



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 regarding the truth about the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day.

Earlier in the year we examined the claim by James Cameron and Simcha Jacobovici that they had uncovered a tomb in Jerusalem that housed stone ossuaries that were said to contain the bones of Mary Magdalene and Jesus. Their documentary aired around February of 2007 on The Discovery Channel. The discoveries, if true, could shake a Christian's faith. As we examined the discoveries, we were able to show that the evidence presented in the documentary did not stand up to Biblical scrutiny.

Fascinatingly enough a secular source has confirmed that there was not much to the claims of Cameron and Jacobovici. In the Jan/Feb 2008 issue of *Archeology* Samir S. Patel wrote:

Much farther out on the archaeological fringe is the claim that limestone boxes found in Israel once held the remains of Jesus, his family, and Mary Magdalene. At a circus-like press conference, filmmaker and deep-sea enthusiast James Cameron (flanked by, among others, University of North Carolina-Charlotte theologian James Tabor), explained that the ossuaries have inscriptions referring to Mary Magdalene and "Yeshua bar Josef," or "Jesus, son of Joseph." The conclusions—based in part on a bit of statistical sleight-of-hand involving the rarity of the name "Ringo" in 1960s Liverpool—have been largely dismissed as wishful thinking, at best (p.23).

Never doubt the biblical record—"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who hath been crucified He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said" (Matthew 28:5-6a ASV). Our confidence in the resurrection of Christ should never be shaken.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Many folks, myself included, were glued to the television over the past weeks as the Olympics were in full force. The Olympics is where athletes, considered to be the best in various sports, compete to win the gold medal. The gold medal signifies an individual has achieved the

crowning achievement in his/her sport. Many of us were captivated by the performance of Michael Phelps, who won 8 gold medals while setting or being a part of 7 world records. While his achievement was unheard of in Olympic competition we must be reminded that we are involved in a race for a greater crown. I am reminded of the words of Jesus when he said, "What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Will winning all the gold the world has to offer do any good if one is not a Christian who is living the faithful life?

Jesus also reminds us that many will seek the things of the world and be lost. The worldly road is a wide and easily found road. The road to heaven is narrow and one must seek to find it. Will we allow the pursuit of worldly achievement to cost us our home in heaven? Or will we pursue the ultimate prize, the crown of life, our home in eternity with God? Give it some thought!



Thanks to Ronnie and Linda Carter for hosting the youth devotional on August 17th, and I also need to give thanks to Kelly and Lacey Leverett for hosting the "Back to School Bash" on August 23rd.



School sporting activities have now begun. Ask our young folks if they are participating in a sport and offer them words of encouragement. Better yet, find out their schedule and attend a contest yourself to show your support.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *What Men Say vs. What God Says*
1 Corinthians 1:18-21

P.M. - *The Lands of Jesus*
Deuteronomy 11:10-11

Ticks, Tiring, and Unrewarding

Over the weekend we had visitors from West Virginia. Brenna chose to leave the great sights of the state of Kentucky and head to a park in Southern Indiana. Of course I had explained to Brenna that she would need to run off a “MapQuest” for where we were going in Charlestown, Indiana. Of course she decided not to run off a MapQuest; rather she would trust her faithful GPS device. As we made our way North, Brenna typed in our destination—100 Main Street, Charlestown, Indiana (she had forgotten the name of the State Park that she had chosen). Believe it or not, we eventually found our destination.

Our excursion was quite interesting that day. As we loaded into the van (after our hike) most all the group had what appeared to be hundreds of little brown specks of dirt all over them. As those specks began to move ever so slightly, we hastened and pulled the van to the side of the road. It was our first experience with “Turkey ticks/mites.” For those of you who have never had this experience, Be glad. How would you as a father like to answer Emaleigh’s questions, “Dad why did God make ticks?”

Although I have given you the setting for the day, what I want to write about occurred prior to our discovery of our “unwanted hitchhikers.” What I want to write about occurred during our hike on trail six. Kayleigh and I lagged behind the rest of the group—me because of a lack of ability to breath and Kayleigh because she’s a girl who is getting to the age where she does not like to get all sweaty. I’ll let you read her own words she posted on a blog regarding the hike. “Today we went on a hike with Uncle Billy and Kara at Charlestown Park in Indiana. Well it wasn’t the most interesting trail in the world...”

