fort Knox, KY 40121. Phone # 502/942-6834.

5th Grade & Under

Those interested in participating in this year's Bible Bowl in Madisonville in August, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board. The students will be studying the book of Mark.

Also, Sunday morning, March 30, immediately following services, the 5th graders and under will have a "Spring Celebration & Egg Hunt." Parents are asked to sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board to bring a food item or drink and also items to fill plastic eggs. Any questions, please ask Ken or Monica Bybee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **GOSPEL MEETING, March 16-19** with Jonathan Jones of Spring Hill, Tennessee. There will be a Congregational Potluck this Sunday morning in the South Wing following the morning services. CSG #1 is in charge of set up for the meal and CSG #2 will clean up following the meal.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **March 16**, at the home of Jon & Holly Walker. Hot dogs will be provided. Girls bring side dishes and guys bring soft drinks.
- **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. John Board will be the speaker.

Thank you

Brenna and I want to thank all of those responsible for our "pounding" last week. We were truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our brethren. Thanks as well to the elders, Kim, Ray, Joe and Renee for making our move less stressful.

John & Brenna Board

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 3/16/08

Boxes/Pkgs. of Rice

OUR RECORD FOR

March 9, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	108
Sunday Morning Assembly	149
Sunday Evening Assembly	128
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	13
Wednesday Bible Study	104
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$5,443

Elder/Coordinator for March

Ron Carter

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Name the priest of Bethel who tried to drive Amos away.

Last Week's Bible Question: According to an Old Testament book, what is described as new every morning? The correct answer is the Lord's mercies and compassion, Lamentations 3:23. Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, 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 ray.pack@kvnet.org 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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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Judges 8-9
2. Judges 10-13
3. Judges 14-16
4. Judges 17:1-20:11
5. Judges 20:12-21:25; Ruth 1:1-2:13
6. Ruth 2:14-4:22; 1 Samuel 1
7. 1 Samuel 2-4

Mar. 16 — Congregational Potluck
Mar. 16-19 — Gospel Meeting w/Jonathan Jones
Mar. 16 — Youth Dev'o, Walkers
Mar. 29 — Fundamental Truths Seminar
Mar. 30 — 5th Grade & Under Spring Celebration
Mar. 30 — 5th Sunday Night Singing
Apr. 25-26 — Men's Retreat

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