



# 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).

Although Genesis 3:15 has the seed promise of a coming Messiah, throughout each dispensation of time, until the coming of Christ, God revealed information regarding "the anointed One." The prophecies became more definite and fuller as the ages rolled on; finally the "fulness of time" would arrive. This week we will examine some background information regarding the Messiah.

The Hebrew term *mashiah* (anointed one), in all the thirty-nine instances of its occurring in the Old Testament, is rendered by the LXX. "Christos." It means anointed. Thus priests (Ex. 28:41; 40:15; Num. 3:3), prophets (1 Kings 19:16), and kings (1 Sam. 9:16; 16:3; 2 Sam. 12:7) were referred to as "anointed ones" as they were anointed with oil, and so consecrated to their respective offices. The coming Messiah would Himself fulfill all the three offices. Psalm 45:7 reveals a coming Messiah who will be anointed above His fellow Kings. Here we see God anointing God.

The Greek form "Messias" is only twice used in the New Testament, in John 1:41 and 4:25 ("Messiah"), and in the Old Testament the word *Messiah*, as the rendering of the Hebrew, occurs only twice (Dan 9:25, 26; "the anointed one"). The expectations of the Jews were thus kept alive from generation to generation, till the "fulness of the time," when the Messiah came, "made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law." In Him all these ancient prophecies have their fulfillment. Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the great Deliverer who was to come. (Comp. Matt. 26:54; Mark 9:12; Luke 18:31; 22:37; John 5:39; Acts 2; 16:31; 26:22, 23.)

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## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

### Attention Parents of Taylor Christian Camp Campers

This year we will not be providing lunch for the kids going to camp. Each parent will be responsible to feed their kids and have them back at the building by

12:45 PM. The caravan will be leaving at 1:00 PM sharp. If your kids are not here by that time you will need to bring them to camp. We welcome visitors to come to camp, but please remember that we have activities going on throughout the day. Also remember there is no need to send money with your kids as the canteen will be provided at no charge.

### Vacation Bible School Staff Meeting

There will be a staff meeting on June 7 at 5:00 PM for all who are going to be involved with VBS. I am in need of a few creative folks who would like to coordinate the craft sessions. I also need a teacher for the 5th-6th Grade class. Please be inviting your friends to spend the day with us as we go "**Fishing with the Master.**"

### A Special Thank You

I wish to thank Terry Nowland for coordinating the Senior Banquet last Sunday. Terry does many things to insure that our young folks are involved and active in the work of the congregation. Thanks also to Jean Woodring for everything she contributed to the decorations at the head table. Thanks to the parents of our graduates for providing and decorating the walls with the pictures of your graduate. Many positive comments were heard about those special memories that you shared. Finally, thanks to all who stayed and honored our graduates in many ways.

### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Jesus, The Shepherd*  
*Psalms 23*

P.M. - *Pride*  
*Proverbs 16:17-19*

## Abraham—Commanded His Household

Male leadership—how often we find it lacking in our homes and in the church. Such was not the case with Abraham. On the pages of Scripture we find testimony to the fact that Abraham was the type of man of whom God approved. Sixteen of the thirty-nine Old Testament books mention Abraham. Seven of the eight New Testament writers refer to him. In I Peter 3:6 the inspired writer reveals how Sarah, Abraham's wife submitted to her husband; such was pleasing to Sarah in as much as she called him lord. Moses through inspiration recorded that Abraham commanded his household (Genesis 18:19). Consider some characteristics of this man of God.

First God "had knowledge" of Abraham. Abraham was a man of faith. His trust in God had led him on numerous occasions to obey even when he did not know where his obedience would lead him. His faith would later lead him to choose to worship God rather than worshipping the son God had given him (Genesis 22). But there is more to the knowledge spoken of in Genesis 18:19. God's knowledge of Abraham here was similar to God's knowledge of Jeremiah (1:5) and his knowledge of Israel as a nation (Amos 3:2). Such knowledge involves a setting apart and that is why some translations have rendered the first part of Genesis 18:19 as "I have chosen Abraham." It was based upon this knowledge/choosing of Abraham, first recorded in Genesis 12 that God chose to reveal to Abraham His plan to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah.

God revealed the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham so that he could direct his descendants to walk in the ways of God and do what was right. It would be based upon this continued walk with God that God would fulfill his promise to Abraham's descendants. God gave the responsibility of teaching the principle that reward from God only comes through faithfulness to Him, to the head of the household.

Men still have the same responsibility placed upon them today. A part of loving your wife often missed in reading Ephesians 5:22ff is caring enough to see that she is "nourished" physically—and more importantly spiritually. It is to fathers that Paul writes and admonishes "...provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Men are to provide the spiritual headship in the home. Much like in Abraham's day, the responsibility of teaching our households to do right and keep the ways of the Lord, will have a determining role on whether our households ever receive from God the promise he has made possible—heaven. Do you as a husband and father command your household to keep the way of the Lord?

Notice where commanding the household starts. In Genesis 18:19 we read that Abraham commanded his household **after him** (emphasis mine jfb). Like Abraham of old, men must first have a relationship with God that can be seen by other family members. Does your household see you read your Bible? Does your family know you to be a man of prayer? Is it obvious that you are a "friend of God?" If not this is where you must start to make the necessary corrections before you will ever be able to command your household in the ways of God.