At one point during the hike, I cracked up at Kayleigh’s somewhat sarcastic remark, “This is sooo tiring and unrewarding!” Of course the view of a teenager is not always correct; the hike may have been tiring but we were surely gathering some health benefits from our exercise. What her statement immediately brought to my mind though was a different thought.

We as Christians face a very tiring “hike” of sorts. It is called the Christian walk. What keeps us going though is the knowledge that although our “hike” is very tiring, it is **not** unrewarding! James even provides a very interesting thought regarding the things that make our “hike” tiring and difficult. James through inspiration tells us we ought to have joy in these times, as it is during these times that our faith is developing to completion (James 1:2-4). Peter tells us that this world and its journey (or hike) will not last forever; we are only pilgrims here—our final destination will be heaven (1 Peter 1:1). Paul tells us as he writes through inspiration to Timothy that if we finish the course (hike) with all its difficulties, as well as fight the good fight and keep the faith, we can receive a crown of righteousness from the righteous Judge (2 Timothy 4:6-8). John reveals that if a Christian continues faithful to God (continues the Christian walk/hike), even at the cost of their own life, then he will receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

Friends there may be many “hikes” that seem tiring and unrewarding, but the Christian hike, though tiring will be rewarding beyond all expectations (Romans 8:18). Though you grow weary for many reasons, please always continue “hiking” till the end!

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

DYRENA WHITE remains in University of Louisville Hospital, Room 611. **HERB PENCE** remains in Room 520 at Hardin Memorial. **GREG TREADWAY** was seen in the ER at Ireland Army Hospital Friday and was then transported to Hardin Memorial for tests. He was released Sunday. **ROBERT O'BRYANT** underwent outpatient surgery Friday.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

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

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, 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

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 9/07/08

Canned vegetables

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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!
- **LADIES RETREAT MEETING**, Sunday morning, **September 7**, in Room 10, for those interested in helping plan the retreat at White Mills Camp October 24-25.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday morning, **September 8**, at 10:30 a.m. at the building
- **LUNCH TRIP to STEPHEN FOSTER RESTAURANT** in Bardstown, Tuesday, **September 9**. Plans are to leave the building at Noon. Dutch treat. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER COOKOUT/HAYRIDE**, Saturday, **September 27**, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Allen & Mary Woodring. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food items to bring.
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 12-15**, with Winford Claiborne

Visitation Program

The visitation program begins September 7. Christian Service Group leaders are asked to see Jason White for details and assignments each week.

Special Notes

Adrian Price will be on a mission trip to Ukraine September 10-October 14. Please keep Adrian in your prayers.

Alyssa Showers, Carolyn Showers' granddaughter, was recently baptized! We rejoice with the Showers family in Alyssa's decision.

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE August 2008

Food Center	152 families helped
Clothing Center	73 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE August 2008

Courses graded	215
New enrollees	39

OUR RECORD FOR August 31, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	150
Sunday Morning Assembly	224
Sunday Evening Assembly	129
Wednesday Bible Study	141
Ladies Bible Class	18
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$5,948

**Elder/Coordinator for September
Mike Pence**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: I am the god that some women were weeping for as seen by Ezekiel. Who am I?

Last Week's Bible Question: What is the name of the man who tried to humiliate David's army by doing two things to them? The correct answer is Hanun, the Ammonite, 2 Samuel 10:1-5. Rick Eiler, Wilma Stull, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Edna Ashlock, and Kay Thomason 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

Sept. 6 — Ladies Brunch
Sept. 7 — Ladies Retreat Meeting
Sept. 8 — Church Workers Workshop
Sept. 9 — Lunch/Stephen Foster Restaurant
Sept. 12-14 — FHU R.U.S.H.
Sept. 21 — Singing at Atria
Sept. 27 — 5th Grade & Under Cookout/Hayride
Sept. 28 — Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting
Oct. 12-15 — Gospel Meeting w/Winford Claiborne

Daily Bible Reading Schedule
1. Lamentations 3:52-5:22; Ezekiel 1-2
2. Ezekiel 3-8
3. Ezekiel 9-12
4. Ezekiel 13:1-16:43
5. Ezekiel 16:44-20:17
6. Ezekiel 20:18-22:12
7. Ezekiel 22:13-24:27

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