



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 some more thoughts regarding the inspiration of the Bible.

Because the Bible is divinely inspired it follows that it is incredibly accurate. Many

have leveled charges against the Bible, but in the end, the Bible endures. For example in the area of even minute historical details, the Bible speaks with great accuracy. Consider the following example.

In Acts chapter 10 Luke, through inspiration, records for us Peter's visit to Joppa. While in Joppa Peter dwelt with a man named Simon. Simon was said to be a tanner of animal hides. Of interest though is that in Acts 10:6 Luke records that Simon lived by the seaside. We easily could read right over such a statement and not give it another thought.

Why is this seemingly insignificant statement important? When one understands that tanners used sea water in the process of tanning the hides of animals the statement has more significance. In order to convert hides into leather, the tanner would soak the animal skins in the sea before treating it with lime. The tanner then would scrape the hair off the hides.

Granted this one statement in and of itself does not prove the Bible to be inspired. In contrast, the fact that so many statements like the one mentioned above can be cited as proof of historical accuracy cannot be ignored. How were men so perfect in the area of historical accuracy? It was because God was guiding them in all that they wrote and said (2 Tim 3:16 & 2 Pet 1:21).

Even in the smallest of details, the Bible proves to be accurate. The only explanation for the incredible accuracy of the Bible, is the source behind the document—God. The Bible is inspired of God.

As we build our confidence in the Bible, let us not lose sight of our need to allow it to change our lives. May we never be simply hearers of the Word; may we also be doers of the Word.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

CSI: Elizabethtown Youth Rally

Christianity Starts Inside August 16, 2008

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

Steve's Lessons

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

Schedule of Events

8:30-9:15 - Registration
9:15-9:45 - Welcome/Singing
9:50-10:25 - "Who are You?"
10:40-11:30 - 1st Class Session
11:30-12:00 - Singing
12:00-12:45 - Lunch (Provided)
12:45-1:00 - Singing
1:00-1:35 - "I Really Want to Know About God"
1:45-2:35 - 2nd Class Session
2:35-3:00 - Singing
3:00-3:35 - "Searching For Clues"
3:35-??? - Closing Thoughts

Miscellaneous Information

Lunch will be provided.

There will also be two class sessions: Omaha Smith will be speaking about Christianity and Culture, and Mark Sexton will be speaking about the Dangers of Meth.

For Additional Information call (270) 765-6446.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - Are You Covering Your Sins or Are Your Sins Covered? 1 John 2:1-2
P.M. - God's Global Flood
Genesis 7:17-24

The Legalization of Same Sex Unions: Should We be Concerned?

How many times have you heard the reason behind the legalization of same sex unions—it's all about equal rights. Unfortunately this is an argument of which I am all too familiar. You see it was about 18 years ago now that Brenna and I had heard this plea from a neighboring state. At the time we were living in Northern California (Yreka) near the Oregon border. Much debate was held regarding equal rights for those who were homosexual. The opposing viewpoint was that the homosexual community was expecting "special rights" not simply equal rights.

I still remember going to the campus of a college in Oregon to hear a young Christian man (early twenties) debate a homosexual regarding the issues. I had known this young man as a faithful member of the body of Christ. I was amazed at his courage and knowledge of the issues. His opponent kept trying to "normalize" the homosexual lifestyle. The young Christian man, John Butts, was well versed in the abnormal practices of the homosexual community. When he brought out their depraved practices, I remember the crowd, made up of a majority who supported the homosexual agenda, becoming incensed that John would point out the practices they liked to keep secret.

Like eighteen years ago, the plea of the homosexual agenda—it's all about equal rights—does not reveal the entire picture. The legalization of same sex unions is merely another step additionally aimed at hatred toward religion. This may sound at first a little harsh but I ask you to consider the following. The legalization of same sex unions will affect our religious freedoms and also what we can and cannot allow even on private property.

One religious group's retreat center recently refused to allow two lesbian couples to use a campground pavilion for a civil union ceremony. The state of New Jersey punished this religious group by revoking the center's tax-exempt status. Brian Gregory recently sent me an email noting a lawsuit brought against a well known Bible publisher by a homosexual citing emotional distress suffered from the teachings of the Bible regarding homosexuality.

In Massachusetts, another religious group was ordered to accept homosexual couples as candidates for adoption. Faced with a dilemma—comply with the mandates or shut down—this religious group closed down its adoption program citing the potential harm to children as outweighing the potential good.

