



# The Caller

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## Confidence Corner

John F. Board

As we continue on our life long journey of building our faith, let us consider some thoughts regarding the confidence we can have in the Bible. Critics of the Bible have been around almost as long as the Bible itself. The fact that the Bible remains the Book of books today speaks

volumes. Let us examine though one of the charges leveled against the Bible by the critics.

The critics allege a contradiction exists between Numbers 25:9 and 1 Corinthians 10:8. Both of these passages deal with the plague that God brought upon Israel because they were committing spiritual adultery.

**As the critics read the two passages**, they claim that the passage in Numbers notes 24,000 people died in the plague, while Paul records that 23,000 people died in the plague; as we will examine, the critics have not read the passages very closely.

Let's examine the passages closely. In the account in Numbers 25:9 the Scriptures record "and those that died by the plague were twenty and four thousand." In the account in Numbers the Bible reveals that 24,000 people were killed in the plague.

Note closely what the apostle Paul wrote regarding this event. In 1 Corinthians 10:8 Paul writes, "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand." The apostle Paul recorded that 23,000 died; look closely though, he revealed 23,000 died in one day.

The passage in Numbers records the total number killed in the plague, 24,000. Paul records that 23,000 of the 24,000 died in one day. Obviously, when examined more closely, the two passages are not in conflict. Supplemental information is provided by Paul that enables us to understand that during the plague, one day was especially catastrophic.



"I believe that the existence of the Bible is the greatest benefit to the human race. Any attempt to belittle it, I believe, is a crime against humanity.

**Immanuel Kant, German idealist philosopher, 1724-1804**

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

## Tract of the Week

**"The Day the Atheist Sat Next to the Preacher"**

New find reveals that man has lived on earth for Billions of years!!

This is just an illustration of the headlines that can be seen on popular news network web pages. Our tract this week answers the question of how the world came into existence. Those who would have us believe that the world came into existence by chance start teaching this philosophy at very young ages. We must take a stand for the Bible and teach correctly that "In the beginning God created..."



Over the past week or so I have been working on our website. All bulletins from January 2008 can now be found. Also the audio and PowerPoint slides from our recent Gospel Meeting have been added. Other items will also be added to the website. The world wide web is a very good tool, if utilized correctly, that allows folks to see and hear the truth. It also can be a great way of introduction when folks move into our area and begin their search for a church home. Take a look for yourself at [www.etowncofc.org](http://www.etowncofc.org).



Beth Boyd is moving back to her native Pikeville. On behalf of the young people, I would like to say thanks to Beth for her work at camp, hosting several monthly devotionals and for teaching classes. We love you Beth, and we will miss you greatly. I'm confident Beth will be an asset to her new church home and to the community that she will be serving.



## A Sentence Sermon for You

Christianity is a lot like tennis...  
The goal is to serve the best!!

## Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Here Am I Send Me*  
Isaiah 6:1-8

P.M. - *Neither Do I Condemn You*  
John 8:1-11

# Almost Unbelievable

Today appeared to be like any other day. I sat down at my desk in the office and began to check my email. I first checked my office email. I then went to my address bar and clicked on the Gmail address. When the site fully loaded, I noticed something was different about the login screen. As I began to read, I thought "I can't believe this." But then as I thought more about it, given today's society I was not overly surprised at all! Let me explain further.

The following is what I read on the Gmail login page:

"Ever wish you could go back in time and send that crucial email that could have changed everything—if only it hadn't slipped you mind? Gmail can now help you with those missed deadlines, missed birthdays and missed opportunities."

Next was a list of the highlights of the new features Gmail was offering:

**Pre-date your messages**—You tell us what time you would have wanted your email sent, and we'll take care of the rest. Need an email to arrive six hours ago? No problem.

**Mark as read or unread**— Take sending emails to the past one step further. We let you make emails look like they've been read all along.

**Worry less**— Forget your finance reports. Forget your anniversary. We'll make it look like you remembered.

Need your email to arrive six hours ago...make your emails look like they've been read all along...forget your anniversary. We'll make it look like you remember...does anyone else see anything wrong with this picture? What ever happened to honesty and integrity? God still demands both of those who would be found pleasing in His sight!

