



# 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 a somewhat different thought regarding the confidence we can have that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God.

As humans, we often feel guilt whether we have done anything wrong or not. Justifiably and to

our benefit we feel guilt when we have done wrong. At other times though we feel guilt when we have done nothing wrong. Sometimes this stems from being intimidated by another.

With Jesus though any time He is in a confrontation with men, He never apologized, never excused Himself, and never confessed a mistake. The Bible teaches that Jesus was superior to man in judgment and interaction or personal skills. This is because He was not a mere man, He is Deity as well.

Remember a time when Jesus was asleep on a pillow in the "hinder part of the ship" while a great storm was in progress (Mark 4:36-41)? His disciples came to Him and apparently miffed laid this charge upon Jesus, "Carest thou not that we perish." Think about Jesus' reaction. Did He try to "defend" or "justify" His sleeping or did He try to explain to them that He did care about them despite their thinking to the contrary? He did not! As Deity and being superior to man, He had no need to do so.

Consider an additional example. Remember when Jesus' close friend Lazarus died (John 11 read most of the chapter to get the setting). Mary and Martha who were likewise very close with Jesus seemed to lay a fair charge upon Jesus when they spoke the same words at different times "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died" (I often wondered if in their confusion and grief, they had wondered and conversed together why Jesus had not come). Imagine the guilt felt by humans and the attempts we might make to explain our absence if we were unable to be present when someone close to us died. Did Jesus attempt to make any explanation for His absence? Does He provide any explanation for His delay of two days when the sisters had sent word to Him that Lazarus "whom He loved was very sick?" The sisters surely knew He did not even need to be present, He could simply speak the words and Lazarus would have been healed. Although Jesus does feel for Martha and Mary and does speak to them, He does not address nor defend His absence.

Why do we point all of this out? Again, if mere men made up the religion of Christianity, would they think to include all of these minute but important details? If Jesus is the Son of God, He answers to no one, as His thoughts are above man's thoughts. The Word that became flesh and dwelt among us always was and will be God.

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

## Tract of the Week

**"Seven Things God Hates—  
A Heart That Devises Wicked  
Imaginations"**

As we continue our look at the seven things God hates from

Proverbs 6:16-19, let us consider "A Heart That Devises Wicked Imaginations" this week. The human mind is the most complex computer ever designed. Its impulses drive the human body. One may ask how this is possible. It happens due to the things that are put into the mind by the one who is sitting at the keyboard of our thoughts. What are you filling your mind with? Pure thoughts . . . Wicked thoughts . . . One of the two will gain control. The mind is much like a play that Kay had her students perform while she was doing her student teaching. It was called the GIGO Effect. The play took place in the early days of computer technology. Simply put it means Garbage In results in Garbage Out. Satan's desire is to control our thoughts and actions. He accomplishes his mission when we devise wicked imaginations.



By the time you read this Vacation Bible School will be in the history book. My thanks goes to all the teachers who spent a great deal of time preparing their classrooms and lessons. Many times we feel like a castaway, yet if we look to God and respond to him we can find great comfort. Remember the words from 1 John 5:4, **"For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith."**



Thanks to Allen and Mary Woodring for hosting the monthly youth devotional this past week. Also, thanks to Brian Woodring for his thought provoking talk from the book of Proverbs. What a great pleasure it is for me to see a young man I taught several years ago grow and mature into an outstanding Christian young man.

## Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - Messages From Moses  
Deuteronomy 4:1-8

P.M. - 5th Sunday Night Singing

# **New Domestic Mission Work**

“God showers his blessings upon us so that we may have every opportunity to be generous like him.” The aforementioned quote reminds me of the great opportunity that exists here in the congregation at Elizabethtown. As those who were present last Sunday know, we as a congregation have been provided a blessing! We are going to share in the efforts of faithful brethren in Fort Gay, West Virginia in spreading the Gospel of Christ in their surrounding community.

It has often been a source of confusion and concern for me that some congregations can have an “abundance,” yet for some reason go year after year without finding any worthy mission effort to support. I try not to pass judgment upon such a congregation, as I am not privy to all the elements that may go into their decision. I do know though, that I am thankful for congregations and elderships which display the spirit of Gaius!

Of course all of this must be done with balance. A congregation must take care of its needs as well. A facility to worship, efforts of benevolence, and the use of resources to proclaim the Gospel in the local area cannot be neglected. Obviously, wisdom dictates that there will be limits to what each congregation can accomplish, but each congregation should do what it can to see that the Gospel is spread beyond it’s own community. One good way to accomplish this purpose is by supporting other faithful evangelists in the mission fields—both domestic and foreign.

Let me tell you a little bit about the work in Fort Gay, WV. My first knowledge of the work was when the elders asked me if I knew anything about this work. The congregation for which I formally labored was further away from Fort Gay than is Elizabethtown so I began to read the mission letter and make phone calls. I felt very comfortable with the work when I recognized the man they wanted to hire as a preacher. Jim Farley is a man with whom I have been acquainted for a number of years. I have the greatest confidence in his stand for the Truth and his love for the souls of others. His work ethic, I believe, is above what almost anyone would expect of a preacher. He is familiar with the area and the culture of Appalachia. After finding out all of this information, I was extremely comfortable with recommending this as a good work.

