



# 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 predictive and fulfilled prophecy. By its very nature, true predictive prophecy is supernatural—the only explanation for its fulfillment is

the omniscience and omnipotence of God.

Rather than re-invent the wheel, I would like to share the writings of another preacher who has been a great encouragement to me. Charles C. Pugh III in an article entitled *Prophecy and Apologetics*, provided some excellent information regarding this topic. We will use the column this week and next to provide some of his excellent thoughts. Some very minor editing will be done that will in no way change the original overall thought of the article (jfb).

Consider first how Charles Pugh describes predictive prophecy: "What is predictive prophecy? In an old volume (1832) titled, *The Evidences of Christianity in Their Eternal or Historical Division Exhibited in a Course of Lectures*, I find what is the best definition of predictive prophecy I have ever read...[A] declaration of future events, such as no human wisdom or forecast is sufficient to make—depending on a knowledge of the innumerable contingencies of human affairs, which belongs exclusively to the omniscience of God; so that from its very nature, prophecy must be divine revelation (McIlvaine 238).

Pugh additionally writes, "A part of the apologetic armory of the Christian faith is fulfilled prophecy. One of the common methods of historical apologetics calls attention to fulfilled prophecy. For example...the probability that all the biblical prophecies regarding the Messiah would be fulfilled in a single person (Jesus) *without supernatural design* is infinitesimally small (Beilby 311). While there are no prophecies in the *Qur'an*, in the Hindu *Vedas*, in the sayings of Buddha, Confucius, or in the *Book of Mormon*, it has been estimated that 30% of the Bible consists of predictive prophecy of one kind or another, making it unique in religious literature (Blanchard 408). There is nothing in the *Qur'an* [or any of the other above purported revelations], by way of types or shadows, that serve as evidence of its divine origin, whereas the Bible contains large sections of typology that prove its divine origin. (to be continued next week)

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Young folks need to mark November 21st on your calendar. This is the date for a Lock-in. More details will be forthcoming relating to specific times and some simple rules. This is always a time for fun and fellowship. Make your plans now to be there.



This following teen tips recently came across my desk and I think they are worthy to share. It is a code for teenagers and gives some very valuable advice for our young people.

**Don't let your parents down, They brought you up.**

**Stop and think before you drink, Better still, don't drink.**

**Be smart, obey your parents, You will give orders some day.**

**Ditch your dirty thoughts or they will ditch you.**

**Choose a date fit for a mate.**

**Go to church regularly... Your creator gives 7 days in a week. Give at least one back to him.**

**Don't go steady unless you are ready.**

**Avoid following the crowd, Be an engine, not a caboose.**

**Pick the right friends.**

**Choose your companions carefully, You will become what they are.**

Our young people are faced with great temptations and tremendous peer pressure each day. As adults let's pray for them and offer any assistance we can. Be an Encourager, not a Discourager.

## Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *The Gospel in Five Seconds*  
*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

P.M. - *Just As I Am*  
*Isaiah 55:1-3*

## Who or What Do You Love?

Last week Ronnie Carter, Ray and I traveled to Cloverport, Kentucky to attend the funeral of a Gillim (Norris) family member. Many of you may know that Cloverport is located on the Ohio River. Much like where I grew up, Cloverport is a town that's "heyday" has passed. Since we arrived early and had already greeted the family and since it was a beautiful fall day, Ronnie, Ray and I decided to take a walk down by the river and then up through the small but prideful town.

As we walked along in our suits and ties I noted to the others that someone might think we were businessmen exploring opportunities in their small town. As we made our way through town first on one side of the street and then on the other, we came to the only crosswalk in the downtown area. As we approached the corner so did a man driving a pick up truck. We exchanged greetings and he turned left headed in the opposite direction from which we were walking. About a minute later we heard a voice saying "Excuse me." We turned and saw that the man who had been in the pick-up truck had turned around, parked his truck, and got out of his truck and approached us.

