



# 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 majesty of God. This topic is on my mind this week as I intend to preach on the incomparability

of God on Sunday morning.

The English word majesty comes from the Latin root that means "greatness." To speak of something as majestic is to address the greatness of the individual or being. But in a sense, this involves a comparison. Hence lies the problem with addressing the majesty of God. How can we address God's majesty, His greatness when there is nothing with which to compare Him? That is why we must realize when we speak of God's majesty, that we recognize that there is nothing (in the human or spirit world) like God; He is the one who is truly awesome and is incomparably magnificent.

The fact that people have realized this lack of understanding regarding the majesty of God can be illustrated in a number of ways. It was such a thought that caused Martin Luther, in one of his letters to Erasmus, to write, "Your thoughts of God are too human." This thinking also led to J. B. Phillips work titled *Your God Is Too Small*.

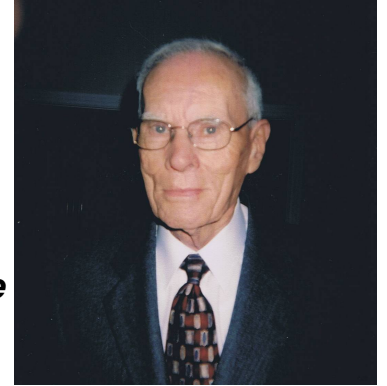
When we begin to search for information regarding the majesty of God, we need to turn to Scripture. As you have time this week read the following passages (in their contexts): Job 37:22; Job 40:10; Exodus 15:7-11; Deuteronomy 3:24a; 1 Chronicles 16:24-27; Psalm 145:1-5. These are but a brief sampling of the information in Scripture regarding the majesty of God. I imagine as you read any page of Scripture there will be a sense in which the majesty of God will be found.

As we live our lives each day, may we be impressed in our minds with the majesty of God. May we never think of God the way the Psalmist wrote of God addressing those of old, "You thought I was altogether like you" (Psalm 50:21b).

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

**Herbert H. Pence  
1929-2008**



On Wednesday, September 3, Herbert H. Pence passed on to his eternal reward after several years of battling with Alzheimer's disease. Few men have influenced so many young people as Herb did. He is partly responsible for me being the young preacher that I am. It was not many weeks after Kay and I moved back to Elizabethtown in 1986 that Herb mentioned to his brother, Fred, that I would be a good person to preach at the old Summit church. With that contact and my eagerness the rest is history.

Herb was visionary in his thinking. His vision is partly responsible for the location and meeting facility that we enjoy today. His vision was also one reason Kirk Brothers came and labored with our congregation. I heard Herb say that the church could not afford to lose young men to the business world at a time when we needed young preachers.

Our congregation has been through difficult times, but Herb understood the importance of maintaining the truth of God's word. He along with others have made sure that we have stayed true to the Bible.

Not only did his influence affect the church, but his influence was seen throughout the community we live in. Herb was active in civic organizations, the Lion's Club and the Rotary Club. Herb spent his entire professional career at First Hardin National Bank (now PNC Bank). That is a testimony of dedication.

To Sue, Tim and Vickie we express our deepest sympathy.

### **Sunday's Sermons:**

A.M. - *The Incomparability of Our God*  
*Isaiah 40:9-31*

P.M. - *Demon Possession*  
*Matthew 4:23-25*

## Does the Depth of the Water Matter?

Last Sunday evening I was preaching a lesson on the lands of Jesus. Some of you inquired about the information on one of the slides. In discussing the Sea of Galilee I noted on one of the slides that the sea was 7 miles wide and **12 miles deep**. Some of you (probably more than pointed it out) caught my mistake. The slide should have read 7 miles wide and 12 miles long (I have seen variations regarding these figures as well). Now to save face, I might want to say, "I did that on purpose to see if you were paying attention." The truth is, I just plain messed up! I am glad to know many of you pay attention to my lessons and check my facts as I always ask. Let me ask this question (and stay with me till the end of the article), "Does the depth of the water really matter?"

Now let me leave my mistake behind for a moment and use an illustration from another preacher. The preacher told the story of how he and his child were swimming in a pool. His child was in the shallow end of the pool and he was in the deep end of the pool. His child called to him and said, "Daddy, I am scared of the water; it's deep. Can I come out to you?" The father replied, "It's even deeper out here." The child replied, "I don't care I want to come to you!" With that statement the child began, with a look of fear on their face, to dog paddle furiously to where the father was located. The child dog paddled through three feet to twelve feet of water. When the child came near the father, the look of fear began to fade; they threw their arms around his neck and clung to him tightly. Their body relaxed and there was no more fear.

I find it interesting the view of a child. To this child the depth of the water did not matter—all the child wanted was to be with their father. After coming to the father, they clung to him tightly and then all fear was gone. I believe this child-like trust is a part of what Jesus had in mind when He stressed our need to become like little children (Matthew 18:1ff). We need to have such a trust in our heavenly Father, that once we come to Him, we cling to Him, and that relationship will cast out our fear (1 John 4:18).

