



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).

Sunday morning I made reference to Psalm 22 and the Messianic application employed by various inspired New Testament writers. I would like to examine that thought further in this week column. Thoughts from an article by Wayne Jackson will be used in this article. They will be edited for space.

It may seem curious to say that Jesus was rejected by God, but, in a certain sense, that is very true. The psalm begins with the words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" see Mt. 26:53) because of His great love for humanity (Jn. 3:16). Divine "justice" was thus satisfied (Isa. 53:11; Rom. 3:25-26), and mercy was extended to Adam's sinful family (Eph. 2:4). What a magnificent plan (1-5).

At the hands of cruel men, the Son of God was treated as a "worm." He was despised, ridiculed, and abused. Jesus' trust was focused in His Father (6-13).

The cruelty of the crucifixion is poignantly depicted — bones out of joint, parched tongue, pierced hands and feet. The physical pain and emotional turmoil are incalculable. And all the while hardened soldiers gambled for his garments (14-18).

In the hour of darkness, hope could be found only in God. "Stay close to me, Lord . . . save me from the beasts that would devour me," is his pleading sentiment. Compare with this the thought expressed in Hebrews 5:7; in the trying ordeal of Gethsemane, He was "heard on account of his godly fear" (19-21).

The Savior breaks forth in an anthem of praise in the midst of God's people. Jehovah is to be extolled. He did not abandon the son of Mary; rather, He "heard" the cries of His suffering child. There is the implication here of Jesus' resurrection from the dead by the hand of God Almighty (22-31).

JFB

Vacation Bible School



"FISHING WITH THE MASTER"

June 27, 2009

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Classes For All Ages



On Monday evening seven of us traveled to Bowling Green for the first of three area wide youth devotionals. There were over 90 young folks there. Add in the adults and there were well over 100 folks in attendance. Jerry Elder presented a lesson on "You Can do it - Living a Positive Life in a Negative World." His message centered around Paul's encouraging words in Galatians 5:16-26. Our young people face many challenges as they grow into adulthood. We, as adults need to offer the same type of words as Paul did in order to assist them in becoming well grounded and rooted. The next area wide devotional will be held at South Green Street on July 13th. I am honored to be the speaker.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Lessons from Jesus and the Devil*
Matthew 4:1-11

P.M. - *The Facts of Global Warming: Are You Prepared?*
Matthew 24:36-44

Looking Back

Last Wednesday evening we were at a place in our study of Nehemiah that allowed us to look back at those who had come before and made sacrifices that enabled us to have a congregation in Elizabethtown. In the process of doing so, I was looking at old records in *The Caller* (1955-1957-1959). We even laughed together as I read the first announcement regarding Carl and Joyce Mercer's 9 1/2 inch son, David (that gives new meaning to the song..."only a little boy David..."). Of course the 9 1/2 inch part was simply a typo, but nonetheless it did provide a humorous moment.

I was intrigued by *The Caller* and continued to read in it some the next day. I was surprised at what I found and how truly, as we often say, it is a small world. Most of you are aware of the work at Fort Gay, WV. The congregation here at Etown helps to support this good work of wonderful Christian workers. What you would not be aware of unless you read the old issues of *The Caller* is that in the first issue we have in the bound volume of *The Caller* (on the same page as the Mercer's birth announcement) is the following letter:

Dear Brethren:

We received 4 boxes of nice clothing you sent for the needy in this area. We thank you very much for helping us help so many who are in need.

Yours for truth,
W. G. Corns, Elder
Crum, West Virginia

You may read that letter and say, "What does that have to do with anything?" Well unless you knew that Crum, WV is in the same vicinity at Fort Gay, WV you might not understand the significance. Jim Farley, the minister at Fort Gay, moved from Crum, WV. The name W. G. Corns is well known in that area of West Virginia. I simply found it quite interesting that the congregation at Elizabethtown not only helps to support the work in Appalachia today, it also records a limited support of that area in some of its earliest records.

