



# 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 arguments against Intelligent Design.

Scientists for years have tried to discredit intelligent design arguments by advancing arguments that they believe show faulty design. Thus, they argue a perfect Designer would have perfect designs and not faulty ones. Most of the arguments along this line known to this writer are in the area of faulty design in nature/man.

The first of the arguments based upon faulty design of a designer also had a flip side to them. Not only did the evolutionist employ them as opponents of design and a designer, they also would use them as proof of evolution. One such argument was over what the evolutionist termed vestigial organs. These organs were either argued to be left over from the evolutionary process and therefore no longer useful or they were argued to be examples of where a lack of design for these organs argued against the concept of a designer. Only a few of these vestigial arguments will be considered.

The pineal body is a small gland located in the brain. H. G. Wells thought the pineal gland was a "forehead eye which first became blind and useless and then was turned into another purpose, and made into a ductless gland." (Wells, 1934, p. 1208) As such some would argue the gland was left over from the evolutionary process or on the other hand that a perfect designer would not create something that had no design. All such arguments have since been abandoned as science now knows that the pineal body serves a vital role in human reproduction.

The thymus was another example of a useless organ left over from evolution or proof that without perfect design there could be no designer. The thymus is located between the lungs near the top of the breastbone. Science now recognizes the thymus as a chief component of the body's defense system so complex that it is greater than any defense system of any country. (Ratcliff, 1980, p).

As David of old penned "...I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

### Tract of the Week

*"Heaven is Just 4 Steps From Any Place on Earth - Step 4"*

Tract four in our series deals with transmitting your life into the image of Christ. We must be transformed out of the old man of sin and into the new man of righteousness. As we look at how Jesus lived His life we must learn to emulate that life after we have been converted to Him. I am reminded of Steve Higginbotham's daughter, Anne Marie, who said she wanted to be like Jesus because He went about doing good.



All camp staff members need to attend the staff meeting this Saturday. The bus leaves at 3:00 PM. We will be having a meal after the meeting. I will find out what we need to take and let you know. Camp is at capacity. We as a congregation have 23 campers and 9 staff members planning to attend. Our theme this year is "The Games of Holland." We will be surveying what it means to run the Christian race. By the time many of you read this bulletin camp will only be one month away.



Plans are being made to honor our high school seniors. We have selected June 1 as the day for the banquet. This time of celebration will be open for all who wish to attend. More details in the next couple of weeks.



### Sentence Sermons

One minute of keeping your mouth shut is worth an hour's explanation!

It's good to be a Christian and know it. . .  
It is better to be a Christian and show it!

### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Advice for Personal Evangelists*  
John 8:31-38

P.M. - *Much To Do About Dew*  
Judges 6:36-40

# HANNAH: A GODLY MOTHER

The providence of God is clearly seen in the birth and life of Samuel. This is no surprise for the providence of God is seen in the birth of another great leader of Israel, Moses. Like Moses, Samuel had a mother who God used to guide him in the ways of the LORD. Hannah was married to a man named Elkanah. Elkanah was from an area in the hill country of Ephraim that's name meant "two high places of the watchman." Sadly, Elkanah like some before him (Gideon, Jair) did not follow God's original plan for marriage—one man and one woman for life (Gen. 2:15-ff). Elkanah was a polygamist and his polygamy caused many problems for Hannah whom he probably married first (the fact that Hannah was given "a double portion" when the family would go to Shiloh seems to indicate that she was Elkanah's first wife).

Elkanah's other wife was named Peninnah. 1 Samuel 1:2 reveals the difference between Hannah and Peninnah; Peninnah had children but Hannah was barren. The text also reveals that Peninnah, Hannah's rival, would provoke her grievously to irritate her; Hannah endured such from Peninnah three times each year as they would go up to Shiloh (1 Samuel 1:6-7; see also Exodus 23:14-17). The text reveals the sadness of Hannah which included crying, not eating, and a heaviness of her heart (vs.7-8).

It was while she was suffering through a deeply distressing time that Hannah chose to turn to God. Through her prayer and vow, Hannah made an agreement with God; if God would give her a son, then she would dedicate her son to the LORD. God answered Hannah's prayer and Hannah named her son accordingly, semua 'el—heard by God (1 Samuel 1:20). In keeping with her vow, after Samuel was weaned, Hannah took him to Shiloh, and after offering the appropriate sacrifices, she dedicated Samuel to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:24-28). After she fulfilled her vow, she praised her God; Hannah's knowledge of her God is great indeed as she emphasizes His holiness, knowledge and power; she even seems to know of Moses' prophecy of a coming King (Deut. 17:14). In many ways, Hannah's statement of praise is like that of Mary (Luke 1:46-55). Hannah is blessed and her womb is opened allowing her to bear three more sons and two daughters (1 Samuel 2:20-21).