Proverbs 12:22 still reads, "Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight" (NKJV).

2 Corinthians 8:21 notes, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

Proverbs 20:7 advises, "The just man walketh in his integrity:"

Acts 24:16 recorded by Luke, notes Paul saying, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."

Hebrews 13:18 reveals, "We trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."

It is a sad commentary, though not altogether surprising, that such advertisement is promoted today. Hopefully though it still appalls those who are walking in the light! Oh and by the way...if you wives receive a Gmail email from your husbands on your anniversary... you might consider it suspect.

John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY

# News and Notes

**HOWARD GARDNER** is scheduled to be released from North Hardin Nursing Center Friday to return home. **KAY PACK** had outpatient surgery Wednesday at Hardin Memorial.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Diane Lewis
Neil Burden	J Martin
Larry Clack	Tom Morgan
Elonda Crafton	Herb Pence
W. C. Davis	Marie Rose
Dana Fox	Terry Showers
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Wilma Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	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, Marie Dennison, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Berna Jean Goff, Betty Goheen, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, 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, Paul Jacob Sells, Sara Sharp, Ron Stanley, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates, Bobby White

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Beulah Lasley, Mary Ann Hardesty's aunt, who passed away last week. Her funeral was held in Brandenburg Friday.

## 2nd Quarter CSG News

Groups leaders for this quarter (April-June) are:

- CSG #1—Jerry & Angie Carter
- CSG #2—Jason & Misty Dunn
- CSG #3—Jon & Holly Walker
- CSG #4—Jason & Carrie White

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/13/08 Canned Vegetables

## Thank You

We wish to express our gratitude to you for the many kindnesses during the long illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Alyenne E. Bates. The visits, calls, flowers, and food let us know that we were not alone. Many, many thanks and may the Lord bless you all.

*The Family of Alyenne Bates*

The Clack Family thanks everyone for the cards and letters received by Larry after his surgery and for the notes and cards of encouragement for Sara following her surgery.

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and prayers following my recent surgery.

*Henry McAlister*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **STAFF MEETING** for Taylor Christian Camp, Saturday, **April 12**. The bus will leave the building at 3:00 p.m.
- **SENIOR SECRET SISTERS GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday, **April 13**, at 4:00 p.m. in the South Wing.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **April 14**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **VBS MEETING**, Sunday afternoon, **April 20**, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 10.
- **MEN'S RETREAT, April 25-26**, at White Mills. Deadline for registration is April 13. Please check for the sign up sheet in the lobby. Cost is \$25.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday, **April 27**, 3:00 p.m.

## Good-Bye

Beth Boyd is moving this week to Pikeville. Her new address will be 223 Green Meadow Lane, Pikeville, KY 41501. We wish you all the best, Beth!

### OUR RECORD FOR

April 6, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	138
Sunday Morning Assembly	190
Sunday Evening Assembly	120
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	14
Wednesday Bible Study	131
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,531

**Elder/Coordinator for April**  
**Henry McAlister**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: What miracle of Christ was completed in two steps?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: What is the Babylonian name of the person King Cyrus allowed to lead the Hebrews back to Jerusalem? The correct answer is Sheshbazzar, Ezra 1:1-11. Edna Ashlock, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Bloria Taylor, Joyce Pack, Kay Thomason, and Kay Pack correctly answered the question. Bloria Taylor's name was left out of last week's bulletin as correctly answering the Bible 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](mailto: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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## Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

Apr. 12 — Camp Staff Meeting  
Apr. 13 — Senior Secret Sisters Get-together  
Apr. 14 — Church Workers Workshop  
Apr. 20 — VBS Meeting  
Apr. 25-26 — Men's Retreat  
Apr. 27 — Singing at Atria  
May 17 — Fajita Cookout, Muncys

**Daily Bible Reading Schedule**  
1. 1 Kings 11:26-13:34  
2. 1 Kings 14-17  
3. 1 Kings 18:1-20:25  
4. 1 Kings 20:26-22:36  
5. 1 Kings 22:37-53; 2 Kings 1:1-4:28  
6. 2 Kings 4:29-8:15  
7. 2 Kings 8:16-10:24

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