If you already have a relationship with God, how is your spiritual relationship with your wife? Are you providing the spiritual nourishing that she needs? There is no substitute for God's plan for building self-esteem in women. Too often marriages fail because the man has not been attentive to the needs of his wife. The wife, contrary to God's will, then seeks fulfillment of her needs elsewhere. What greater insurance could there be of marriage as intended by God, than making God the focus of that marriage. Who is to take the lead in seeing that God is the focus of the marriage? The Bible teaches it is the Christian husband.

How is your relationship with your children? Do you love them? We often show our children we love them in many ways except in the most important way of all—teaching them to walk in the ways of the Lord and do right. The value God has placed upon early training of children in His ways cannot be overstated. Deuteronomy 6:4ff still should be practiced today by all parents, but especially fathers. Reading secular books aloud to our children is an excellent way to help them grow in their ability to read but have you ever considered how that principle could be applied to Bible reading? Please don't fall into the trap of thinking the church will provide the spiritual instruction for your children. God has always placed that responsibility upon the parents, and ultimately upon the father.

Abraham commanded his household. This enabled them to enjoy the blessings of the promises of God. If we command our household we can help mold hearts to choose to follow God and receive eternal promises.

John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY

# News and Notes

**JIM WHITE** was transferred to University of Louisville Hospital Sunday and is currently in Room 837 with very serious health problems. **DEREK ROGERS** was released from Hardin Memorial last weekend. **JOHN WEAVER** was seen in the ER at Hardin Memorial Saturday and has been diagnosed with Lyme Disease. **DORIS SIMPSON** will have shoulder surgery June 9. **STEPHANIE PACK** will have her tonsils removed June 9 at Hardin Memorial. **LAURA MUNCY** will have outpatient surgery June 11 at Hardin Memorial. **MARY MONTGOMERY**, Kay Pack's mother, began chemotherapy treatments Monday. **MARGARET HOFFMAN**, Beatrice Rogers' mother, is not doing well at this time.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

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

**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

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 06/07/09 Canned Beets

## Thank You

A special thanks to my church family for your prayers, phone calls and cards following my recent knee surgery.

*Barry Barclay*

## BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE MAY 2009

Food Center	139 families helped
Clothing Center	90 families helped

## CORRESPONDENCE COURSE UPDATE MAY 2009

Courses graded	130
New enrollees	13

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Pam Ball        | 14. LaVelle Dyer    |
| Michael Morrow     | 15. Jason Brothers  |
| 5. Bradley Lackey  | Adrian Price        |
| Kayleigh Board     | 17. Pam Tackett     |
| Makayla Morrow     | 20. Johanna Morgan  |
| 8. Shirley Goodin  | 22. Grace Speer     |
| 9. Henry McAlister | Lauren Pack         |
| Marvin Hardesty    | Courtney Vernon     |
| 12. Terry Nowland  | 26. Anisia Woodring |
| 13. Dan Marcum     | 30. Harry Stull     |

### Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Mike & Patsy Pence       | June 2  |
| Howard & Millie Gardner  | June 5  |
| Greg & Susie Pawley      | June 7  |
| Charles & Janice Hardin  | June 8  |
| Allen & Mary Woodring    | June 9  |
| Courtney & Kristy Vernon | June 10 |
| Daniel & Nickie Calloway | June 11 |
| Owen & Marietta Solomon  | June 12 |
| Ray & Kay Pack           | June 15 |
| Carl & Joyce Mercer      | June 16 |
| Greg & Lisa Treadway     | June 18 |
| Michael & Donna Barrett  | June 21 |
| Roy & Peggy Johnson      | June 25 |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CAMP STAFF MEETING**, Saturday, **June 6**, at Corinth Church of Christ at 5:00 p.m. The bus will leave the building at 3:00 p.m.
- **5TH GRADERS & UNDER ICE CREAM GATHERING** Sunday night, June 7, in the South Wing after services. Each child is asked to bring at least three names and addresses of friends to invite to our VBS (June 27). Ice cream will be provided and parents are asked to bring either toppings, cookies, brownies or drinks.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **June 8**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **SUPER SAINTS RESTORATION TRIP** to Cane Ridge, Friday, **June 26**, open to anyone in the congregation who would like to go.

## OUR RECORD FOR May 31, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	154
Sunday Morning Assembly	228
Sunday Evening Assembly	127
Wednesday Bible Study	153
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,106

**Elder/Coordinator for June  
Rick Whobrey**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: What king slept in a bed that measured 4 cubits wide and was 9 cubits long?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: What Bible character was killed when a woman dropped a large stone on his head? The correct answer is Abimelech, Judges 9:52-53.* Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Joyce Pack, Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor, Rick Eiler, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson and Lorene Harris.

*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.	1 Chronicles 20-22; John 10:22-42
2.	1 Chronicles 23-25; John 11:1-17
3.	1 Chronicles 26-27; John 11:18-46
4.	1 Chronicles 28-29; John 11:47-57
5.	2 Chronicles 1-3; John 12:1-19
6.	2 Chronicles 4-6; John 12:20-50
7.	2 Chronicles 7-9; John 13:1-17

June 6 — Taylor Christian Camp Staff Meeting  
June 7 — VBS Meeting  
June 7 — 5th Grade & Under Ice Cream Get-together  
June 8 — Church Workers Workshop  
June 14-19 — Taylor Christian Bible Camp  
June 26 — Super Saints Restoration Trip to Cane Ridge  
June 27 — Vacation Bible School

## PARTICIPATION

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