



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 what is meant by the word "faith."

Rather than write something new, I would like to share with you what Wayne Jackson has written regarding faith. No sense

in reinventing the wheel! Brother Jackson has the ability to express deep subjects with few words. I think you will appreciate what he has written:

The Greek noun for faith is *pistis*; the corresponding verb is *pisteuo*. Combined, these forms are employed some 243 times in the New Testament. There is a great deal of confusion and controversy in the community of "Christendom" as to the meaning of these terms. Unfortunately, sectarian bias has clouded the understanding of many on this important biblical theme.

Depending upon the context in which the words are found, their meanings can vary.

(1) Belief may involve merely being exposed to certain data and *acknowledging such as reliable*. When Paul heard of divisions within the church at Corinth, he said: "I partly believe it" (1 Corinthians 11:18). He accepted the report as fairly credible.

(2) Believing can go a step further, though, suggesting the idea of *trust*. Knowing the temperament of men, Jesus did not "trust" (*pisteuo*) himself to the Jews of Jerusalem (John 2:24). God did "trust" Paul, however, and so committed the gospel unto his apostle, to be proclaimed in a ministry to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:7).

(3) Belief can be used—and frequently is—in the full sense of being *obedient*. Jesus taught: "He that believeth [*pisteuo*] on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not [*apeitho*] the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" John 3:36—ASV).

[Note: The King James translators did not favor us by rendering two different Greek terms by the same English word. An important distinction was obscured. Cf. Heb. 3:18-19 – ASV.]

In the ultimate sense, therefore, to *believe* the Lord is to *do what he says*, and a *refusal to obey* his will is an expression of *disbelief*. This is a sobering thought.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Tract of the Week

**"Seven Things God Hates—
He That Soweth Discord Among
Brethren"**

As we continue our look at the seven things God hates from Proverbs 6:16-19, let us consider the last entry "*He That Soweth Discord Among Brethren*." The Bible says much about "sowing," and the word "sow" and derivatives are used eighty times in Scripture. The righteous "sow" positive seeds of God's Word, righteousness, spiritual things, financial giving, and peace. Negative seeds are also sown and have negative results such as wickedness, strife, iniquity, and discord. Twice in the Bible is the word "discord" used. What does God think of a sower of discord? Read this week's tract and find out.



Our annual Youth Rally is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 16, and plan to spend the day with other young folks from area congregations. Steve Higginbotham from South Green Street Church of Christ in Glasgow will be our featured speaker this year, and his topic will be CSI: Christianity Starts Inside. Classes will be taught by Omah Smith and Hugh England. A schedule of all activities for the day is posted on the bulletin board. Young people continue to invite your friends to come!



Our K-5th graders continue to prepare for the upcoming Bible Bowl on Saturday, August 9 sponsored by the Madisonville Church of Christ. We have 20 young people studying the book of Mark with practices each Sunday afternoon at 4:30. Many thanks to Ken & Monica Bybee for coordinating this effort for our younger children. Also, an upcoming trip to a Louisville Bats baseball game is planned for this age group. Be sure to mark your calendar for August 23 when this group will travel to Louisville.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *My Comforter, My All in All*
Hebrews 4:12-16

P.M.— *Faith that Pleases God*
Hebrews 11:1-6

ALLEGED ARGUMENTS FOR AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR WOMEN PART I

Toward the end of March, we examined some information regarding the woman's role in the Church. I would like for the next few weeks to develop a few articles that further address this topic. I pray they will be helpful.

Two camps exist in the Christendom regarding the role of women in the Church. The hierarchical position (traditional) is the term used to describe the view of the male leadership role in the church. The egalitarian position (feminist) is the term used to describe a combined male/female leadership role in the church.

In an attempt to justify the egalitarian position, various authors have looked to the background of Ephesus to provide a more favorable egalitarian interpretation of 1 Timothy 2:11. David R. Kimberley noted that he was attempting to "hear the point of 1 Timothy 2:15 in the context of Gnostic teaching." William D. Mounce in his more recent work on the pastorals, in the section of Introduction beginning the middle of page lxix, begins a lengthy discussion of what he believes the background problems consist of in Ephesus. He lists some Jewish elements, Proto-Gnostic elements, Hellenistic elements, and other additional elements, as making up the setting for the books of Timothy. Paul Trebilco in his monograph argues that women held unusually high political position in Asia Minor; from this background setting for Ephesus, he then argues for a more favorable egalitarian interpretation of 1 Timothy 2:11. Others like Kroeger, Barth, and Martin suggest that Ephesus was a champion of women's rights and that the goddess Artemis was a powerful female deity who elevated the status of women and was a symbol of liberation for women. Such pictures of ancient Ephesus lend themselves to the egalitarian view. One such example is found in the following quote:

Such a pagan element, based upon sex hostility and reversal of gender roles, may well have found a place in a cult practice among the dissidents in the congregation at Ephesus...If this is the case, the condemnation (i.e., 1 Tim. 2:12) is not directed against women participating in leadership but rather against a monopoly on religious power by women.