I also was intrigued by what I found in the April 10th, 1958 issue of *The Caller*. In a section acknowledging visitors, I again was amazed at what a small world it truly is. Listed as visitors were Mrs. Edith Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Cunningham, daughter Bertha and Connie Dotson—all of Chester, West Virginia. The note added, "Bro. Cunningham is an elder of the church there." I read that and thought, "No way!" Most of you know I grew up in Chester. I found the truth later in life, but when I was attending the Cunningham's were as well. It was not surprising to me that even in the fifties they would travel what must have been a more lengthy trip than now is the case, because the Cunninghams continued to drive all over even in later years. Otha (or as I knew him better, John) Cunningham served as a elder a second time after returning to Chester. He continued that service till the end of his life.

Along with the Cunningham's was a Mrs. Edith Hart. She too was a member of the congregation in Chester. What I remember most about Mrs. Hart was that she and her husband would pick up my parents and drive them to the polls to vote (I am not certain why as my parents drove regularly...I think it was a tradition or something). I can remember as well that the Hart's also would talk to my parents about the Church. We sometimes would even attend when we were very young, though not for very long stretches. There was another lady from the Church who would stop and bring my sisters and me presents every Christmas (we lived two doors down for the building). I remember her showing us the Jule Miller filmstrips. I remember thinking that she and the Hart's had invited us to come to services. That is at least the memory of a young boy. For me, it is simply amazing how things often come together. Though years and miles apart, these people touched the lives of those in Etown and also my life. Those years separate, the congregation here has supported the work in Appalachia. I heard Mary say it in the office a little bit ago—"Isn't it a small world?" It truly is!

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

JIM WHITE is now at home, following a hospital stay.

DORIS SIMPSON had shoulder surgery Tuesday, June 9 at Hardin Memorial Hospital.

STEPHANIE PACK had her tonsils removed June 9.

LAURA MUNCY will have outpatient surgery June 11 at Hardin Memorial.

MARY MONTGOMERY, Kay Pack's mother continues her course of chemotherapy treatment. Grace Speer had outpatient surgery Wednesday.

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	Dorotha 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

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, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Robert Moyers, Ronnie O'Bryant, John Pawley, Rob & Kim Pell, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Carlos Smith, J. C. Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendell & Margaret Whisenant, Bill Wiley, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

SYMPATHY: We express our deepest sympathy to Beatrice & Ray Rogers in the passing of Beatrice's mother, Margaret Hoffman, who passed away Thursday June 4th. There was memorial service at the building Monday.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 06/14/09

Canned Beets

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SUPER SAINTS RESTORATION TRIP** to Cane Ridge, Friday, **June 26**, 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.
- **Singing at Atria**, Sunday afternoon, June 28 at 3:00 p.m.
- **April/May/June Birthday-Anniversary Get - together**, Sunday night, June 28, in the South Wing.
- **Area wide youth devotional** July 13, at South Green, Glasgow, KY.

Sunday Evening Lesson

If you noticed the title to Sunday evenings lesson do not be alarmed. I was reading some thoughts in *Think* magazine regarding global warming and thought to myself, "I know of one global warming for sure—when the Lord returns the earth shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10). The focus of our lesson will involve thoughts regarding our preparation for that great day. Perhaps if more people would focus their efforts upon "the good fight" (2 Timothy 4:7) they would not be searching for other causes like global warming to fill the void in their lives. I hope you will be present Sunday evening as we consider some sobering thoughts regarding our preparation for the 2nd coming.

OUR RECORD FOR

June 7, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	141
Sunday Morning Assembly	207
Sunday Evening Assembly	153
Wednesday Bible Study	136
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,539,

Elder/Coordinator for June
Rick Whobrey

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What king had a harem that was purified with perfume?

Last Week's Bible Question: What king slept in a bed that measured 4 cubits wide and was 9 cubits long? The correct answer is Og, King of Bashan, Deuteronomy 3:11.

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

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email

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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- 1 2 Chronicles 10-12; John 13:18-38
- 2 2 Chronicles 13-16; John 14
- 3 2 Chronicles 17-19; John 15
- 4 2 Chronicles 20-22; John 16:1-15
- 1 2 Chronicles 23-25; John 16:16-33
- 2 2 Chronicles 26-28; John 17
- 7 2 Chronicles 29-31; John 18:1-23

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- June 14-19 — Taylor Christian Bible Camp
- June 26 — Super Saints Restoration Trip to Cane Ridge
- June 27 — Vacation Bible School
- June 28 — Arria Singing
- June 28 — April/May/June Birthday-Anniversary

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