I was even more pleased with the actions of our elders and our deacon in charge of missions. I was so thankful for their willingness to take days off from work to travel to the community of Fort Gay and examine the work first hand. From meeting with the members at Fort Gay and also their new preacher, Jim Farley, information was gathered that was helpful in forming a decision.

The congregation is indeed a mission field. The closest congregations in proximity are 22 and 26 miles respectively across country roads. Yet this congregation is located in an area Fort Gay/ Louisa, Kentucky that has a population within a five mile radius of 25,000 to 28,000 people. The congregation was running around 40 in attendance on Sunday morning. They believe in a short amount of time, they will increase that number significantly. The elders have committed \$3,500.00 a month which will pay much of Jim Farley’s salary; this amount will begin in October. Till this time, \$800.00 a month has been committed for an interim preacher. They will revisit the commitment at the end of one year but feel it is currently a work deserving of future commitment, though not indefinitely.

I see unlimited blessings for us as a congregation in support of this work. Its location will allow for travel for those who can provide moral support and work reports. Ray has already spoken of possibilities with our teens and mission trips. The congregation at Fort Gay is excited about these possibilities as well.

As Christ’s disciples our primary mission is to spread the Gospel to as many as we can possibly reach. I am thankful to preach for such a generous congregation of people with a mission minded emphasis. May God bless us as we serve and are faithful to Him.

John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY

# News and Notes

**HARRY STULL** will undergo an outpatient procedure June 27 in Lexington.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
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
David Keister	Mary Walker
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	

**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 McClain, Willie Mitchell

**Additional Prayer List:** Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Sydney Dover, David Fant, Berna Jean Goff, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Jane Hack, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Susan Moller, Julie Murphy, Lynn & Carla Parsons, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Tony Scott, Jr., Paul Jacob Sells, Sara Sharp, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates, Bobby White, Chris Paul

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Reiko Tarasavage, a former member, who passed away last Wednesday in Georgia. A memorial service will be held at the building Saturday morning, June 28, at 10:00 a.m.

## Thank You

Your love and support continue to be such an encouragement to me. Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, visits and prayers following my recent surgery. I truly appreciate each of your kindnesses.

*In Christian love,  
Kim Whobrey*

## Note:

Ladies Bible Class and Tuesday lunches are cancelled at this time. Both will resume August 12.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

1. Jim Maples	16. Brittany Bartelt
3. Kendrick Pence Keegan Dunn	17. Charlotte Gillim
4. Terry Showers	19. Josh Bartelt Tristen Chandler
6. Jerry Tade Jason Dunn	21. J Martin Monica Bartelt
7. Barbara Allen Amy McClaskey	22. Shannon Hayes Mike Pence
8. Charles Walker	Pam Addington
11. David Pence	23. Jean Woodring Linda Dyer
12. Teanie Pence Randy Lane	25. Morgan Gattis
13. Vivian Morgan	27. Dyrena White
15. Maci Parks	29. Mickey Gattis

### Anniversaries

Bill & Nadine Fulkerson	July 2
Chuck & Linda Dyer	July 5
Sheldon & Renee Lackey	July 6
Harry & Wilma Stull	July 7
Jim & Dyrena White	July 8
Larry & Lori Clack	July 10
Bobby & Jean McKinney	July 12
Dave & Pam Tackett	July 25
David & Ruby Keister	July 28

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BERGESON/BURGOYNE WEDDING RECEPTION**, Saturday, **June 28**, at 2:00 p.m. in the South Wing.
- **ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS MEETING**, Sunday afternoon, **June 29**, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 10.
- **FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING**, **June 29**.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Sunday night, **June 29**, after evening services.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**, Sunday, **June 29**, at 4:30 p.m. Bring your handouts on the book of Mark, and be prepared to review Chapters 1 & 2.

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 6/29/08

Canned Fruit

### OUR RECORD FOR June 22, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	146
Sunday Morning Assembly	235
Sunday Evening Assembly	161
Wednesday Bible Study	158
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,041

**Elder/Coordinator for June  
Rick Whobrey**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: When children laughed at Elisha for his baldness, what appeared that mauled the children?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: By what river did Nebuchadnezzar defeat Pharaoh Necho of Egypt? The correct answer is the Euphrates, Jeremiah 46:2.*

Kay Thomason, Joyce Pack, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker, Betty Bray and Edna Ashlock 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. Psalms 78:25-72  
2. Psalms 79-82  
3. Psalms 83-86  
4. Psalms 87:1-89:37  
5. Psalms 89:38-91:13  
6. Psalms 91:14-94:16  
7. Psalms 94:17-98:3

June 28 — Tarasavage Memorial Service  
June 28 — Bergeson/Burgoyne Wedding Reception  
June 29 — 5th Grade & Under Bible Bowl Practice  
June 29 — Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting  
June 29 — 5th Sunday Night Singing  
June 29 — Congregational Meeting  
July 6-11 — Horizons, Sr. Week  
July 11 — Stough/Allen Wedding

## PARTICIPATION

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