



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

This year in *Confidence Corner* we are examining how the inspired New Testament writers applied the passages from the inspired Old Testament writers so that our knowledge, faith, and therefore our confidence, will grow

(Romans 10:17).

This week we will examine how Luke through inspiration employed a passage from the book of Exodus. In Exodus 1:8 we read "Now there arose a new King over Egypt who did not know Joseph." In Acts 7:18 Luke records Stephen's great sermon. With few words, Stephen traced Hebrew history from Abraham on past Moses.

The passage in Exodus is pretty straight forward—the new King did not remember the great things Joseph had done for Egypt. His relationship with Israel was not based on gratitude like his predecessor had been.

In Acts 7:18, Stephen seems to use one of his points of contrast in building his case for Jesus. Whereas Joseph and his brethren were accepted and appreciated by an earlier Pharaoh, they were rejected by a later Pharaoh. Because of this Israel needed a deliverer. This deliverer was found in Moses—but not until Moses would realize his humility before God.

When Moses tried at age forty to be a deliverer, the next day when he appeared and attempted to settle a dispute among his own brethren, he was rebuked and asked, "Who made you a ruler and judge over us."

It was the point Stephen was making about the rejection of Moses that led to his implication—as Moses was rejected by his brethren, Jesus who was greater than Moses, was rejected by His own people—the very ones Stephen was addressing. The question we need to ask ourselves is, "Are we guilty of rejecting Jesus or are we willing to stand with Jesus at the very cost of our life like Stephen?"

JFB

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

What a wonderful blessing it was to have Phil Sanders with us for our gospel meeting this past week. Each lesson challenged our thinking and provided practical lessons to be learned. My thanks to all who attended this series of lessons.



Attention all Taylor Christian Camp staff members!!!! There is a mandatory staff meeting on June 6, 2009 at the Corinth church of Christ at 5:00 PM EST. Plans are to have a meal following the meeting. We need to take food items complimentary to grilled food.



Vacation Bible School

This year we will be conducting Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 27. We will start at 9:00 AM and be done around 2:00 PM. Classes will be held for all ages, including adults. Lunch will also be provided that day in the form of a cookout.



Weekly Bulletin

We are going to begin sending the weekly bulletin by email to those who are interested. You will receive the email on Thursday of each week, which is quicker than the Postal Service will deliver by snail mail. Please send an email to: churchofchrist@kvnet.org and let us know of your request.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *A Closer Examination of Some Biblical Thoughts, Acts 17:11-15*

P.M. - *Language of Worship
Genesis 22:3-5*

Atheist Day

One of the members at Etown recently gave me an email bulletin entitled "*Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day.*" Of course when I read the title I was intrigued. As I read further, I began to wonder whether or not this bulletin actually was a true story; nonetheless, I felt it does contain a powerful point that I want to share with all of you.

As I mentioned last Wednesday night, the latest *American Religious Identification Survey* released indicated an increase in the number of people who hold no religious affiliation. In 1990 the survey indicated that 8% of the population of the United States reported no religious affiliation. In the survey released in 2009, the number who indicated no religious affiliation increased to 15%.

Even more alarming to some was the fact that the area where the biggest increase was found was the Northeast. Why was this alarming? Well, traditionally the Pacific Northwest has been the area of the country where those who held no religious beliefs had previously as a population been concentrated. Now, the most recent survey indicates that the Northeast is the area where the greatest increase of those who hold no Christian religious beliefs are located. The irony of all of this (as well as the sadness) comes from the fact that the Northeast is the original area settled by those who came to this country in search of religious freedom.

While those numbers probably do not indicate that we are now to be considered a "Post-Christian" nation, the numbers sure indicate that we are moving in that direction and we as Christians need to wake up. Of course with any survey there are elements that may have a bearing on the legitimacy of the survey as well. It does seem fair to say that God is less of a force in American politics and culture more than any time in recent history.

