



# 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 examine the claims of some that they have found the remains of Jesus in a tomb.

In 1994 Paul Maier, wrote a book entitled *A Skeleton in God's Closet*. In it an archeologist discovered a skeleton and a manuscript in the Holy Land. The possibility that the skeleton might be the remains of Jesus is then investigated. Was it a hoax or was it the discovery that would shake Christianity down to its foundations? Little did he know or think that such a claim would be made in little over a decade and that he and others would be called upon to respond.

Let's look for a moment at what was actually discovered and when. A tomb was discovered in Jerusalem during construction work in 1980. Work immediately stopped and archeologists were called in from the antiquities department. Ten ossuaries were removed and cataloged. The bones were reburied as is customary. The inscriptions on the ossuaries have been known by scholars since 1980 and no one has thought anything unusual about this for 26 years. The tomb was clearly from a wealthy, elite family and the stone work on the outer facade was well-done.

What is being claimed by those who say they have found the "Lost Tomb" of Jesus? Consider the following quote from the official web site: "*An incredible archaeological discovery in Israel changes history and shocks the world. Tombs with the names The Virgin Mary, Jesus of Nazareth, Mary Magdalene and Judah, their son, are found and an investigation begins.*" Further investigation reveals that actually there is no name "Virgin" Mary, just Mary, no Jesus "of Nazareth" just "Jesus." And no Mary "Magdalene", just Mary.

There are a number of things possible regarding the tomb that has been found. This tomb could belong to 228 other Herodian Jerusalem citizens named Jesus son of Joseph. Additionally, if Jesus was buried in Jerusalem in this tomb, His tomb didn't include 70% of his family and the New Testament forgot to tell us that Jesus was married, had a son, and that there was a Matthew and Martha in his family. I'll allow you to decide which is most likely. For me I'll trust the words of the angel "He is not here for He is risen" (Mt 28:6).

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

As I begin to write this week I feel the need to emphasize the announcement made by Rick Whobrey Sunday morning. The announcement is listed below in its entirety. Hopefully the problem with running in the building will disappear and this will no longer need to be announced. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

### A Request from the Elders

#### TO ALL PARENTS OF PRE ADOLESCENT CHILDREN

A couple of weeks ago one of our members was nearly knocked down by children running in the building. Certainly all of us have noticed this growing problem and the elders would like for you to make sure your children don't run in the hallways, auditorium or foyer. This should be a simple problem to correct and we will look to you (the Parents) to take care of it.

Should you have any questions or like to discuss this, please see one of the elders.



The Tract of the week segment will return the middle of August. Bulletin space is currently needed for other announcements.



Young people need to be inviting their friends to attend our Youth Rally on Saturday, August 16th. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in a few days for food items we need in order to provide lunch for those attending.

Steve Higginbotham will be our featured speaker this year. He is the pulpit minister of the South Green Street congregation in Glasgow, Kentucky.

#### Steve Lesson's

*Who are You?...The Identity Crisis in the Church  
I Really Want to Know About God  
Searching for Clues to Identify Myself*

#### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *He Loved Me So*  
*Matthew 27:22-26*

P.M. - *Thirst for God and His Word*  
*Psalms 42:1-2*

## ALLEGED ARGUMENTS FOR AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR WOMEN PART III

This week we conclude our study in the expanded role for women in the Church. At times the articles have been somewhat technical. I hope though to stimulate and challenge your thinking. Even if you do not understand what is meant by a proto Gnostic philosophy, what I will try to convey below is the length to which the egalitarians will go to find some way to legitimize their belief in an expanded role for women in the Church. Notice that one of the champions of this cause acknowledges that his conclusion is based upon an assumption. He will indicate further study needs to be done to prove what he is assuming before his writings could be taken seriously at all.

What about the view that there is a proto Gnostic philosophy behind Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 2:11ff? Again, even one champion of this view, Kimberley, although providing a very interesting interpretation, acknowledges that in order for his interpretation to be accepted as a legitimate reading, further research would be needed to prove a significant Gnostic presence in Ephesus during the time of Paul. Some egalitarians believe they have the proof for a proto Gnostic provided in the work of the Kroegers. But the Kroegers look to later sources than the time of Paul to establish their position. They turn to fourth century Nag Hammadi documents that cannot be proven to predate Paul's time.

Here is another point; even if they could prove Paul was dealing with a proto Gnostic heresy in addressing the Ephesians, they have not established their case. Why? The answer is that Paul could have been addressing a specific situation with a general principle that is intended by Paul to be universally applied. In other words, they still have not proven despite their strong effort, that Paul is limiting his teaching to a heresy— even if they could establish that heresy existed beyond a shadow of a doubt.

What does all of this say about background studies in the city of Ephesus at the time of Paul? As one can see, very little is established decisively. At best many of the arguments are based on speculation. Often discussions regarding women in the first century are so influenced by modern bias that they do not accurately describe the situation of the first century.

In conclusion with regard to background studies in Ephesus at least two things seem to be the case. One is that Ephesus cannot be proven to be some unique city in the first century; therefore what Paul is teaching is not some temporary measure designated for a unique city. Another is that there is not adequate proof to conclude that Ephesus was a feministic society. At best, this can only be speculation and assumption brought to the text.

