

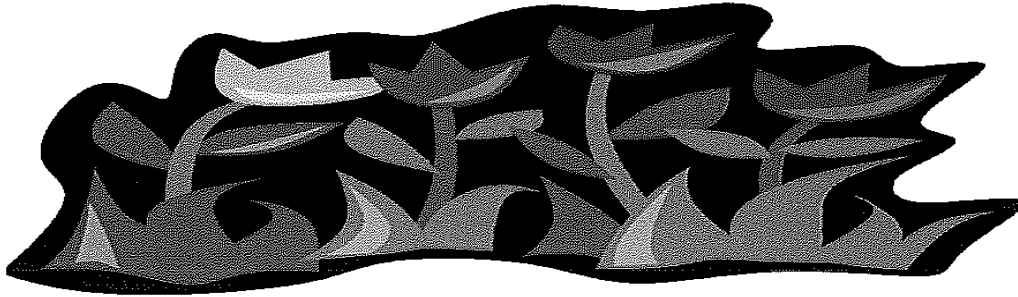


# The Caller

A Weekly Newsletter of the Elizabethtown church of Christ  
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**YOU'RE INVITED!!**

Announcing the  
**Elizabethtown Church of Christ**  
Ladies Inspiration Day  
**March 21, 2009**



*Vessels of Clay*

Our Speaker this year will be:

Janie Gallagher  
of Fairmont, West Virginia

**9:30 a.m. - After Lunch**

(Lunch will be provided)

**RSVP: 270-765-6446 (By 3-16-09)**

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# Living for Christ in Difficult Times

On January 29, 2002 home inspector Stan Edmonds was checking out a house in Hinsdale, New Hampshire for a prospective buyer. In the attic on an old wooden shelf was a hidden drawer. In the drawer he found \$20,000.00 in 100 dollar bills. He could have taken the money and no one would have been the wiser. Instead he called the real estate agent who in turn contacted the heirs of the homeowner. The heirs divided the money. BUT one of them sent Stan Edmonds a check for his honesty—the check was for \$50.00. Stan donated it to charity (source: *Uncle John's ....Reader* 2002, p.56).

Although I am certain Stan did not turn the money over expecting some great reward, somehow the commensurate value of the reward to the find seems a bit out of sorts. From the illustration, one almost gathers the idea that Mr. Edmonds was saying, “thanks but no thanks.” Some rewards in this life are very similar. One party may think the reward to be generous and the other may think the reward miserly.

Thankfully for the Christian, we have a reward that exceeds by bounds even in opposition to the suffering we might face here upon the earth (Romans 8:18). We have promises from our heavenly Father and Christ which we know will be far above any expectation we can imagine. If we question His love for mankind, we need only look to the cross. We know God loves us and keeps His promises.

One of the most comforting promises I find in the word of God is found in Matthew 6:33. In this conditional promise (yes we must do our part...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness) Christ provides the best of both worlds for those who follow Him.

First I want to mention the promise Christ made that “all these things shall be added unto you.” Well one may ask, what are “all these things?” The context clearly shows that Christ is promising to provide the necessities of life (food, shelter, and clothing) for those who seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

In the context of the passage, Christ gives various reasons as to why the Christian should not concern themselves over the worries such necessities often bring. Such worry affects us physically, spiritually, and drains energy away from the day God has given us. All such worry is futile and faithless.

Notice though that Christ said, “all these things shall be added unto you.” What does He mean by this statement? I would suggest that Christ is pointing out the first and foremost benefit to “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” is the gift of eternal life. “Added unto you” suggests something in addition—something “thrown in to boot.” Did you catch that?! If we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, we first have the greatest of all gifts, eternal life, and in addition we have promises God will always provide for our physical needs. We are provided for here in this life and in the life to come.

Why is this important for us to remember? As the days ahead may become trying for many, some may be tempted to turn away from God. Please do not do so. Maintain your trust in God! It is far better to be disappointed—with God, than it is to be disappointed without God. Think about it!

John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY

# News and Notes

**ELONDA CRAFTON** was admitted to Hardin Memorial, Room 425, last week after suffering a massive stroke. **JUDY PHILLIPS**, Joyce Pack's sister, underwent surgery Tuesday in Michigan. **NEIL BURDEN** was admitted to Hardin Memorial, Room 257, Tuesday with breathing problems.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Carl Mercer
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
Dana Fox	Rosa Lee Norman
Howard Gardner	Joyce Pack
Faye Guess	Grace Speer
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Ruby Keister	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells
Diane Lewis	Jim & Dyrena 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, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson

**Additional Prayer List:** Weita Anderson, Delsie Axton, Porche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Jennifer Hornback (CHHS student/auto accident), Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Robert Moyers, John Pawley, Rob & Kim Pell, Willie Pence, Steven Pitcock, Gary & Becky Ray and Family, Joe & Patsy Richter, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Mary Stough, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendell & Margaret Whisenant, Sondra Woosley

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to Linda Carter and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Delmer White (also a former member at Etown). His funeral was held in Andalusia, Alabama last Saturday.

Also, we express our sympathy to Adrian Price in the recent death of his brother-in-law, Cecil Brown. His funeral was held in Michigan.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Angie Carter and her family in the death of her grandfather, Charles Pottinger, who passed away early Tuesday morning. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the time of this printing.

## Congratulations

David & Donna Pence are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Madeline Michelle Pence, born March 2 in Lexington, Kentucky. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Proud parents are Cory & April Pence, proud older brother is Cole Pence, and proud great-grandparents are Howard & Teanie Pence.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SENIOR SAINTS BREAKFAST**, Saturday, **March 14**, 8:30 a.m., at Golden Corral.
- **YOUTH SERVICE DAY**, Saturday, **March 14**. Plans are to clean up trees and brush for elderly members.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **March 15**, hosted by David & Claudia Woodring.
- **E-TOWN LADIES DAY**, Saturday, **March 21**, with Janie Gallagher from Fairmont, WV. Theme: Vessels of Clay. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. R.S.V.P. by March 16 if you plan to attend.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **March 22**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR** at Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, Saturday, **March 28**. A sheet with speakers and times is posted on the bulletin board.
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**, Sunday morning, **March 29**, in the South Wing. CSG #1 will be set up before the meal and CSG #2 will clean up.
- **5th SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING**, **March 29**
- **SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**, **April 12-15**, with Phil Sanders

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 3/15/09

Pkgs./Boxes of Rice

### OUR RECORD FOR

March 8, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	120
Sunday Morning Assembly	208
Sunday Evening Assembly	111
Wednesday Bible Study	123
Ladies Bible Class	17
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,624

**Elder/Coordinator for March**  
**Ron Carter**

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## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: I am the god who was disgraced when I broke in the presence of the Ark of the Covenant. Who am I?***

***Last Week's Bible Question: I am the wife of the man who was hung on gallows that he built to hang another person. Who am I? The correct answer is Zeresh, Esther 5:10-11.***

Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker, Kay Pack, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Lorene Harris, Helen Raby and Rick Eiler.

*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

Mar. 14 — Super Saints Breakfast, Golden Corral  
Mar. 14 — Youth Service Day  
Mar. 15 — Youth Devo  
Mar. 21 — Ladies Day  
Mar. 22 — Singing at Atria  
Mar. 28 — Fundamental Truths Seminar  
Mar. 29 — Congregational Potluck  
Mar. 29 — 5th Sunday Night Singing

## PARTICIPATION

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