



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

As we continue on our life long journey of building our faith, consider some thoughts regarding the *article*. I told some of our young people working the clothing center that I was going back into the office to write an article on the article. Lest you

are as confused as them, let me explain further.

The English language has two articles—the definite article “the” and the indefinite article “a, an.” We understand that “the man” specifies a certain man, but “a man” specifies any man in general. In the Greek Testament though there is only the definite article. The indefinite article is missing in the Greek and the context must determine whether an indefinite article needs to be supplied.

Although a small word it is by no means insignificant. In 1995 Decker wrote a synopsis of only a portion of a work by Thomas Fanshaw Middleton (*The Doctrine of the Greek Article*). This synopsis of Middleton’s work is 13 pages (Middleton’s work originally done in the early 1800’s over 500 pages long—it has recently been reprinted). In 1798 Granville Sharp published his work in which he articulated six principles of syntax involving the Greek article (side note of humor—a lengthy rebuttal of Sharp’s work was done by one who used the pseudonym Gregory Blunt). For such a small word, the definite article has received much attention.

Regarding the definitive article Dana and Mantey write, “Its use with a word makes the word stand out distinctly.” They also note that the article “points out an object or draws attention to it.” In a passage like Mt. 28:19 “...baptizing them in the name of **THE** Father, and of **THE** Son, and of **THE** Holy Spirit...” indicate that three separate beings are under consideration—in other words the use of “**THE**” is to point out each member of the Godhead distinctly.

In contrast, *Sharp’s Rule*, the name given to one of the six principles of syntax articulated by Sharp, can provide evidence for the Deity of Christ. In Titus 2:13 we read Christians looking for the “blessed hope and appearing of the glory of **THE** great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.” Note the article is found before *great God* but is not repeated before *Savior*. According to *Sharp’s Rule*, this indicates God and Savior relate to the same person, Jesus Christ. Thus in this passage Christ is designated as God.

Ray’s Ramblings

Ray Pack

Some folks are happy and some folks are sad with the results of the election. I’m just glad it is over. All the phone calls at strange hours of the day from the many different campaigns. Not a day went by when at our house the phone didn’t ring asking for our vote for a particular candidate. On

election eve one caller even asked for my vote for someone running for office in Mississippi. Regardless of the outcome, we as Christians must continue to teach and preach the message of God’s word.



Last week I mentioned Evangelism University for our 9th-12th graders. I now have done some research on the Challenge Youth Conference February 27-March 1, 2009 in Gatlinburg which is for grades 6-12. The following is from the brochure that can be found at their website www.cyconline.com.

One of the challenges Christians face today is being *Consistent* in our Christianity. Think of your life as a toolbox. What tools would you recommend a young Christian should put into their life to help them be more consistent in their Christianity? Consider this year’s theme, the life of Nehemiah, and your own experience, and write a personal essay titled, “Rise Up.”

Registration fees for CYC are due by December 20th. The cost to attend is \$20 per person. Meals and T-shirts are not included in this fee. We will inform you later what the additional costs will be. The congregation will cover housing and transportation.

Sunday’s Sermons:

A.M. - *Was the Tomb Really Empty?*
Matthew 28:1-7

P.M. - *Cain, Lamech & Christ*
Matthew 18:21-22

INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR

Because of your generosity, the church of Christ at Elizabethtown is able to help support many mission efforts. In a past bulletin we examined a new work regarding the Fort Gay congregation. Mickey stopped by the office the other day to update some information regarding the International Gospel Hour. I thought it might be good to include that information for all of you.

The International Gospel Hour moved from Texarkana, TX to the West Fayetteville Church of Christ in Fayetteville, TN on August 1, 1995, under the oversight of the West Fayetteville elders. Their desire is for the programs to be scripturally sound and will not endure any deviation from the truth of the gospel.

Winford Claiborne, who serves as an evangelist for the West Fayetteville church, also serves as Speaker/Director of the International Gospel Hour. W.E. Skipper served as General Manager, and speaker of the One Gospel Minute until his recent death in October 2006. David Sain, who also serves as evangelist for the West Fayetteville church, has taken on responsibility as the Operations Manager, and speaker of the One Gospel Minute lessons. Dauna Skipper is the secretary and computer operator for this radio ministry.

Winford Claiborne records his radio sermons in a studio located in his residence. The tapes are then mailed to National Recording Studio in Texarkana, TX where Chuck Richardson, chief engineer, builds the program for broadcast by adding an introduction, singing and concluding remarks. The master tapes are then mailed to more than 170 stations in the United States. A copy of the sermons, either on tape or a printed transcript, are offered free to all listeners. A free Bible Correspondence Course is also offered.

