



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

This past year we have used *Confidence Corner* in an effort to confirm our confidence (hence our faith) in the Bible. This year let us build on that study by examining how the inspired New Testament writers applied the passages from the

inspired Old Testament writers. As we examine God's word more closely our knowledge, faith, and therefore our confidence, will grow (Romans 10:17).

Obviously our study cannot cover all OT passages referenced by NT writers. Since I will be selecting the passages myself, the study will be subjective. I will be drawing from passages in a sequential order based on our English translations (Genesis-Malachi), but I will not be able to note every OT passage referenced by NT writers.

For our study this week, I have selected Genesis 2:7. Many times in studying this passage, it will be noted that God formed man and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. In other words, God was the One who gave life to man. From this information the argument is made for the sanctity of all human life.

Paul in the NT quotes the latter part of Genesis 2:7 to emphasize another truth. In 1 Corinthians 15:45 Paul, through inspiration writes, "And so it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit." How did Paul employ this passage?

The reference from Genesis was used by Paul to teach that the first Adam (from whom came all mankind) was made a living being with a natural body (v. 44) suited for habitation on the earth but also one that would end in death and decay. He then made reference to the last Adam (Christ) who is a life giving spirit. In other words, Christ gives spiritual and immortal life to those who are begotten of Him. The first Adam provided a mortal body, the second Adam provides the eternal body.

May we all learn something from God's NT application of Genesis 2:7

JFB

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Each week the office receives several different bulletins from area congregations. There are some good articles written, and I have found that reading these writings has caused me to think on several things. My faith is even more strengthened. Below is a short article that was received last week.

The Top Ten Predictions for 2009

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praise of His people.
5. There will be God anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out his blessing upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.



I will give a complete report on Evangelism University in next week's bulletin. It was a great weekend for our young people. Thanks to Sheldon & Renee Lackey for hosting the monthly youth devotional last Sunday night in their home.



Last week I put some dates to remember in the bulletin. There is one change to make. Horizon's Leadership Training Camp at Freed Hardeman University will only be held for one week, and that date is July 5-10. This session will be for grades 7-12. I will have more information about this change within the next two weeks.

Sunday's Sermons:

- A.M. - *Soul Safety*
Philippians 3:1-2
- P.M. - *High Maintenance*
Galatians 6:1-5

Have You Been Called by God

By: Jason Jackson

This article is written by Jason Jackson. It is from the website www.christiancourier.com. There is a wealth of information on this website to encourage Christian growth. jfb

God calls every person who is saved. Not only does God pardon the sinner (cf. Rom. 3:26), but he also teaches him of the need and means of forgiveness. The Lord Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day" (Jn. 6:44).

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached that many "afar off" would be saved, God having called them (Acts 2:39).

The question is this: **how** does God call a person to salvation?

Paul writes to Christians at Thessalonica that God "called you through our gospel" (2 Thes. 2:14). The gospel (cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-3) is communicated by "the word of truth" (Eph. 1:13), which God designed to produce faith in sincere hearts (Rom. 10:17; Jn. 20:30,31).

To say that a person is saved without God's "calling" would be equivalent to saying that a person is saved **without the gospel**.

It is just as erroneous, however, to contend that God **directly** calls a person by some means other than the written (or spoken) gospel message (e.g., a "phone call" from heaven, a voice in the night, or the direct illumination by the Holy Spirit).

The "word of truth, the gospel of your salvation" is the New Testament, and faithful servants preach this wonderful message (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 4:2). God teaches us about his beloved son in this way. And it is in this divinely prescribed manner that God calls men and women to obey his son (1 Cor. 1:21; Heb. 5:9).

The Lord explained in John 6. "It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every one that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, comes unto me" (v. 45).

When the gospel of God (Mk. 1:14; 1 Pet. 4:17), concerning the son of God (Rom. 1:9), who reconciles us to God (Rom. 5:10), is preached by a servant of God (Tit. 1:1; cf. Col. 1:7; 4:12), God is calling.

Consider Paul's discussion in Romans 10 of how "calling" relates to salvation.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things! But they did not all hearken to the glad tidings. For Isaiah saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (vv. 13-17).

God calls every person who is saved *exclusively* through the word of Christ, the gospel. In fact, God desires the salvation of all people, through their knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9).

Sadly, many reject his calling (Matt. 7:13-14; Acts 13:46; 1 Pet. 4:17).