The LORD truly was with Samuel. Samuel was blessed with a godly mother. Hannah continued to care for Samuel; each year upon their return to Shiloh she would bring him a garment she had made with love. His mother helped him to become a great leader in Israel.

Consider the following thoughts regarding Hannah. First, Hannah kept her faith in God even though she did not have an ideal marriage and was facing one of the greatest disgraces for a Hebrew woman—childlessness. Second, she did not forget her promise to God after God blessed her with her request of a son. Third, she dedicated her child to God. And last, Hannah was blessed by God for her faithfulness.

As we approach Mother's Day, I am thankful for godly mothers today who dedicate their children to the LORD. In the end, a mother's greatest desire should be that her children will follow God. I pray for the efforts of all godly mothers.

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**DON HATCHER** is in Hardin Memorial, Room 257, and continues to deal with kidney problems. **SUSAN MOLLER**, mother of Jane Curkendall, will undergo colon surgery Thursday in Lexington. **MICHAEL CLYMER**, Angie Carter's dad, is dealing with several health problems at this time. **ROGE-GE-NEAL SMITH**, Diane Lewis' sister, was admitted to Hardin Memorial last Thursday after a fall and was released Sunday. **NELLIE HART** is now residing at Helmwood Healthcare, Room 209. **W. C. DAVIS** continues to deal with serious health problems. **HERB PENCE** fell Tuesday and underwent surgery for a fractured hip at the Bowling Green Medical Center.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Diane Lewis
Neil Burden	J Martin
Larry Clack	Tom Morgan
Elonda Crafton	Kevin Nowland
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
David Keister	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

## Welcome

Brian, Anisia, James & John Woodring have moved back to our area after living in Texas. They have indicated their desire to identify with our congregation. Their address is 3008 S. Woodland Drive, Radcliff, KY 40160. Phone #'s 307-8681 and 307-8682. Welcome back Brian, Anisia, James and John!

## Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Dyrena White and her family in the passing of her brother, Russell Houk. His funeral was held Monday in Munfordville. Also, our sympathy is expressed to Teanie Pence and Ruby Nell Woosley in the passing of their sister-in-law, Corene Terry. Her funeral was held Monday in Summit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CAMP STAFF MEETING (MANDATORY)**, Saturday, **May 10**. All staff members **MUST** attend. The bus will leave the building at 3:00 p.m.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **May 12**, at 10:30 a.m. here at the building.
- **FAJITA COOKOUT** Saturday, **May 17**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Muncy home. Please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin for food items to bring by May 14. Each family attending is asked to donate \$7 toward the cost of the meat. Please see Shane or Laura for more details.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **May 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **YOUTH BANQUET**, Sunday, **June 1**, in the South Wing to honor our high school graduates.
- **BRIDAL SHOWER** for Leanna Stough & Bryan Allen, Sunday, **June 8**, in the South Wing following evening services. Leanna & Bryan are registered at Belks, Kohls, Wal-Mart & Bed Bath & Beyond.

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 5/11/08 Canned Vegetables

## Attention High School Seniors

Please bring a senior picture to the office to be featured in an upcoming bulletin.

### BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE APRIL 2008

Food Center	194 families helped
Clothing Center	123 families helped

### BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE APRIL 2008

Courses graded	237
New Enrollees	38

### OUR RECORD FOR May 4, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	146
Sunday Morning Assembly	218
Sunday Evening Assembly	139
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	13
Wednesday Bible Study	108
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$7,061

**Elder/Coordinator for May  
Mike Pence**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: Saul was the first king of Israel. Who was the second king?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: We were the daughters of a man who lost all he had in a test by Satan. Who are we? The correct answer is the daughters of Job— Jemima, Keziah & Keren-Happuch, Job 42:14-15. Kay Thomason, Lisa Treadway, Joyce Pack, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker and Betty Bray correctly answered last week's 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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## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. 2 Chronicles 29-31
  2. 2 Chronicles 32:1-35:19
  3. 2 Chronicles 35:20-36:23; Ezra 1-3
  4. Ezra 4-7
  5. Ezra 8-10; Nehemiah 1
  6. Nehemiah 2-5
  7. Nehemiah 6:1-8:8
- May 10 — Mandatory Camp Staff Meeting  
May 12 — Church Workers Workshop  
May 17 — Fajita Cookout, Muncys  
May 18 — Youth Devo  
May 25 — Singing at Atria  
June 1 — Youth Banquet  
June 8 — Stough/Allen Bridal Shower

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