



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 thoughts concerning respect for the Bible. This article as well as the inside article is written to remind us of our

need to spend time with the Bible.

The following illustration is from Charles Pugh in his book entitled *Things Most Surely Believed*. Brother Pugh had finished teaching a class on Restoration History and was leading the students on a tour of sites in Kentucky. One place that they visited was the Lexington Theological Seminary.

Many of you may know that this school was formerly known as The College of the Bible and had as one of its leading teachers J. W. McGarvey. The Disciples of Christ have for some time now had the control of the school. Because of this control, more and more theological liberalism has crept into the school.

At any rate, while brother Pugh was touring the library with the students, he asked the Librarian, "Do your faculty members subscribe to a doctrinal policy regarding the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible?" In response the Librarian shouted, "No! There are things in the Bible that are not as true as things you read in Sears Roebuck Catalog!"

Jude writes that we should earnestly contend for the faith which was once (for all) delivered to the saints. The phrase "was delivered" is in the passive voice form and indicates that "the faith" is not of human origin—it came from God. Those who fail to realize this and place the Scriptures on the same level, or worse yet, on a lower level, than a human made work, will be in great sorrow come the day of judgment.

The Bible indicates over and over again that it is a document from God. For this reason we must respect it and submit to its authority to guide our lives.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Terry L. Showers 1946-2008

Below is a tribute written about Terry by Jim White. I could not have summarized things any better.

MY FRIEND

I have known Terry for over 30 years. Terry was a brother in Christ and a good friend. He was also one of the greatest inspirations in my life, because of how he dealt with adversity.

He lost his eyes in an accident at a young age, but he never lost his sight. Through the eyes of his faithful wife Carolyn, Terry had 20/20 vision. He described something beautiful he had recently seen every time we talked. He loved the picture in his bathroom of the river and mill at White Mills.

Several years after the accident that cost him his eyes, he underwent human heart transplant surgery. He was a diabetic and in later years suffered with cancer and back pain. He was faced with having to deal with losing his eyes, but he approached the rest of his life with a zeal that many never have that are blessed with good health.

Terry was not a preacher, but I saw him deliver one of the best sermons I have heard. He taught school prior to the accident. Once he healed, he went back without his eyes because of his love for the young people. It sounds impossible, but he opened and operated a real estate mortgage company. Later, he opened and operated a real estate sales agency. In later years, failing health caused him to be confined much of the time to his home, but he told me that he was learning to play a banjo so he could entertain the older people in nursing homes. During his last days when he was confined to his bed, he would tell me of his plans for the future.

On my darkest days, I could talk to Terry and rest assured he would have insight that would brighten my day. I will miss him, but we are both confident that we will once again meet and enjoy talking about all the beautiful things he is seeing in heaven with his new eyes.

The last time I talked to Terry in person he told me that I was a close friend. What an honor and blessing!

*In loving memory. A friend,
Jim White*

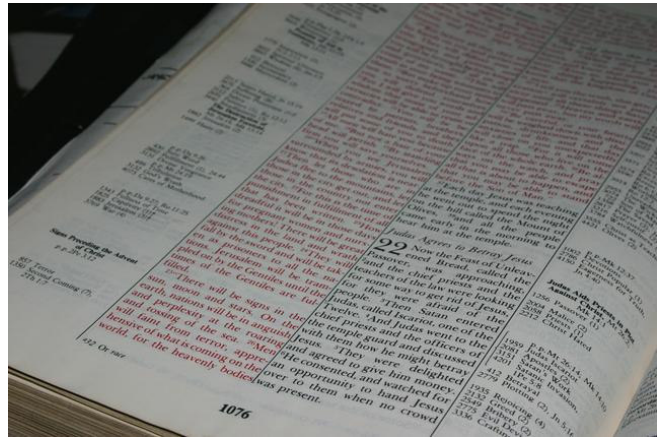
Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *When Stopping a Beating Heart is Not
Considered Murder*
Psalms 139:13-16

P.M. - *5th Sunday Night Singing*

Saving My Eyes for Reading the Bible

It was not too long ago that I could read the smallest print in any Bible. I can remember how members would complain of poor lighting in an auditorium affecting their ability to read. I can remember thinking, "I can see fine." Oh how a little time will humble a person. A little over a year ago, I began to notice that the print in my Bible was somehow not as large as it once was. I also noticed that "someone had dimmed the lights" on me.



Although I find some humor in this situation, I also find a sense of seriousness. The serious side of my failing eyes has caused me to think on more than one occasion, what if I did not have my eyesight at all. It also reminds me of a story one of our members told me a few weeks ago. An older gentleman was asked by someone to read a piece of literature. He replied, "I am saving my eyes for reading the Bible." What a response. Here was a man who realized his eyesight would allow him limited reading time. What was most important to this man? What was most important to him was reading his Bible.

Let's take a moment and make some application to ourselves. How many of us with good vision realize the blessing of daily Bible reading? I am afraid too often, because we are blest with vision, like in so many other areas in which we are blest, we take that blessing for granted. We believe we will always be able to read. Such may not be the case. We need to take advantage of our blessings from God.