What about you? Do you have such a relationship with God (do you cling to God) that even though you find yourself in the "deep waters" of life you have a calm assurance? I pray that you do. For those who do not I pray they will develop such a relationship with God. Can we like Paul speak of our willingness to trust Christ in our times of weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)?

Let's go back to our question. Does the depth of the water really matter? When you are dealing with facts from the Bible like how deep is the Sea of Galilee, of course it matters. Many false ideas could be promoted from such incorrect information. **But**, isn't it true that in the figurative sense, when we have a proper relationship of trust with our Father in heaven, it should not matter how deep the water is— we know who our point of safety is, and we know, because of who He is, that we can live with assurance. Claim the promises found in Scripture for the faithful child of God (Proverbs 3:5-6).

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**DYRENA WHITE** continues to recuperate at home. **LEANNA STOUGH ALLEN** underwent outpatient tests last Friday in Tennessee. **CARL AXTON**, step-father of Mary Ann Hardesty, underwent tests Tuesday in California. **NEIL BURDEN** was seen in the ER last Wednesday. **GENE STOUGH** is scheduled for outpatient tests Friday. **MARY ANN HARDESTY** received a good report from her doctor from her previous tests.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Kent Lane
Neil Burden	J Martin
Elonda Crafton	Carl Mercer
Dana Fox	Tom Morgan
Joyce Fulkerson	Adrian Price (Ukraine)
Howard Gardner	Marie Rose
Bernard Gillim	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
Roy Johnson	Dorothea 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

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 9/14/08 Canned vegetables

## Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy is expressed to the family of Herbert Pence who passed away last Wednesday. Herb's funeral was Saturday. Also, we express our sympathy to Nellie Hart and her family in the death of her brother, Eddie Pence, who passed away Saturday. Nellie has lost two brothers in the last month.

## Welcome

Two families met with the Elders last Sunday and indicated their desire to place membership with our congregation. Israel, Melissa, & Eli Fox have been worshipping with us for some time. Their address is 679 Cresent Way, Radcliff, KY 40160. They will be working with CSG #4. Michael, Sarah & Makayla Morrow recently moved to our community from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Their address is 7519-A 70th Tank Bn. Rd., Fort Knox, KY 40121. Phone # 502/942-9211. They will also be working with CSG #4. Please welcome each of these young families to our church family.

## Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the cards and calls and especially the comfort of your prayers during my recent testing and surgery. God bless my church family.

*Love, Mary Ann Hardesty*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, You have touched our lives and hearts so deeply with your love, prayers, cards, calls, and flowers. Your prayers helped us through a very stressful and sad time. We felt so calm and at peace when Herb passed and know that was the answer to prayers. The luncheon was very nice and such a great help to us. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts for every act of love and concern shown us. As you know, Herb loved the church. We are thankful that he is at peace now. We will always remember your love and kindness.

*In Christian love,  
Sue, Tim and Vickie*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ **ICE CREAM SUPPER**, Sunday night, **September 14**, in the South Wing after services *for all 5th graders and under*. The Bible Quest participants will be the guests of honor and will be recognized and congratulated for their hard work.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday, **September 28**, at 3:00 p.m.
- ☐ **ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS MEETING**, Sunday, **September 28**, in Room 10.
- ☐ **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **September 28**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 & CSG #4 will host.
- ☐ **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 12-15**, with Winford Claiborne

### OUR RECORD FOR

September 7, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	148
Sunday Morning Assembly	222
Sunday Evening Assembly	136
Wednesday Bible Study	131
Ladies Bible Class	15
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$6,786

**Elder/Coordinator for September  
Mike Pence**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: According to the wise man, what substance affects man like the bite of a snake?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: I am the god that some women were weeping for as seen by Ezekiel. Who am I? The correct answer is Tammuz, Ezekiel 8:14. Rick Eiler, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor, Joyce Pack, 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](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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**Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

1. Ezekiel 25:1-28:10
  2. Ezekiel 28:11-31:18
  3. Ezekiel 32:1-34:24
  4. Ezekiel 34:25-38:9
  5. Ezekiel 38:10-40:49
  6. Ezekiel 41-43
  7. Ezekiel 44-47
- Sept. 12-14 — FHU R.U.S.H.  
Sept. 14 — 5th Grade & Under Ice Cream Supper  
Sept. 27 — 5th Grade & Under Cookout/Hayride  
Sept. 28 — Singing at Atria  
Sept. 28 — Elders/Deacons/Precursors Meeting  
Sept. 28 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together  
Oct. 12-15 — Gospel Meeting w/Winford Claiborne  
Oct. 24-25 — Ladies Retreat  
Oct. 31 — Fall Get-together, Muncys

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