



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 on the existence of God. Some try to discredit the case for the existence of God by stating questions that they

claim prove God does not exist.

For example, some will ask a Christian, "Is your God all powerful?" Of course the Christian will answer, "Yes I know my God is all powerful!" The critic will then ask, "Can your all powerful God make a rock so big that He can't pick it up?" With this question before them, often the Christian will be at a loss for words.

What the critic has done is manipulate his wording to gain an advantage. Consider another example that might illustrate what I am stating. If I asked you "Have you quit drinking alcohol," you might be taken back at first and not know how to answer the question. If you answer "Yes" that could leave the impression that you once drank alcohol. If you answer "No" because you are trying to convey that you never have drank alcohol, your answer might be misinterpreted to mean that you still drink alcohol.

In order for an individual who has never drank alcohol to answer the question in a favorable way, they would have to answer more than yes or no; they would answer "I have never drank, nor do I now drink alcohol."

The same is true with the trick question regarding the power of God. When someone asks "Can your all powerful God make a rock so big that He can't pick it up" the answer the Christian needs to give is not simply a yes or a no; the Christian needs to confidently affirm, "My God can make a rock as big as He desires and no matter how large that rock may be, my God can still pick it up, if He so chooses."

As Christians may we never allow ourselves to be rattled by those who seek ways to trick people into thinking there is no God. Most often, their attempts to disprove God have no substance—they simply manipulate words or other things to their advantage.

Remember the admonition of Peter to always be ready to give a defense of what you believe (1 Peter 3:15).

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Tract of the Week

*"Seven Things God Hates—
A Proud Look"*

Over the next seven weeks our tracts will deal with Proverbs 6:17-19. This is a passage that deals with seven things that God hates. Many today cannot envision God has one who would hate anything. Solomon tells a different story in this passage. Up first is the proud look. Pride will be the downfall of many people. Pride can slip into our lives in many ways. It is up to us to keep ourselves from allowing pride to overtake a healthy dose of confidence.



Terry Nowland announced Sunday morning about this year's Senior Banquet. The decision was made that all of the congregation is invited. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food needed for the meal. Graduation from high school is a great accomplishment, as well as a new beginning. The banquet will be held on Sunday, June 1, in the South Wing immediately following morning services. Make plans to attend to honor and encourage Shandy, Jaclyn, Ashlee and Sophia as they begin a new chapter of life.



The monthly devotional for May will be hosted by David & Claudia Woodring this Sunday night, May 18, after evening services. An announcement will be made during your Bible Class of what to bring.



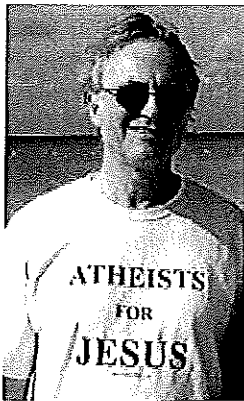
Allow me to promote the Ladies Bible class held each Tuesday morning at 10:30. We are currently studying the book of Psalms. If you are not attending, why not ask some of the ladies who attend this class about the benefits of this study. There is plenty of room at the table for all who want to attend.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Can We Hide the Gospel?*
2 Corinthians 4:3-5

P.M. - *The World's Greatest Power*
Romans 1:16-17

Atheist for Jesus?



I read the article below on Steve Higginbotham's blog PreachingHelp.org. I found it to be a good follow-up to some of the articles we have run in the bulletin the past few weeks. I hope you enjoy it. Steve is an excellent writer and good friend.

John F. Board

Richard Dawkins, a world renowned atheist and the author of a book entitled, "The God Delusion" was recently photographed sporting the t-shirt in the picture above. The message on the t-shirt is, "Atheists for Jesus".

Now, why would an atheist wear a t-shirt saying, "Atheists for Jesus?" The answer to that question is that Dawkins unashamedly calls himself a "Cultural Christian." In other words, Dawkins rejects any and all claims regarding Jesus' deity, but he accepts his code of ethics and likes his moral values, and wishes more people lived according to them.