Well, you may have thought I had forgotten the illustration I mention in the first paragraph. Let me get back to at least the decision of the judge that resulted in the title of the email bulletin "*Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day.*"

Without getting into all the details of the case, the following is the record of the judge's ruling according to the email bulletin that was circulated:

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

Although some may view the ruling as "humorous," I would say it is probably more sad than anything. Imagine the state of the one who does not recognize God (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

Whether or not the illustration is a true court case in the state of Florida, there will be a Judge that all atheists will face. Romans 14:11 notes "As I live says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Paul through inspiration then reminds in verse 12 "So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

NEIL BURDEN hopes to be released from Hardin Memorial Friday after a lengthy hospital stay.

DYRENA WHITE underwent a procedure Monday in Louisville. She is currently dealing with an infection and future surgery will be scheduled at a later date.

JOHN BOARD, John's dad, was to be released from the hospital in Ohio Wednesday. **JOE GATTIS**, Mickey Gattis' dad, has been diagnosed with cancer.

CARL AXTON, Mary Ann Hardesty's stepfather, is having eye difficulties with a blood clot behind his retina.

MARY MONTGOMERY, Kay Pack's mother, was admitted to Northeast Mississippi Medical Center, Room 6604, Monday due to a recent fall. She is also undergoing other tests.

MARGARET HOFFMAN, Beatrice Rogers' mother, was in Hardin Memorial last weekend and was released Monday.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	J Martin
Barbara Allen	Carl Mercer
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
Dana Fox	Grace Spear
Howard Gardner	Harry Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
Ruby Keister	Lawrence Wells
Kent Lane	Jim & Dyrena White
Diane Lewis	

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:

Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, 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, Priscilla Boyd (Beth's mom), John Bryant (Murfreesboro, TN), Porsche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Erin Chapman (auto accident), Doug Edwards, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Jennifer Hornback, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Robert Moyers, John Pawley, Rob & Kim Pell, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Mary Stough, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendell & Margaret Whisenant, Sondra Woosley, Sherrie Yancy

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/19/09 Canned meats

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LADIES NIGHT OUT**, Saturday, **April 18**, 6:00 p.m. hosted by Brenna Board. Bring your favorite salad or dessert.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **April 19**, at the Board's home.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **April 26**, at 3:00 p.m.

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,
Thanks so much for your cards and flowers for my 90th birthday! It had a wonderful day with my family. So grateful for my church family, also. Thanks for your love.
Ruby Keister

Attention K-5th Graders

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for this year's Bible Bowl in Madisonville, KY, to be held on Saturday, August 8. Questions will be taken from the book of 1 Samuel. Please see Ken or Monica Bybee if you have any questions.

Youth News

Taylor Christian Bible Camp is June 14-19. Applications are in the lobby.
Horizons applications can be accessed online at Freed-Hardeman's website <http://horizons.fhu.edu>.
Horizons is July 5-10 for 7th-12th graders.

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OUR RECORD FOR

April 12, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	179
Sunday Morning Assembly	241
Sunday Evening Assembly	160
Wednesday Bible Study	116
Ladies Bible Class	18
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,412

Elder/Coordinator for April
Henry McAlister

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What strange object was placed in water to make it sweet?

Last Week's Bible Question: What nation was Milcom the god of? The correct answer is Ammon, 1 Kings 11:5.

Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Kay Thomason, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Helen Raby, Rick Eiler, Joyce Pack, Edna Ashlock, Lorene Harris and Bloria Taylor. Helen Raby's name was omitted from the list of those who had the correct answer last week.

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. Ruth 1-4; Luke 11:29-54
2. 1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 12:1-34
3. 1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 12:35-59
4. 1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 13:1-21
5. 1 Samuel 10-12; Luke 13:22-35
6. 1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 14:1-24
7. 1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 14:25-35

Apr. 18 — Ladies Night Out
Apr. 19 — Youth Devo
Apr. 26 — Singing at Atria
May 31 — 2009 Senior Recognition Banquet

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