As of October 1, 2008:

- The *Gospel Hour* programs are on 134 radio stations, in 106 cities, in twenty-seven states.
- The *Gospel Hour* is now on twenty-one 50,000 watt stations, fourteen of which are clear-channel stations.
- The *Gospel Hour* programs are now being aired a total of 232 times every week.

The *Gospel Hour* programs include ninety 30-minute broadcasts, six 25-minute broadcasts, forty-six 15-minute broadcasts, and ninety 5-minute broadcasts each week. The *International Gospel Hour* also maintains a website. From the website one has access to a complete list of radio stations and broadcast schedule. On the website one also has access to printed and audio copies of the programs. Check out their website at www.gospelhour.net.

Thanks for your generous giving that allows for the congregation here to support sound works. Most of you know, Winford Claiborne recently held our fall meeting. We also have David Sain scheduled for a meeting in 2010.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	J Martin
Neil Burden	Carl Mercer
Elonda Crafton	Tom Morgan
Dana Fox	Zola Pence
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Gene Stough
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Undewood
Roy Johnson	Payton Walker
David Keister	Dorotha Weaver
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells
Diane Lewis	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, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins

Additional Prayer List: Charlene Akridge, Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Delsie Axton, Bill Bigelow, Christa Bradley, Gloria Brown, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Joyce Cecil, Michael Clymer, Jimmy Dale Cockrell, Billy Cyrus, Betty Davis, Sydney Dover, David Fant, Royce Goodman, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Peggy Hagler, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Jennifer Martin, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Julie Murphy, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Joe & Patsy Richter, David & Geneva Risinger, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Kendell Whisenant, Nora Wilkins, Sondra Woosley

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 11/9/08 Boxes/Pkgs. of Rice

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE OCTOBER 2008

Food Center	161 families helped
Clothing Center	62 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE OCTOBER 2008

Coursed graded	185
New Enrollees	26

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for all the many visits, cards, flowers and fruit baskets and the love you showed Marie Rose over the many years of her being homebound. Also, for all the visits, cards and prayers while she was in the hospital and nursing home. Thanks to John Board for being there for us at the hospital before Mom's death and also for his message during the funeral. Thanks also to Ray Pack for his part in the service. The wonderful meal after the funeral provided by the ladies was also greatly appreciated.

*In Christian love,
David & Joyce Rose, Jason & Angela Rose and
Brian & Mary Rose & Family*

Thank you for all the beautiful cards and the phone calls. James & I would also like to thank each one who sat with him during my surgery and those who sat with me at the hospital. It meant so much. Most of all thank you for all the prayers you have said for me. I know that is what has brought me this far. I look forward to being back with you as soon as possible. You are a great family!

*In Christian love,
Dyrena White*

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Charlotte Gillim and her family in the death of her father, Eltis "Buster" Norris, who passed away Monday morning. His funeral was held in Cloverport Thursday.

Our sympathy is also expressed to the Howard Pence family in the death of his sister, Evaline Moon. Her funeral was Wednesday in Leitchfield.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **November 10**, at 10:30 a.m.
- ☐ **SUPER SAINTS BREAKFAST TRIP**, Friday, **November 14**, to Paula's Hot Biscuits in Hodgenville. Meet at the building at 8:00 a.m. There is a sign up sheet posted.

OUR RECORD FOR November 2, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	131
Sunday Morning Assembly	194
Sunday Evening Assembly	134
Wednesday Bible Study	133
Ladies Bible Class	14
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$6,978

**Elder/Coordinator for November
Ron Carter**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Under the Law of Moses, what kind of wood was forbidden to be used in building defenses even in time of war?

Last Week's Bible Question: What wicked king, the son of a godly king, was buried in the garden of Uzza? The correct answer is Manasseh, 2 Kings 21:18. Kay Thomason, Joyce Pack, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Rick Eiler, Edna Ashlock, 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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Daily Bible Reading Schedule
1. John 6:52-8:20
2. John 8:21-10:18
3. John 10:19-12:11
4. John 12:12-14:11
5. John 14:12-17:13
6. John 17:14-19:42
7. John 20:21; Acts 1:1-2:13

Nov. 8 — Ladies Craft Day
Nov. 10 — Church Workers Workshop
Nov. 14 — Super Saints, Breakfast
Nov. 16 — Youth Devol, Bartels
Nov. 21 — Youth Lock-in
Nov. 23 — Singing at Atria
Dec. 6 — Adult Holiday Party

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