You see, Dawkins likes the character traits exhibited in Jesus. He likes his stand on human rights and human worth. He likes his patience, kindness, compassion, and love. But what Dawkins fails to realize is that all these characteristics are rooted in the nature of God. The reason Jesus exhibited these character traits is because they are consistent with character and law of God.

Whether Dawkins realizes it or not, the message on his t-shirt exposes a fundamental flaw of atheism. Atheism provides no values, no code of ethics, no standard by which to measure any human conduct. If there is no God; if one is nothing more than a biological accident; if one is accountable to no one; if one is here today and gone tomorrow; then why shouldn't he live as he chooses? What possible reason would one have to deny himself gratification in order to demonstrate love, patience, and compassion for others?

While Richard Dawkins may have worn this t-shirt in order to be "clever" and "witty," the truth of the matter is that Atheists do indeed need Jesus and ought to be thankful that the influence of Jesus has spread as widely as it has, for I don't think Dawkins and his fellow atheists would like living in a world without Jesus.

Steve Higginbotham
Glasgow, KY

News and Notes

DAVID KEISTER was admitted to Norton Hospital in Louisville last Thursday and remains there at this time. **MARY WALKER** was admitted to Hardin Memorial Thursday and continues to undergo some tests. **DON HATCHER** is currently in Kindred Hospital in Louisville. His address is posted on the bulletin board. **SUSAN MOLLER**, Jane Curkendall's mother, remains in Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. **ROGE-GE-NEAL SMITH**, Diane Lewis' sister, was admitted to Hardin Memorial Monday with a blood clot in her leg. **HERB PENCE** was released Saturday from the Bowling Green Medical Center and continues to recuperate at Harborside Health Center after surgery for a fractured hip.

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

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Martha Brown, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Marie Dennison, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, David Fant, 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 & Carla Parsons, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Paul Jacob Sells, Sara Sharp, Ginny & Ron Stanley, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates, Bobby White

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 5/18/08 Canned Vegetables

Attention High School Seniors

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

Thank You

Thanks to every one for all the pretty get well cards. A special thanks to the Ladies Bible class for their card and to those who signed it. The many phone calls and prayers were also appreciated.

In Christian Love, Pansy Sells

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and the beautiful flowers. I love each of you.

Your sister in Christ, Dyrena White

I can't say enough about the love and compassion I felt when I restored my soul. God Bless each and every one of you for being there to help me bounce back. Thanks so much!

Betty Bray

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FAJITA COOKOUT** Saturday, **May 17**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Muncy home. Each family attending is asked to donate \$7 toward the **cost of the meat.**
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **May 18**, hosted by David & Claudia Woodring.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **May 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **May 25**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 will host and its members are asked to bring finger foods.
- **YOUTH BANQUET**, Sunday, **June 1**, in the South Wing to honor our high school graduates. Everyone is invited to attend. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food needed.
- **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.
- **DIANA SINGING**, **June 13-14**, Diana, TN

OUR RECORD FOR May 11, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	131
Sunday Morning Assembly	218
Sunday Evening Assembly	112
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	18
Wednesday Bible Study	127
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$7,564

Elder/Coordinator for May
Mike Pence

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: I was pardoned by David after I confessed my sins and plead for mercy. Who am I?

Last Week's Bible Question: Saul was the first king of Israel. Who was the second king? The correct answer is Ishobosheth, 2 Samuel 2:8-10. Lisa Treadway, Joyce Pack, Edna Ashlock, Kay Thomason, 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 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. Nehemiah 8:9-11:21
2. Nehemiah 11:22-13:22
3. Nehemiah 13:23-31: Esther 1-4
4. Esther 5-10
5. Job 1:1-5:16
6. Job 5:17-8:22
7. Job 9:1-12:12

May 17 — Fajita Cookout, Muncys
May 18 — Youth Devo
May 25 — Singing at Atria
May 25 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
June 1 — Youth Banquet
June 8 — Stough/Allen Bridal Shower
June 13-14 — Diana Singing, TN
June 22-26 — Vacation Bible School

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