This quote is used to affirm that Paul's prohibition of women teaching was limited to Ephesus because of the cultural background; therefore it does not apply to women in general.

While a review of the related literature will indeed show that some women (few) held a high political position in Asia Minor and Ephesus at the time of Paul's writing, that is a far cry from establishing that women as a whole held a high position of leadership in Ephesus. To argue further that Paul's prohibition was limited to Ephesus because of this background situation and that his prohibition therefore is not to women in general or today, is to argue from the assumed and not that which is proven. In other words the evidence does not support the conclusion made by many in the egalitarian camp; they are assuming what they have to prove. In the coming weeks we will provide some evidence that will weaken the claims of the egalitarians regarding Paul's teaching in 1 Timothy 2:11.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

ROY JOHNSON continues to undergo tests.

MARIE ROSE is now residing at Kensington Manor, Room 309. **JOYCE FULKERSON** is having some health problems. **DIANE LEWIS** underwent tests Monday at Hardin Memorial.

LILLIAN COLEMAN, Rosie O'Bryant's sister, is dealing with some very serious health issues.

DON HATCHER is currently at Medco Rehab Center in Brandenburg, Room 111.

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	Harry & Wilma Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
David Keister	Mary Walker
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	Dyrena White

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, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Delsie Axton, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Betty 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

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made my 90th birthday so special. The cards and phone calls were very much appreciated.

Charles Walker

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 7/20/08

Canned fruit

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WEDDING SHOWER** in honor of Amanda Woodring & Joe Dixon, Saturday, **July 19**, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of David & Claudia Woodring. Amanda & Joe are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.
- **BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**, Sunday afternoon, **July 20**, at 4:30 p.m. Be prepared to review Mark Chapters 8, 9 & 10.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **July 27**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **JULY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **July 27**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 & CSG #4 are hosting.
- **CANE RIDGE RESTORATION LECTURESHIP**, **July 31-August 3**, hosted by North Lexington Church of Christ. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board with the schedule and speakers.
- **MEN'S CAMPING TRIP** to Cumberland Falls, **August 1-2**
- **ATTENTION LADIES:** You are invited to a late brunch on Saturday, **August 2**, at 12:30 p.m. at Angie Carter's home. Please bring your favorite brunch dish and a friend.
- **MADISONVILLE BIBLE BOWL** for 5th Grade & Under, Saturday, **August 9**
- **AMANDA WOODRING/JOE DIXON WEDDING**, Saturday, **August 9**, at 2:00 p.m.
- **YOUTH RALLY**, Saturday, **August 16**, with Steve Higginbotham from South Green Street Church of Christ as the featured speaker.

Attention 5th Grade & Under

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in attending a Louisville Bats baseball game. The game will be Saturday, August 23, at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Parents must attend with children. See Ken or Monica Bybee with any questions.

OUR RECORD FOR

July 13, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	139
Sunday Morning Assembly	196
Sunday Evening Assembly	113
Wednesday Bible Study	128
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,571

Elder/Coordinator for July
Ron Carter

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: For what strange offense was a man killed by a lion?

Last Week's Bible Question: What plant was used to purify lepers? The correct answer is hyssop, Leviticus 14:2-6. Kay Thomason, Joyce Pack, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor, Rick Eiler, 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 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 135:15-138:3
2. Psalms 138:4-140:13
3. Psalms 141:1-145:7
4. Psalms 145:8-148:6
5. Psalms 148:7-150:6; Proverbs 1:1-2:9
6. Proverbs 2:10-5:14
7. Proverbs 5:15-8:11

July 19 — Woodring/Dixon Wedding Shower
July 26 — Youth Devo, J & A Carters
July 27 — Singing at Atria
July 27 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
July 31-Aug. 3 — Cane Ridge Restoration Lectureship
Aug. 1-2 — Men's Camping Trip
Aug. 2 — Ladies Brunch
Aug. 9 — Madisonville Bible Bowl
Aug. 9 — Woodring/Dixon Wedding

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