

# The Caller

A Weekly Newsletter of the Elizabethtown church of Christ

## Confidence Corner

John F. Board

## Fort Gay Mission Report

This week in "Confidence Corner" we are going to take a break from our study of Old Testament passages referenced by inspired New Testament writers. We will return to our study next week.

As I sit and write the column this week I am in a Gospel Meeting in Fort Gay, West Virginia. I wanted to write to encourage others about this work in Appalachia. I cannot tell you all enough how much your generosity as a congregation at Elizabethtown means to this strong group of faithful Christians.

Your support of the work at Fort Gay seems to also be a wise use of the Lord's money. For example, on Sunday, although the regular attendance is normally in the 40's (when the support for the work here began, they were running in the 20's), the congregation set a record for attendance at 67. But listen to this—the congregation had a goal of 80.

Also, members have been busy both inviting others who have ties to the Church and those who have no knowledge of the Church. We have had the opportunity to teach those who were once faithful as well as those who are in religious error. Your prayers are now coveted that the seed planted will result in increase from God.

Let me mention a few random things that have been an encouragement to me. The Crum family has opened their home to me and provided wonderful accommodations. Other members have had me into their homes for meals. Following each service, most all the members and many visitors have enjoyed food and fellowship together. Most importantly, like home, the people love to hear the truth proclaimed.

I look forward to great things from this group of faithful Christians. Jim Farley is a man I respect highly as a preacher. I have known Jim for some time. My new knowledge of the members at Fort Gay increase my confidence that they will be a congregation found pleasing to the Lord when he returns.

JFB

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

## Attention Taylor Christian Camp Staff Members

There will be a mandatory staff meeting at the Corinth church of Christ on Saturday, June 6, which will start at 5:00 PM. The bus will leave the building at 3:00 PM. This will be the last planning session before camp.



## Taylor Christian Camp Camper Meeting

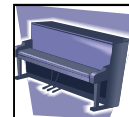
I would like to meet with campers and at least one parent on Sunday, May 17, at 5:30 PM. in Room 10. I promise to make this a short meeting. There have been some changes in the format of camp. If your child is going to camp, please inform me so proper transportation arrangements can be made.



## The Entertainment Mentality

This past Saturday I was in Owensboro with the Etown High School Lady Panther softball team. As we were driving into town I saw an intriguing billboard advertising a church that meets in town. It was the tagline that caught my attention. The tagline was as follows.

Not  
But this,



just,



To me this indicates the mindset of many in today's religious world, more is better. It also shows the appeal of entertainment, as opposed to what God desires. We must remember that our worship is not

## Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Let No Man Despise Thy Youth*  
1 Timothy 4:12

P.M. - *Mary, The Mother of Jesus*  
Luke 1:26-33

## IT'S AMAZING THE WAY THINGS WORK

A week ago Friday, Brenna, Kayleigh, Emaleigh, and I all made a visit to the Hardin County Museum. Between Kayleigh's typical teenager reaction to a historical tour and Emaleigh's desire to show me everything she had gone on ahead to see, it was an interesting trip. Most importantly to me it was time spent together as a family before I left town for the Gospel Meeting at Fort Gay, WV—and I will remember it fondly (as well as the trip to Glendale and the return home to play a two against two softball game in a rain soaked yard—it was the girls vs the parents and we tied 10-10.)

As amazing of a day as that Friday a week ago was, that is not the purpose of this article. The amazing thing I had reference to in the title was how I never imagined what I would run across on my tour of the Hardin County Museum (and I am not talking about Rosie O'Bryant although we were surprised to see her as well). As we walked through a section of the museum dedicated to Lincoln, I could not believe what I ran across hanging on the wall in the hallway.

For years I had used an illustration in various lessons regarding a letter written by Abraham Lincoln to a Joshua Speed. In this letter often cited to credit the Missouri Compromise as something that rekindled Lincoln's interest in politics, I had often mentioned a portion of that letter regarding Lincoln's description of a steamboat trip that he and Speed had taken together some years earlier. Upon remembering this trip, Lincoln recalls the "torment" he felt (and continued to feel) regarding the sight of those who were enslaved. Lincoln wrote the following:

"In 1841 you and I had together a tedious low-water trip, on a Steam Boat from Louisville to St. Louis. You may remember, as I well do, that from Louisville to the mouth of the Ohio, there were, on board, ten or a dozen slaves, shackled together with irons. That sight was a continued torment to me; and I see something like it every time I touch the Ohio, or any other slave-border."

Who would have thought that I would actually see the handwritten letter I had referenced numerous times. To me this was totally unexpected.

Let me take a moment and draw some applications from this quote from Lincoln's letter to Joshua Speed. First, I am amazed at Lincoln's concern for those who were physically enslaved. Of course, he himself was a free man; he did not have to face the enslavement he saw. Yet he still allowed that sight to "torment his soul."

