



# 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, Malachi 3:1, Zechariah 9:9, Zechariah 11:12-13, Isaiah 53:7, and Psalm 22. When placed together and the supplementary truths considered, the number of potential people who could by chance fulfill the criteria mentioned in the passages has been significantly reduced.

This week we want to consider an additional passage. This week's passage is Hosea 11:1. It reads, "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son." In Matthew 2:15 we read the fulfillment of the passage "and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

As we have noted in previous weeks, the question now becomes, "How many people who were born in Bethlehem, had a forerunner to prepare the way, entered Jerusalem as a ruler, riding on the colt the foal of a donkey, was betrayed for exactly thirty pieces of silver, who, though innocent, when oppressed and afflicted and on trial for His life, made no defense for himself, was also crucified as Psalm 22 predicts, and was called out of Egypt as Hosea 11:1 suggests?

The probability of someone **by chance** fulfilling all of these prophecies would be impossible, but with God directing the events of this world, we see through faith, His great power.

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## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

It's almost time again for those big yellow objects to roll up and down the road. That's right, school begins this week. One of the many things I will miss after my family's move is the local high school sporting events our youth participate in. I

have always enjoyed watching young people from our area develop into successful, productive members of society. Please keep our young folks in your thoughts and prayers as they begin the 2009-2010 school year. They face many challenges as they wander the halls each day.



## Attention Ladies

Ladies Bible Class will resume on August 4th.

John Board will be teaching.

### *"The Attributes of God"*

It is my understanding from previous discussions that we will only meet for lunch after class ONCE per month. In an effort to make it easier to remember, lunch will be the first Tuesday of each month. I'm sure the ladies will inform me if this information is incorrect.



Thanks to so many of you who commented on the Wednesday evening Bible study over Esther 3. Hopefully we can take the lesson and make practical application to our lives.

### **Sunday's Sermons:**

A. M.— *The New Testament Church I*  
*Ephesians 5:22-32*

P.M. — *The New Testament Church II*  
*Ephesians 1:22-23*

## What Is Biblical Worship?

I recently read an article in the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society (JETS 51/3 September 2008 p.591-613)* on the topic of “biblical worship.” I guess as long as the world stands there will be attempts to find a way to justify worship practices that God has not authorized in “Christian worship” (worship regulated by the New Testament). In this particular article Michael A. Farley (not a member of the church nor a relation to our sound brother at Fort Gay) has determined (very subjectively) that those who oppose such practices as mechanical instrumental music in Christian worship, have a faulty hermeneutic (way of interpreting the Bible). I want to consider a few things that he wrote in light of some biblical evidence.

Mr. Farley notes in the article that he is attempting to find an hermeneutical model that “promotes worship that is biblical in the fullest possible way.” He argues that “If none of the individual NT books were written to be an exhaustive liturgical (worship *jfb*) manual, then it is wrong to read and apply the NT as a whole in this restrictive fashion. Not only does this misuse the NT documents, it also excludes two thirds of the canon in its approach to theologizing about worship” (610-11). I respectively would like to ask this question regarding Mr. Farley’s statements—“Who says so?” It is definitely not God!

Take for example his first statement regarding promoting worship that is biblical in the fullest possible way. I think all who are concerned with following God and His Word would be concerned with promoting biblical worship; the problem lies in what is meant by the phrase “biblical worship.” Mr. Farley seems to mean by such a statement that we should examine the OT and NT alike to arrive at our conclusion regarding worship to God. The problem with such an approach in my mind is that such an approach fails to take into consideration what God has stated on the subject. God is still the One who determines how He is to be worshipped.

It is surprising to me that so many who would argue that mechanical instruments of music could be carried over to a different age (Mosaic to Christian) would not argue similarly regarding worship practices being carried over from other ages (Patriarchal to Mosaic). Let me illustrate what I mean. When God revealed his will regarding worship practices to Moses (Mosaic age) He prescribed that only those from the tribe of Levi (more specifically those from the lineage of Aaron) could offer sacrifices on behalf of the people. Prior to this time, in the Patriarchal age (before the Mosaic) the fathers of the households would offer the sacrifices for the family (see the book of Job and Noah in the book of Genesis as examples). Does anyone promote the idea that God would have been pleased with those in the Mosaic dispensation if they had ignored God’s directive that the “priest proper” offer the sacrifices and instead argued that the head of their family offered their sacrifices because after all “God accepted such a practice in the previous age/dispensation?” [In addition please also realize that those who want to carry certain practices over from the Mosaic dispensation into the Christian dispensation (mechanical instrumental music) do not want to carry over all the practices (animal sacrifice though these were present in both previous dispensations)].