The value of Bible reading cannot be overstated. God reveals to us how Bible study will allow our faith to grow (Romans 10:17). Bible study will enable the person of God to be approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15). Bible study can help us overcome the temptations of sin (Psalm 119:11; Matthew 4:1-11). Bible study will help us to know the only truth that can set us free (John 17:17; John 8:32). Bible study can allow us to know if a preacher is actually teaching what God wants us to know (Acts 17:11).

Indeed how tragic it would be if one lost their vision completely—but let me ask you this, "How much greater is the tragedy when we turn a blind eye towards the Bible?" If we have been blest with good eyesight and we choose not to use that eyesight for our greatest benefit—the study of God's Word—how serious are the eternal consequences of this choice. Spiritual blindness leads to spiritual death. Please take note of this thought and make any necessary corrections in your life. Let's determine today to give more attention to our Bible reading.

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

MARY ANN HARDESTY had outpatient surgery Monday in Louisville. **DYRENA WHITE** underwent surgery Wednesday at University of Louisville Hospital. **HERB PENCE** remains in Room 420 at Hardin Memorial. **CARL MERCER** was moved to HealthSouth, Room 199, Tuesday.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Kent Lane
Neil Burden	J Martin
Elonda Crafton	Tom Morgan
Dana Fox	Herb Pence
Joyce Fulkerson	Marie Rose
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Barbara Underwood
Faye Guess	Lonnie Underwood
Nellie Hart	Dorothea Weaver
Roy Johnson	Lawrence Wells
David Keister	

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

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Delsie Axton, Christa Bradley, Gloria Brown, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Owen Carter, Joyce Cecil, Michael Clymer, Lillian Coleman, Betty Davis, Sydney Dover, Dale Duncan, David Fant, Berna Jean Goff, Royce Goodman, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Jennifer Martin, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Susan Moller, Julie Murphy, Lynn Parsons, Chris Paul, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Joe & Patsy Richter, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Sondra Woosley

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the flowers, the food, the cards and most of all the prayers for my family. You have been with us through many happy and sad times. This is surely the most difficult time my family has had and we appreciate all your support. Thank you again for your many acts of kindness. Please continue to pray for us.

Carolyn, Michael, Jenn, Alyssa & David Showers

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 8/31/08 Canned vegetables

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| 1. Betty Addington | 17. Donald Sells |
| 2. Nadine Fulkerson | 18. Tracy Simone Bray |
| 3. Ronnie Carter | 19. Peggy Johnson |
| 6. John Woodring | Michelle Treadway |
| 7. Judy Large | Haley Davis |
| 8. Chelsey Davis | 20. Dennis Hogan |
| 10. Stephanie Muncy | Brooke Bartelt |
| Amber Chandler | 21. Millie Gardner |
| 11. Faye Guess | 22. Carolyn Showers |
| Bethann Dyer | 23. Bernard Gillim |
| 12. Keziah Dunn | Larry Clack |
| 16. Patsy Martin | 28. Renee Lackey |
| Dorothy Hawkins | |

Anniversaries

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| James & Laura Cruse | September 12 |
| Craig & Monica Bartelt | September 14 |
| Joe & Dorothy Brothers | September 16 |
| Kevin & Judy Large | September 17 |
| Jason & Carrie White | September 19 |
| Shane & Laura Muncy | September 26 |
| Jerry & Barbara Witty | September 27 |

We Rejoice

Rick Eiler was immersed this last Sunday morning! We rejoice with him and want to encourage him as a new brother in Christ. Rick's address is 388 Elmwood Drive, Apt. 3, Radcliff, KY 40160. Phone # 352-7216. Welcome, Rick!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**, Sunday morning, **August 31**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 will be in charge of set up and CSG #4 will have clean up duties following the meal.
- **5th SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING, August 31**
- **POTLUCK BRUNCH**, Saturday, **September 6**, at 1:00 p.m. for the ladies of the congregation at the home of Angie Carter. Bring your favorite brunch dish and a friend!
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 12-15**, with Winford Claiborne

OUR RECORD FOR

August 24, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	154
Sunday Morning Assembly	194
Sunday Evening Assembly	145
Wednesday Bible Study	129
Ladies Bible Class	19
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$5,806

Elder/Coordinator for September
Mike Pence

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: *What is the name of the man who tried to humiliate David's army by doing two things to them?*

Last Week's Bible Question: *My skull was crushed by an object after it was dropped by a woman. Who am I and what object crushed my skull? The correct answer is Abimelech and the object was an upper millstone.* Kay Thomason, Joyce Pack, Kay Pack, Mary Walker, Bloria Taylor, Edna Ashlock, and Betty Bray 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

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Jeremiah 34-36
2. Jeremiah 37:1-4:1:10
3. Jeremiah 41:1-45:5
4. Jeremiah 46-48
5. Jeremiah 49:1-51:10
6. Jeremiah 51:1-52:34
7. Lamentations 1:1-3:51

Aug. 31 — Congregational Potluck
Aug. 31 — 5th Sunday Night Singing
Sept. 6 — Ladies Brunch
Sept. 8 — Church Workers Workshop
Sept. 12-14 — FHU R.U.S.H.
Sept. 21 — Singing at Atria
Sept. 28 — Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting
Oct. 12-15 — Gospel Meeting w/Winford Claiborne

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