



# 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).

The last few weeks in our study of the prophecies of Christ fulfilled in the NT, we began an exercise that will last a number of weeks; we are examining eight prophecies regarding Christ and calculating the probability by chance alone of such prophecies being fulfilled. Thus far we have examined Micah 5:2 and Malachi 3:1. When we place Micah 5:2 and Malachi 3:1 together and examine the supplementary truths contained, we have narrowed the number of potential people who could by chance fulfill the criteria mentioned in the passages.

This week we will consider another supplementary passage. In Zechariah 9:9 we read,

“<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
He is just and endowed with salvation,  
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey”.

So now we have to ask the following: “Of the men who were born in Bethlehem, how many had a forerunner to prepare the way...and how many who were born in Bethlehem and had a forerunner also entered Jerusalem as a ruler, riding on the colt the foal of a donkey. As we progress in our study, it is obvious the likelihood of one man fulfilling just a few prophecies becomes less and less likely by chance. With Jesus we know it was not by chance but by the awesome power of God Almighty.

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It is with sadness that we see the Pack family leave us. We know this is a good opportunity for them and so we rejoice with them. Ray has been so helpful to me in my transition to Elizabethtown and we have come to love Ray, Kay, Stephanie, and Lauren. Godspeed to the Pack's in this new chapter of life!

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## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

For those who may not have heard the announcement from the pulpit last Sunday morning, I am publishing my letter of resignation here. My work at Etown has been very enjoyable. Most young men do not have the opportunity to return home

and work with the congregation in which they grew up.

Dear Brethren:

I regret to inform you that I am resigning from my position as the Associate Minister of the Elizabethtown Church of Christ. This decision has been made after many hours of careful consideration and prayer. I will be working closely with the Elders during this period of transition. My departure will take place at some point within the next 90 days.

Thank you for the support and the opportunities that you have provided me during the last six years. It has truly been a pleasure to come home and work with this congregation.

Kay has accepted a position at Freed Hardeman University. She will be in and out of town during this period of transition. Her employment will begin on July 13.

If I can be of any assistance during this transition, please let me know. I would be glad to help in any manner that is needed.

Respectfully,  
Ray Pack

### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *The Cross*  
*Luke 23:33-38*

P.M. — *Homosexuality*  
*Romans 1:18-27*

## IT IS WRITTEN AGAIN

A few weeks ago we were examining the temptations of Jesus. In Matthew chapter four we noted that Jesus used Scripture to help him overcome the temptations of Satan. Of course in doing so, Jesus pointed out the importance of recognizing the written revelation of God as the standard of authority; He also confirmed the concept of verbal plenary inspiration when He spoke of Scripture as “every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

One point that I was addressing that I did not have time to fully develop was the truth in the statement made by Jesus in verse seven. After Satan had quoted Scripture himself, Jesus said to him, “it is written again.” It is that concept that I want us to further investigate in this week’s article.

The context of the passage is important to our understanding of what Jesus said. When Satan began his temptations of Jesus, he focused his efforts on the lust of flesh and the pride of life. Jesus had fasted forty days and was hungered; Satan came to him and said, “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” It is fascinating to me that Jesus did not prove he was the Son of God by miraculous means on this occasion, as Satan wanted, rather He indicated he was the Son of God by the respect he paid to the Scriptures (we too can show ourselves to be sons/children of God by showing our respect for the authority of Scripture).

Satan, with his wiles, attempts to use the Scriptures as well. The only problem—he was reading only a portion of what God had said on a subject. Satan quoted the one scripture as it was written, but he failed to consider all of God’s written instruction on the matter he addressed. Satan was correct—it is written—but what he failed to realize was that “it is written again.”

What did Jesus mean when he said, “It is written again.” Allow me to try to explain. We might say the same thing this way today, “It is written additionally” or “it is also written.” If we could write some commentary on what Jesus said, we would write that Jesus was indicating to Satan that although Satan had quoted the passage as it was written, Satan had failed to consider God’s additional written instruction regarding this same subject. Let us look at the application of this teaching for us today.

Today many in the religious world will say “It is written, if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31). While it is true that “it is written...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved,” many like Satan, only consider a portion of what the Scriptures teach on the subject of salvation, and fail to consider, “it is also written...He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” or “repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.” We must consider all that God has revealed on the subject of salvation in the Christian age in order to be pleasing to Him.

