



# 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).

Jesus stated, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). The "scriptures" referred to here are the Old Testament scriptures. Jesus said that if we search them we will find evidence that points to Christ as the Messiah and the Son of God.

For the next few weeks we are going to examine a succession of prophecies regarding Christ. Each time we will attempt to ask the question, "How many men could have fulfilled the particular prophecy we are examining?" We will examine eight prophecies in all and then make application to at least 292 prophecies regarding Christ. To illustrate what I am trying to convey, we will take a prophecy regarding the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem and ask "How many people have been born in Bethlehem since Micah's day?" Then we will examine another prophecy predicting the crucifixion of the Messiah and ask "how many of those who were born in Bethlehem were also crucified?"

The first prophecy we will consider is found in Micah 5:2 and used in reference to Christ in Matthew 2:6. It reads "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

In looking at this prophecy by itself, there appears to be the "possibility" that this could refer to many who would be born in Bethlehem (Ephrathah). Yet after we examine just eight of the prophecies in the coming weeks, it will be quite apparent that the probability that one man could fulfill all eight prophecies, will be staggering! Stay with us for the coming weeks as we examine this proof of predictive prophecy.

JFB

## Vacation Bible School



### "FISHING WITH THE MASTER"

June 27, 2009  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### Classes For All Ages



We will have a picnic following Vacation Bible School in the South Wing. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. We are in need of chips and desserts. If you can help with either of these, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board.



### Camp News

Ray called the office from Bible Camp Monday morning with a good report from all campers and staff. Please continue to remember them in your prayers as they are away from home this week.

### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *The Tree of Life*  
Genesis 2:7-9

P.M.— *Ring Out the Message*  
John 8:30-34

## Parental Guidance

I remember the day when the term “Parental Guidance” actually had more “teeth” to it. For example, I can remember going to the movie theater in East Liverpool, Ohio and trying to get into a movie that was rated PG. Our parents were not with us (we would have definitely not been allowed to see the movie had they been there) and we tried to get in to see the movie. I remember being embarrassed as we were asked to show proof of our age. Of course we could not and guess what...they did not allow us into the movie! Boy, things sure have changed.

Today, many standards have been relaxed and sadly many parents have joined suit—they too have relaxed their guidance of their children. Could you imagine if God would have created man and left him with no guidance? Can you imagine God being more concerned with whether “His children” liked Him rather than whether He provided the instruction and correction they needed? Can you imagine God being “more concerned” about being a friend to His children than a Father? I cannot fathom any of the above suggestions.

God who provides us with guidance has instructed those who are earthly parents to provide guidance to their children (Dt 6; Ephesians 6; and much of the book of Proverbs). Sometimes like children, we do not like to heed what our Father tells us. But like children who fail to heed the godly instruction of earthly parents, when we fail to provide guidance to our children, we too will suffer consequences. Sadly the consequences often result in our own earthly children not being faithful to God. Let me word that another way—it often results in our children **being lost**. As harsh as that may sound, we need to be awakened to the reality.

Obviously all of us possess free will. Despite the efforts of a perfect Father (ie God) some people choose to turn away. So it is possible that parents can try their best to raise their children to follow God, only to see their children’s free will choice be to “not follow God.” But the purpose of this article is to remind all of us as parents to soberly examine our efforts to raise our children in the ways of the Lord.

This Sunday we celebrate Father’s Day. My challenge is to all fathers (and mothers)—examine your efforts to raise godly children. Take a step back and objectively examine your efforts. Before we know it our children will be grown and out from under our roof. Will our guidance of them provide them the best chance to be productive members of society? More importantly will our guidance and Christian example lead them to be followers of Christ.

In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge (Proverbs 14:26). Godly fear casts out all fear of man and makes the believer confident and bold (cf. Rom 8:31). Furthermore, “for his children there shall be a place of refuge.” The children of a godly person learn to trust in God from their father (14:26; Exod 20:6). As parents are our children learning the most important life lesson—fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man? If not, make the conscience decision to make a change today.

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**JIM WHITE** hopes to be released from Jewish Hospital Wednesday and is showing some slight improvement. **DORIS SIMPSON** is now at home recuperating from her shoulder surgery. **LAURA MUNCY** received a good report from her recent surgery. **JERRY TADE** has been undergoing tests for some health problems. **ZOEY HARDESTY**, one month old granddaughter of Marvin & Mary Ann Hardesty, has congenital hip displacement in both hips and has been fitted with a brace she is required to wear several hours a day. **DELMER FRAZE**, Barbara Allen's father, is currently in Hardin Memorial Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit following surgery for an aneurysm.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Carl Mercer
Barry Barclay	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Stephanie Pack
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
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, 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, 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, Mary Montgomery, Robert Moyers, 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, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 06/21/09

Canned Beets

## Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Harry Stull, one of our deacons, after his death Sunday night. A memorial service will be held at the building this Friday, June 19, at 1:00 p.m. There will be no formal visitation. Your prayers are appreciated on behalf of Wilma and the entire Stull family during this very difficult time.

## 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.
- **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. CSG #1 & #2 will host.
- **AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO** Monday night, **July 13**, at South Green, Glasgow, KY. Ray Pack will be the speaker.

## Thank You

Thank you for all your love and support at the passing of my mother, Margaret Hoffman.

*Beatrice & Ray Rogers*

Thank you to all those who came to Samantha's graduation open house. God Bless You.

*David & Pamela Tackett*

Thank you so much for hosting the Senior Banquet and for the Bible which I will use while in college at Freed-Hardeman University.

*Samantha Tackett*

## OUR RECORD FOR

June 14, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	153
Sunday Morning Assembly	209
Sunday Evening Assembly (42 at Camp)	97
Wednesday Bible Study	150
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,117

**Elder/Coordinator for June**  
**Rick Whobrey**

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**Bible Question**

***This Week's Bible Question: What evil queen "painted her face" before going to meet a rebel king?***

***Last Week's Bible Question: What king had a harem that was purified with perfume? The correct answer is King Ahasuerus, Esther 2:1-12.*** Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Joyce Pack, Kay Thomason, Lorene Harris, Edna Ashlock, Helen Raby, Rick Eiler, and 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 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 2 Chronicles 32-33; John 18:24-40  
2 2 Chronicles 34-36; John 19:1-22  
3 Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42  
4 Ezra 3-5; John 20  
1 Ezra 6-8; John 21  
2 Ezra 9-10; Acts 1  
7. Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 2:1-13

June 26 — Super Saints Restoration Trip to Cane Ridge  
June 27 — Vacation Bible School  
June 28 — Atria Singing  
June 28 — 5th Grade & Under Bible Bowl Practice  
June 28 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together  
July 5-10 — Horizons at FHU

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