What about us as Christians today? Unlike Lincoln we once had to face the slavery to sin. Like Lincoln, do we agonize over those who we see suffering in the slavery of sin? We should realize the end of those who are lost in sin (Matthew 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9) and indeed realize that their lost condition will mean "the loss of well-being for eternity."

Second, Lincoln did not simply see a sight that caused "torment to his soul" and then turn a blind eye to it. The torment of his soul caused him to do what he could to deliver others from their slavery.

Again, what about us as Christians? Do we do something to help those who are enslaved to sin (Mark 16:16)? Or do we turn a blind eye to those who are dying enslaved to sin? Like Lincoln I pray that we will think about what we see (people enslaved) and that we will do something to free them from their bondage.

John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY

# News and Notes

**BOB WHOBREY**, Rick Whobrey's dad, underwent surgery Tuesday in Leitchfield. **RONNIE O'BRYANT**, Rosa's husband, will have cataract surgery May 14. **BRANDT PAWLEY** had an accident at the ballpark which required stitches in his foot.

**J. C. SMITH**, Dorothy Brother's uncle, is in critical condition in St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville after undergoing surgery for an aneurysm.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Dana Fox	Grace Speer
Howard Gardner	Harry Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Dorotha Weaver
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	Jim & Dyrena White
Carl Mercer	

**Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:** Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, 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, Carl & Delsie Axton, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, John Bryant (Murfreesboro, TN), Porsche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Erin Chapman (auto accident), Elizabeth Cooper, Doug Edwards, Joe Gattis, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Doris Grimm, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Jennifer Hornback, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Mary Montgomery, 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, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

## Congratulations

Marvin & Mary Ann Hardesty have a new granddaughter, Zoey Laine Hardesty, born May 5! Carl & Delsie Axton are the proud great-grandparents. Grant Whobrey graduated from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine May 5! Joe & Amanda (Woodring) Dixon received their Masters Degrees from Lipscomb University May 9!

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 5/17/09

Peanut Butter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **K—5TH GRADE BIBLE BOWL MEETING**, Sunday morning, **May 17**, in Room 10, for participants and their parents.
- **TAYLOR CHRISTIAN CAMP MEETING** for campers and parents Sunday afternoon, **May 17**, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 10.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **May 17**
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **May 24**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK/ 2009 SENIOR RECOGNITION BANQUET**, Sunday morning, **May 31**, in the South Wing honoring our five high school graduates—Terri Brangers (EHS), Ryan Clack (JHHS), Kevin Nowland (MCHS), Lauren Pack (EHS) and Samantha Tackett (EHS). CSG #2 will be in charge of set up for the meal and CSG #3 will have clean up duties.
- **SUPER SAINTS RESTORATION TRIP** to Cane Ridge, Friday, **June 26**. This is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to go. Plans are to leave the building at 8:30 a.m. and return to Etown later that afternoon. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Any questions, please check with Gene Stough.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, Saturday, **June 27**, from 9:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.

## Youth News

Taylor Christian Bible Camp is June 14-19. Mandatory Camp Staff meeting June 6 at Corinth Church of Christ at 5:00 p.m. Horizons applications can be accessed online at Freed-Hardeman's website <http://horizons.fhu.edu>. Horizons is July 5-10 for 7th-12th graders.

### OUR RECORD FOR

May 10, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	149
Sunday Morning Assembly	225
Sunday Evening Assembly	159
Wednesday Bible Study	139
Ladies Bible Class	17
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,183

**Elder/Coordinator for May**  
**Mike Pence**

## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: Which Bible character referred to himself as " a dead dog?"***

***Last Week's Bible Question: How many days was a prophet told to lay on his side eating only bread and water? The correct answer is 390, Ezekiel 4:9-11.*** Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Joyce Pack, Kay Thomason, Rick Eiler, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor and Helen Raby.

*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:**

<i>Bible Classes</i>	<i>9:30 A.M.</i>
<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>10:30 A.M.</i>
<i>Evening Worship</i>	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>

**Tuesday**

<i>Ladies Bible Class</i>	<i>10:30 A.M.</i>
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**Wednesday**

<i>Evening Bible Class</i>	<i>7:00 P.M.</i>
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## Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

- Daily Bible Reading Schedule**
1. 1 Kings 12-13; Luke 24:56-58
  2. 1 Kings 14-15; John 1:1-28
  3. 1 Kings 16-18; John 1:29-51
  4. 1 Kings 19-20; John 2
  5. 1 Kings 21-22; John 3:1-21
  6. 2 Kings 1-3; John 3:22-36
  7. 2 Kings 4-5; John 4:1-30
- May 17 — K-5th Grade Bible Bowl Meeting  
 May 17 — Taylor Christian Camp Meeting  
 May 17 — Youth Devo  
 May 24 — Singing at Atria  
 May 31 — Congregational Potluck/Senior Banquet  
 June 6 — Taylor Christian Camp Staff Meeting  
 June 14-19 — Taylor Christian Bible Camp  
 June 26 — Super Saints Restoration Trip to Cane Ridge  
 June 27 — Vacation Bible School

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