



The Caller

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Congratulations 2008 Graduates



Shandy Allen
John Hardin High School
Daughter of
Scott & Teresa Allen



Ashlee Sharp
John Hardin High School
Daughter of
Larry & Lori Clack



Sophia Chen
John Hardin High School
Exchange Student Living
With Scott & Teresa Allen
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Jaclyn McKinney
John Hardin High School
Daughter of
Bobby & Jean McKinney
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FISHERS OF MEN OR KEEPERS OF THE AQUARIUM

The title of this article is taken from a thought in a book entitled *Hearts on Fire: A Strategy for Dynamic Evangelism*. Don Humphrey suggested that instead of being fishers of men, many churches have become keepers of the aquarium. Although in one sense, being fishers of men or keepers of the aquarium is not an either/or proposition. By this I mean, the church needs to be involved in both evangelism of the lost and edification/instruction of the body. Yet somehow we must realize the main focus of Jesus—He came to seek and save the lost and not primarily to judge the world, but to save the world (Luke 19:10 & John 3:17).

I would like to personalize Mr. Humphrey's thoughts and have each one of us ask, Are we fishers of men? The only way a church can be known as a group who are fishers of men, is if each individual Christian is a fisher of men. Jesus said to those who would follow Him, "Come and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). He indicated that those who would become His disciples would be taught to teach others (Matthew 28:18-20). I suggest that nothing less is expected of Christians today.

Let us examine though a little more closely how this was accomplished. In the passage in Mark's account of the Gospel, we read that Jesus said He would "make" them "to become" fishers of men. What is involved in such a thought?

First Jesus indicated that He would "make" them to become fishers of men. Thayer notes that the word translated "make" has the meaning of "being the cause of" or "to make ready or prepare." Both of these are interesting concepts. We will tie the thought of "being the cause of" in with another point below. But how did Jesus make ready/prepare one to become a fisher of men? I believe Jesus provided hands on or first hand training; others could observe Him and in doing so be made ready to become fishers of men.

Jesus also indicated He would make them "to become" fishers of men. Thayer indicates that the meaning of this phrase was to "cause to be" or "come into being." How would Jesus accomplish this? I see in the life of Jesus actions and examples that would both cause and help people "to come into being" as fishers of men. As they viewed His life, His followers would be moved or compelled through observing Jesus' love for others to themselves become fishers of men.

How does all of this apply to us today? First and most important, we as Christians need to spend time with our Savior. Obviously, we cannot "walk the earth with Him" but we can study our Bibles to come to know Jesus on a personal level. Read with amazement His love and compassion for others. Read how He taught those who were lost. If we do this, He will make us to become fishers of men, too.

Second, if you want to be a fisher of men, although not a perfect example like Jesus, you can seek someone out from your congregation, who is involved in evangelism and ask to "partner with them" as they teach others. In this way, you can benefit from their years of knowledge and experience.

I once read the following thought and I think it is worthy of consideration: "It is easy to determine when something is aflame. It ignites other material. Any fire that does not spread will eventually go out. A church without evangelism is a contradiction in terms; just as a fire that does not burn is a contradiction." Man often looks for better methods; God looks for better men and women who are willing to fulfill His command! The only way a church can be known as a group who are fishers of men, is if each individual Christian is a fisher of men!

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

DAVID KEISTER remains in ICU, 5th floor, at Norton's Hospital following his second back surgery Tuesday. **MARIE ROSE** was in Hardin Memorial last week. **RANDY LANE** was seen in the ER at Hardin Memorial Monday night.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Kevin Nowland
Neil Burden	Herb Pence
Elonda Crafton	Marie Rose
Dana Fox	Terry Showers
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Wilma Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Mary Walker
J Martin	Lawrence Wells
Tom Morgan	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **YOUTH BANQUET**, Sunday, **June 1**, in the South Wing to honor our high school graduates. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER:** Meet at FunTopia, Sunday afternoon, **June 1**, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Check the bulletin board for a sign up list of what to bring. See Ken or Monica Bybee for details.
- **LADIES NIGHT OUT**—Saturday afternoon, **June 7**. Meet at Arnold's Café at 3:30 for fun and fellowship. Please let Angie Carter know if you plan to attend. Bring a friend!
- **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
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, **June 22-26**.

Wedding Announcement

Kevin and Judy Large have the honour of announcing the marriage of their daughter, Darcie Erin Bergeson, to Mr. Kevin Dale Burgoyne, son of Dale and Jean Burgoyne, on Thursday, June 5, at The Gaylord Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Reception to follow at a later date.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| 1. Pam Ball | 15. Adrian Price |
| 5. Bradley Lackey | 17. Pam Tackett |
| Kayleigh Board | 20. Johanna Morgan |
| 8. Shirley Goodin | 22: Grace Speer |
| 9. Henry McAlister | Lauren Pack |
| Marvin Hardesty | Courtney Vernon |
| 12. Terry Nowland | 23. W. C. Davis |
| 13. Dan Marcum | 26. Anisia Woodring |
| 14. LaVelle Dyer | 30. Harry Stull |
| 15. Jason Brothers | Cadence Chandler |

Anniversaries

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| Mike & Patsy Pence | June 2 |
| Howard & Millie Gardner | June 5 |
| Greg & Susie Pawley | June 7 |
| Charles & Janice Hardin | June 8 |
| Allen & Mary Woodring | June 9 |
| Courtney & Kristy Vernon | June 10 |
| Daniel & Nickie Calloway | June 11 |
| Ray & Kay Pack | June 15 |
| Carl & Joyce Mercer | June 16 |
| Greg & Lisa Treadway | June 18 |
| Jim & Margie Maples | June 18 |
| Michael & Donna Barrett | June 21 |
| Roy & Peggy Johnson | June 25 |

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of our brother W. C. Davis. W. C. passed away early last Sunday morning after battling cancer for over a year. His funeral was held in Pulaski, Tennessee Wednesday.

We Rejoice

Mike Chandler was immersed for the remission of his sins last Sunday night! We rejoice with Mike, Amber and their children.

Also, Jackson Pawley was immersed into Christ last Sunday while in Nashville, Tennessee. Please encourage both Mike & Jackson as they begin their Christian walk with the Lord.

OUR RECORD FOR

May 25, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	151
Sunday Morning Assembly	210
Sunday Evening Assembly	142
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	16
Wednesday Bible Study	116
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,342

Elder/Coordinator for June
Rick Whobrey

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What king despaired in the face of battle and offered his oldest son, the heir to the throne, as a sacrifice?

Last Week's Bible Question: What prophetess led the women of Israel in a victory dance? The correct answer is Miriam, Exodus 15:20-21. Joyce Pack, Kay Thomason, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Edna Ashlock, and Bloria Taylor 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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Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

June 1 — Youth Banquet
June 1 — 5th Grade & Under, FunTopia
June 7 — Ladies Night Out, Arnold's Cafe
June 8 — Stough/Allen Bridal Shower
June 8-13 — Taylor Christian Camp
June 13-14 — Diana Singing, TN
June 22-26 — Vacation Bible School

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Job 39:13-42:9
2. Job 42:10-17; Psalms 1:1-5:7
3. Psalms 5:8-8:9
4. Psalms 9-10
5. Psalms 11:1-17:5
6. Psalms 17:6-18:36
7. Psalms 18:37-21:13

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