In addition, this same principle applies negatively. In the matter of the use of mechanical instrumental music in Christian worship, it is written “singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord” or “singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Now if someone could point out to us in the New Testament, “it is written again” or “it is written also” and then point us to a passage of scripture that authorized the playing of a mechanical instrument of music in Christian worship in addition to the “singing” we find in Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16, then we would be wrong to forbid the playing of a mechanical instrument of music in worship to God today. The truth is, we have not forbidden it—God has because “it is written” only that we should sing in Christian worship.

The principle alluded to by Jesus when he faced the temptation of the devil—it is written again—is a principle we need to study and understand. Sometimes we overlook those hidden gems as we study a familiar passage of Scripture. “It is written” and I am glad God has given us such a wonderful gift!

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**KAY THOMASON** underwent surgery Sunday at University of Louisville Hospital and was to be released Wednesday. **STEPHANIE STULL** underwent surgery Monday at Hardin Memorial and was released Tuesday. **WANDA HOGAN**, Dennis Hogan's mother, underwent additional tests Monday and will get the results July 13. **DELMER FRAZE**, Barbara Allen's dad, is now on life support at Hardin Memorial. **PANSY SELLS** had outpatient surgery Wednesday.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Carl Mercer
Barry Barclay	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Dana Fox	Doris Simpson
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Jerry Tade
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Diane Lewis	Dorotha Weaver
J Martin	Lawrence Wells
	Jim & 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

## Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Terri Brangers and her family in the death of her grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Brangers. Mrs. Brangers passed away Tuesday. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the time of this printing.

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 07/05/09 Canned carrots

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

1. Jim Maples	16. Brittany Bartelt
3. Kendrick Pence	17. Charlotte Gillim
Keegan Dunn	19. Josh Bartelt
6. Jerry Tade	21. J Martin
Jason Dunn	Monica Bartelt
Amy McClaskey	22. Shannon Hayes
7. Barbara Allen	Mike Pence
Melissa Fox	Pam Addington
8. Charles Walker	23. Jean Woodring
11. David Pence	Linda Dyer
12. Teanie Pence	25. Morgan Gattis
Randy Lane	27. Dyrena White
13. Vivian Morgan	29. Mickey Gattis
15. Maci Parks	

### Anniversaries

Bill & Nadine Fulkerson	July 2
Chuck & Linda Dyer	July 5
Sheldon & Renee Lackey	July 6
Jim & Dyrena White	July 8
Larry & Lori Clack	July 10
Bobby & Jean McKinney	July 12
Michael & Sarah Morrow	July 12
Brian & Ronda Wilkins	July 24
Dave & Pam Tackett	July 25

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **HORIZONS, July 5-10**, at Freed-Hardeman University. The bus will leave the building at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4.
- **AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO** Monday night, **July 13**, at South Green Street Church of Christ in Glasgow.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **July 13**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Tuesday, afternoon, **August 4**, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the South Wing.

## Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, visits and cards from my church family . Love, Doris Simpson

## BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE JUNE 2009

Food Center	160 families helped
Clothing Center	86 families helped

## BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE JUNE 2009

Courses graded	133
New enrollees	10

## OUR RECORD FOR June 28, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	145
Sunday Morning Assembly	221
Sunday Evening Assembly	133
Wednesday Bible Study	148
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,748

**Elder/Coordinator for July**  
**Ron Carter**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: What down and out man is mentioned as receiving a piece of silver and a gold ring from some people who knew him?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: What priest of Baal was killed during an uprising as God's people moved toward reformation? The correct answer is Mattan, 2 Kings 11:18.*

Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Joyce Pack, Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Helen Raby, Rick Eiler, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson 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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July 5-10 — Horizons at FHU  
July 13 — Area Wide Youth Devo, Glasgow  
July 13 — Church Workers Workshop  
July 19 — Youth Devo  
July 26 — Singing at Atria  
Aug. 4 — Red Cross Blood Drive  
Aug. 8 — Madisonville Bible Bowl

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1/ Job 1-3; Acts 7:1-19
2/ Job 4-6; Acts 7:20-43
3/ Job 7-9; Acts 7:44-60
4/ Job 10-12; Acts 8:1-25
5/ Job 13-15; Acts 8:26-40
6/ Job 16-18; Acts 9:1-22
7/ Job 19-20; Acts 9:23-43