Regarding Mr. Farley’s argument that the hermeneutical approach that he refers to as “a praxis (accepted practice *jfb*) oriented regulative principle” excludes two thirds of the canon—the question needs to be asked, “why does it do so?” My answer would be that God has determined that such be the case. Again let me explain further. The entire book of Hebrews argues that the Christian was to leave behind the OT for the “new and better covenant.” Paul writes in Colossians 2:14 that Christ nailed the OT law to the cross. Paul encouraged Timothy to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). God had told Jeremiah that a time was coming when he would give the people a new covenant to follow (Jeremiah 31:31). You see, it is by God’s directive, not merely by some man’s hermeneutic, that “biblical worship” is regulated by the dispensation or age in which one lives. In order for worship to be pleasing to God it must be directed by and according to the truth God has set forth for a particular dispensation/age (John 4:24).

John F. Board  
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# News and Notes

**KAY THOMASON** was admitted to University of Louisville Hospital, Room 825, Monday afternoon with dangerously low sodium levels. Visits and phone calls must be limited at this time. **JENNIFER PATTON**, a relative of the Fulkerson family, will have gallbladder surgery July 31.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Tom Morgan
Betty Addington	Andy Nevins
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Dana Fox	Doris Simpson
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Diane Lewis	Dorothea Weaver
J Martin	Lawrence Wells
Carl Mercer	Jim White

**Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:** Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, Korry Leverett (Iraq), Joe Betterton, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed (Iraq), Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson, Dan Sloat

## Mission News

We are collecting school supplies and other specific items needed for shipments to Ukraine, Tajikistan and Honduras coordinated by Kathy Cadden in Columbus, Mississippi. A list of needed items is posted on the missions board in the lobby. If you would like to help, please place items in the large tubs in the lobby by August 9.

## Thank You

There are no words to thank you for all your kindness, cards, telephone calls, food and most of all your prayers during this very difficult time. May God bless you all. We love you all. Special thanks to John and Ray for the beautiful service on the 19th.

*The Family of Harry Stull*

*Wilma, Linda, Sharon, Jeff, Joey and their families*

## Note

Ladies Bible Class will resume Tuesday, August 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the South Wing.

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 08/02/09

Canned soup

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

1. Michael Barrett	15. Jason White
3. Kathleen Wells	17. Neil Burden
6. Zola Pence	Ryan Clack
Barbara Underwood	James Woodring
10. Kay Pack	22. Kent Lane
Gene Stough	23. Joyce Mercer
11. Jakob Fox	24. Claudia Woodring
Ray Pack	Emaleigh Board
13. Shirley Nash	Jared Wilkins
14. Marietta Solomon	26. Scott Allen
15. Jason White	Charline Rich
	31. Nathaniel Nash

### Anniversaries

J & Patsy Martin	August 3
Brian & Anisia Woodring	August 3
Dennis & Peggy Hogan	August 13
Willis & Charline Rich	August 21
Mike & Kim Parks	August 22
David & Claudia Woodring	August 28
Ronald & Rosa O'Bryant	August 30
Jerry & Emma Tade	August 31

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **K-5TH GRADE BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**, Sunday afternoon, **August 2**, at 4:30 p.m. in the South Wing. Study 1 Samuel chapters 26-31. Parents and Bible Bowl participants will have a brief meeting in Room 10 Sunday night, August 2, after evening services. Transportation to Madisonville and other details will be discussed.
- **CANE RIDGE RESTORATION LECTURESHIP**, hosted by North Lexington Church of Christ, **July 30-August 2**.
- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Tuesday, afternoon, **August 4**, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the South Wing. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- **MADISONVILLE K-5TH GRADE BIBLE BOWL**, Saturday, **August 8**
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 16-18** with Dave Miller of Apologetics Press.

## OUR RECORD FOR

July 26, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	130
Sunday Morning Assembly	210
Sunday Evening Assembly	136
Wednesday Bible Study	115
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,673

**Elder/Coordinator for August  
Henry McAlister**

## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: We all know that a stone was used to seal the tomb of Jesus, but who had a stone cover moved from a well so she could water her livestock?***

***Last Week's Bible Question: What prophet had a vision of a desolate day when no birds were in the sky? The correct answer is Jeremiah, Jeremiah 4:25.*** Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Joyce Pack, Edna Ashlock, Rick Eiler, Mary Walker, Betty Bray and Katy Watson.

*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. Psa. 36-37; Acts 23:1-11
2. Psa. 38-40; Acts 23:12-35
3. Psa. 41-43; Acts 24
4. Psa. 44-46; Acts 25
5. Psa. 47-49; Acts 26
6. Psa. 50-52; Acts 27:1-25
7. Psa. 53-55; Acts 27:26-44

July 30--Aug. 2 — Cane Ridge Restoration Lectureship  
 Aug. 4 — Ladies Bible Class Resumes  
 Aug. 4 — Red Cross Blood Drive  
 Aug. 8 — Madisonville Bible Bowl  
 Aug. 10 — Church Workers Workshop  
 Aug. 30 — Congregational Potluck  
 Sept. 11-12 — Diana Singing, TN  
 Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller

## PARTICIPATION

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