In California the public schools have been required to become gay friendly. In Quebec, Canada a Mennonite school was told that it had to conform its' curriculum to provincial law. What did this mean? Provincial law mandates that a school use a curriculum that teaches children that homosexuality is a valid lifestyle. If California has started with public schools, can we have confidence that it will stop at that or will it also mandate what private schools teach like Quebec?

Those who seek the legalization of same sex unions seem to have an additional agenda. From the fruits of some of their actions it is obvious that they desire not only to have "their rights" but in addition, to push an agenda to punish those who have disagreed with them in the past, especially religious individuals or groups. They not only want their "freedoms" but they also want to push their freedoms upon others by targeting religious groups and religious businesses.

Clearly, we are in a spiritual battle. Christians are a threat to those pushing a homosexual agenda. God's word is clear—homosexuality is a sin. We as Christians need to let our voice be heard by our representatives in Government and we need to use our vote to select those who do not support the homosexual agenda.

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

GLORIA BROWN is now at HealthSouth, Room 209.
OWEN CARTER, Ronnie Carter's brother, will undergo surgery August 12.

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 Speer
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
Roy Johnson	Dorotha Weaver
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

Thank You

Thank you for the cards and phone calls after my surgery. It made me feel better.

Love, Bradley Lackey

We extend a sincere thank you to the congregation for the beautiful flowers, the phone calls, and the many cards of encouragement on the death of my brother, Roger. We especially appreciated Henry McAlister and Ronnie Carter making the trip to Tennessee for the funeral. You are a wonderful group of people, and we are glad to be part of this congregation.

In Christ, Joe & Dorothy Brothers

I want to thank the congregation for the love and concern shown me during my last "speechless" 9 months. I had forgotten how much fun it was to speak and be heard. Again, I am reminded how much I take for granted each day. Thanks for all your prayers and the beautiful cards as well. Love, Ella Mae McClaskey

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MADISONVILLE BIBLE BOWL** for 5th Grade & Under, Saturday, **August 9**. The bus will leave the building at 8:00 a.m. Please bring money for one meal and snack. Lunch will be provided.
- **AMANDA WOODRING/JOE DIXON WEDDING**, Saturday, **August 9**, at 2:00 p.m. here at the building. The congregation is invited.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **August 11**, at 10:30 a.m., here t the building. The Super Saints and others interested will travel to the gospel meeting at Cave City, Monday night, **August 11**. Sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to go.
- **LADIES BIBLE CLASS** resumes Tuesday, **August 12**.
- **YOUTH RALLY**, Saturday, August 16, with Steve Higginbotham as the featured speaker. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food items needed.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **August 17**, at the home of Ronnie & Linda Carter.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER TRIP** to see the Louisville Bats baseball game, Saturday, **August 23**. Cost is \$6 per person. A sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.
- **YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL GET-TOGETHER**, Saturday, **August 23**, at the Leverett home.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday, **August 24**

Sermon Questions

If you have Bible questions you would like John to address on the fourth Sunday night of each month, please put them in the box outside the church office.

5th Grade & Under

There will be a short meeting in Room 10 after Sunday morning services August 10 for those interested in attending the Louisville Bats baseball game later this month.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 8/10/08

Canned fruit

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE JULY 2008

Food Center	164 families helped
Clothing Center	64 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE JULY 2008

Courses graded	251
New enrollees	36

OUR RECORD FOR August 3, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	121
Sunday Morning Assembly	190
Sunday Evening Assembly	138
Wednesday Bible Study	145
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$6,309

**Elder/Coordinator for August
Henry McAlister**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: I prophesied about a famine that would occur throughout the Roman world. Who am I?

Last 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. The correct answer is Euphrates, Revelation 16:12. Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, and Bloria Taylor correctly answered the 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

Aug. 9 — Madisonville Bible Bowl

Aug. 9 — Woodring/Dixon Wedding

Aug. 11 — Church Workers Workshop

Aug. 12 — Ladies Bible Class Resumes

Aug. 16 — Youth Rally

Aug. 17 — Youth Devotional

Aug. 23 — 5th Grade & Under Trip

Aug. 23 — Youth Back to School Get-together

Aug. 26 — Red Cross Blood Drive

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Isaiah 13:17-19:10

2. Isaiah 19:11-24:6

3. Isaiah 24:7-28:22

4. Isaiah 28:23-32:20

5. Isaiah 33:1-37:29

6. Isaiah 37:30-40:31

7. Isaiah 41-44

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