Oh yes, what is Paul teaching in 1 Timothy 2:11ff? Schreiner states it well: "Paul has argued that women should adorn themselves appropriately with good works, not with ostentatious or seductive clothing. Moreover, women should not arrogate a teaching role for themselves when men and women are gathered in public meetings. They should learn submissively and quietly and not engage in teaching or the exercise of authority (over men). Women are prohibited from teaching or exercising authority (over men) because of the creation order. The creation of Adam and Eve signaled that men are to teach and exercise authority in the church. Moreover, the events in Genesis 3 confirm the necessity of male leadership. Eve, beguiled by the serpent took leadership in responding to the serpent. Adam, although he was with Eve, did not intervene and properly exercise leadership. Instead, he allowed Eve to respond improperly to the serpent. Even though Eve was the first to sin, the responsibility for sin is assigned primarily to Adam."

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**J MARTIN** was admitted to Hardin Memorial, Room 215, last week. **LEE ANN BOLTON**, Jerry & Emma Tade's daughter, underwent surgery last Thursday at Hardin Memorial and was released Friday.

**LAWRENCE WELLS** underwent surgery Friday night at Hardin Memorial and was released Tuesday. **ELLA MAE MCCLASKEY** underwent surgery Monday in Louisville. **LINDA DYER** will have outpatient surgery Friday at Hardin Memorial. **DOROTHA WEAVER** has been dealing with some back problems. **GLORIA BROWN** had a total hip replacement Tuesday at HMH.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Diane Lewis
Neil Burden	J Martin
Elonda Crafton	Tom Morgan
Dana Fox	Herb Pence
Joyce Fulkerson	Marie Rose
Howard Gardner	Terry Showers
Bernard Gillim	Grace Spear
Faye Guess	Harry & Wilma Stull
Nellie Hart	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
David Keister	Lawrence Wells
Kent Lane	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, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

1. Michael Barrett	13. Ashlee Sharp
3. Kathleen Wells	15. Jason White
6. Zola Pence	17. Neil Burden
Barbara Underwood	Ryan Clack
Emma Tade	James Woodring
10. Kay Pack	23. Joyce Mercer
Gene Stough	24. Claudia Woodring
11. Jakob Fox	Emaleigh Board
Ray Pack	26. Scott Allen
Charlene Clack	Charline Rich
12. Kevin Large	31. Nathaniel Nash
13. Shirley Nash	

### ANNIVERSARIES

J & Patsy Martin	August 3
Brian & Anisia Woodring	August 3
Dennis & Peggy Hogan	August 13
Willis & Charline Rich	August 21
Mike & Kim Parks	August 22
David & Claudia Woodring	August 28
Ronald & Rosa O'Bryant	August 30
Jerry & Emma Tade	August 31

## Amanda Diane Woodring & Joseph Robert Dixon

Together with their parents, cordially invite you to celebrate with them as they join their lives in Holy Matrimony.

Two o'clock in the afternoon  
Saturday, the Ninth day of August,  
Two Thousand Eight

Elizabethtown Church of Christ  
1211 N Dixie Ave  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Reception Immediately Following  
in the Church Fellowship Hall

RSVP  
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## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 8/03/08

Canned fruit

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**, Sunday, **August 3**, 4:30 p.m. Study Chapters 14-16 of Mark. There will be a brief meeting in Room 10 this Sunday morning after services for the children and parents of this year's Bible Bowl participants.
- **CANE RIDGE RESTORATION LECTURESHIP**, **July 31-August 3**
- **MEN'S CAMPING TRIP**, **August 1-2**
- **LADIES GET-TOGETHER**, Saturday, **August 2**, at the Muncy home, 11:00 a.m.
- **MADISONVILLE BIBLE BOWL** for 5th Grade & Under, Saturday, **August 9**
- **AMANDA WOODRING/JOE DIXON WEDDING**, Saturday, **August 9**, at 2:00 p.m.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **August 11**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **YOUTH RALLY**, Saturday, August 16, with Steve Higginbotham as the featured speaker.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER TRIP** to see the Louisville Bats baseball game, Saturday, **August 23**.

## OUR RECORD FOR July 27, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	145
Sunday Morning Assembly	216
Sunday Evening Assembly	149
Wednesday Bible Study	132
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$6,114

**Elder/Coordinator for August  
Henry McAlister**

## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: Name the river that is going to be dried up as a means to prepare the way for a group of kings.***

***Last Week's Bible Question: What did Elisha do to the Syrian army which surrounded him at Dothan?*** The correct answer is he blinded them and led them to Samaria, then freed them, 2 Kings 6:18-23. Kay Thomason, Lisa Treadway, Nadine Fulkerson, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker, and Betty Bray correctly answered the question. Mary Walker & Betty Bray's names were left out of last week's bulletin as getting the correct answer.

*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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## Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

- July 31-Aug. 3 — Cane Ridge Restoration Lectureship
- Aug. 1-2 — Men's Camping Trip
- Aug. 2 — Ladies Get-together, Muncys
- Aug. 3 — Bible Bowl Meeting & Practice
- Aug. 9 — Madisonville Bible Bowl
- Aug. 9 — Woodring/Dixon Wedding
- Aug. 11 — Church Workers Workshop
- Aug. 16 — Youth Rally

### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 1. Proverbs 31; Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:8
- 2. Ecclesiastes 3:9-8:17
- 3. Ecclesiastes 9-12; Song of Solomon 1-2
- 4. Song of Solomon 3-8; Isaiah 1:1-9
- 5. Isaiah 1:10-5:17
- 6. Isaiah 5:18-9:12
- 7. Isaiah 9:13-13:16