You might ask, "Why would anyone do such a thing?" What would cause a man to go out of his way to talk to complete strangers?" It was not long till we found out the answer as well. You see this man had thought Ronnie, Ray, and I were government officials (Ray's dark suit no doubt played a role in his thinking...the only thing missing was Ray's "Ray ban" metal framed sunglasses). The man stopped us because he loved his hometown so much, he was going to try to influence us to see how great of an investment Cloverport would be. I was impressed that day.

I thought to myself what a great love that man had for his town. He was so committed to his town that he was willing to approach complete strangers not giving a thought to how such strangers might ridicule him after he drove away. No, the only thing on his mind, was letting others know about his great love.

What about us as Christians? Do we have anything that we are so excited about or so consumed with that we are willing to approach complete strangers and talk to them about this great love? Are we committed to anything that might evoke such a response that would cause us to want to tell others about that which (or He who) means so much to us? Do we press forward with our message even though we are not certain anyone would want to take the time to listen?

Through the work of various members and with the approval of the elders, we are even provided a non-threatening method of approaching others about the message of Christ. The book *The Agony and Glory of the Cross* has been made available free of charge for you to take and give to a neighbor, friend, co-worker, family member, or yes—even a stranger, that they might be able to come to know more about Christ. Are we willing to help others to know what a great investment it is to make Christ the Lord of their lives? What is our first love? May God bless us in our efforts to glorify Him.

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**ROY JOHNSON** will have tests done at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota beginning November 18.

## 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 & Ruby 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 11/16/08 Canned Soup

## Prayers Requested

Brittany Hogan and Angie Carter came forward last Sunday and asked for prayers of strength to live a better Christian life. We commend them for their courage and for realizing the need to seek the prayers of the congregation.

## Address

David & Ruby Keister will be in Texas for a couple of months and would appreciate hearing from our church family. Cards and notes can be sent to:

David & Ruby Keister  
c/o Tom Keister  
823 Westbury Lane  
Georgetown, TX 78633

## Thank You

I would like to thank each of you for the beautiful flowers, the cards, phone calls and most of all your prayers during my recent hospital stay. Your prayers were especially appreciated. It means so much to have such a thoughtful church family.

*In Christian love,  
Zola Pence*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SUPER SAINTS BREAKFAST TRIP**, Friday morning, **November 14**, to Paula's Hot Biscuits in Hodgenville. Meet at the building at 8:00 a.m.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **November 16**, hosted by Craig & Monica Bartelt.
- **YOUTH LOCK-IN**, Friday night, **November 21**, in the South Wing for 6th-12th graders.
- **DIRECTORY PICTURES** of new members and family retakes will be taken Sunday morning, **November 23**.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **November 23**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **November 30**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 & #4 will host. Please bring finger foods.
- **ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 6**, in the South Wing.
- **YOUTH (6th-12th) HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 20**, hosted by the Hogan family.

### OUR RECORD FOR

November 9, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	144
Sunday Morning Assembly	202
Sunday Evening Assembly	124
Wednesday Bible Study	120
Ladies Bible Class	15
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$7,009

**Elder/Coordinator for November  
Ron Carter**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: What passage of scripture contains a request for a blessing (from each member of the Godhead) upon the readers?*

*Last 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? The correct answer is wood from trees of which they could eat from, Deuteronomy 20:19-20. 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](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. Acts 2:14-4:37
2. Acts 5:1-7:29
3. Acts 7:30-9:22
4. Acts 9:23-11:30
5. Acts 12-13
6. Acts 14:1-16:10
7. Acts 16:11-18:28
Nov. 14 — Super Saints, Breakfast
Nov. 16 — Youth Devo, Bartels
Nov. 21 — Youth Lock-in
Nov. 23 — Directory Pictures
Nov. 23 — Singing at Atria
Nov. 30 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
Dec. 6 — Adult Holiday Party
Dec. 20 — Youth Holiday Party

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