News and Notes

ROSA LEE NORMAN remains in Hardin Memorial, Room 516. **JOYCE PACK** completed her radiation treatments this week. **CHRIS GOODIN** underwent total knee replacement Tuesday at Ireland Army Hospital. **JANE CURKENDALL** underwent outpatient surgery last Friday in Louisville. **DYRENA WHITE** was admitted to Norton's Hospital in Louisville last week and underwent surgery Monday. She is currently in Room 4G Bed 9. **BUDDY GUESS** was seen in the Emergency Room at Hardin Memorial last Friday. **DAVID KEISTER** did not receive a good report from his doctor last week. **ELONDA CRAFTON** was seen in the ER at Hardin Memorial after she returned home from Missouri.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Carl Mercer
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
Elonda Crafton	Nathan Nash
Dana Fox	Grace Speer
Howard Gardner	Gene Stough
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
David & Ruby Keister (TX)	Payton Walker
Kent lane	Lawrence Wells
Diane Lewis	Jim White
J Martin	

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, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Phillip Moore

Additional Prayer List: Charlene Akridge, Weita Anderson, Delsie Axton, Curtis Bradley, Sue Cantrell, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, John Pawley, Joe & Patsy Richter, David & Geneva Risinger, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Jim Thomas, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendell Whisenant, Sondra Woosley

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of sister Nellie Hart who passed away early Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hart's funeral was held Wednesday. Please keep the Hart, Lane & Barrett families in your prayers during this time of sorrow.

Also, our sympathy is expressed to Roy Hilton in the death of his brother, Kenneth Hilton. Mr. Hilton's funeral was last Friday.

Congratulations

Rosa & Ronald O'Bryant are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Jocelyn Shae Olson, born January 15 in Louisville. Proud parents are Trisha & Doug Olson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **January 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **January 25**, in the South Wing. Bring finger foods and soft drinks.
- **TAYLOR CHRISTIAN CAMP STAFF MEETING**, Saturday, **January 31**, at 5:00 p.m. at Corinth Church of Christ in Portland, TN. The bus will leave the building at 3 p.m.
- **BABY SHOWER** for Jaclyn McKinney, Sunday, **February 1**, in the South Wing. Jaclyn is expecting a baby girl in March and is registered at Wal-Mart.
- **FHU BIBLE LECTURESHIP**, **February 1-6**, in Henderson, TN.
- **SUPER BOWL PARTY**, Sunday night, **February 1**, at the Nowland home.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER FAMILY GAME NIGHT**, Saturday, **February 7**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the South Wing. Please bring your favorite board games and finger foods. See Ken or Monica Bybee if any questions.
- **CONGREGATIONAL SKATING PARTY**, Sunday night, **February 15**, at Hardin County Roller Rink in Radcliff.
- **SWEETHEART DINNER**, Saturday, **February 21**, in the South Wing.
- **E-TOWN LADIES DAY**, Saturday, **March 21**, with Janie Gallagher from Fairmont, West Virginia. Theme: Vessels of Clay.

Mission News

Dorothy Brothers leaves February 7 for a mission trip to Panama. She will be visiting the Kuna Indian Village there and would like to take Beanie Babies, Frisbees and matchbox cars with her.

We are again collecting garden seeds for our brethren at the Central congregation in Donetsk, Ukraine. Please bring these by February 15 and put in the box in the lobby under the mission board.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 1/25/09

Canned pork'n'beans

OUR RECORD FOR

January 18, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	158
Sunday Morning Assembly	225
Sunday Evening Assembly	133
Wednesday Bible Study	124
Ladies Bible Class	12
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,277

Elder/Coordinator for January
Mike Pence

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: I am the woman who taunted another woman about not being able to bear a child. Who am I?

Last Week's Bible Question: Name the three arks that are mentioned in the Bible. The correct answer is Noah's Ark, Genesis 6:14; Moses, ark of the bulrushes, Exodus 2:3; Ark of the Covenant, Numbers 10:33, Exodus 25:10-22.

Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Rick Eiler, Kay Thomason, Joyce Pack, Nadine Fulkerson, Claudia Woodring and Edna Ashlock.

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

Jan. 25 — Singing at Atria
Jan. 25 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
Feb. 1-6 — FHU Lectures
Feb. 1 — Super Bowl Party, Nowlands
Feb. 1 — McKinney Baby Shower
Feb. 7 — 5th Grade & Under Family Game Night
Feb. 15 — Congregational Skating Party
Feb. 21 — Sweetheart Dinner
Mar. 21 — Ladies Day

1. Genesis 36-37; Matthew 12:1-21
2. Genesis 38-40; Matthew 12:22-50
3. Genesis 41; Matthew 13:1-32
4. Genesis 42-43; Matthew 13:33-58
5. Genesis 44-45; Matthew 14:1-21
6. Genesis 46-48; Matthew 14:22-36
7. Genesis 49-50; Matthew 15:1-20

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