



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, Psalm 22, and Hosea 11:1. 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 will examine our last passage. We noted at the beginning of our study a few weeks ago, that we would examine eight passages. Psalm 2:1-2 notes, "Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed..." This verse describes an attack upon Jesus and His divine kingdom, and in its ultimate sense, refers to the cross.

Again, hang in there with me—I know this may be getting tedious—but I feel it is important. 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, was called out of Egypt as Hosea 11:1 suggests, and had the nations in an uproar to where they were devising a vain thing against Him? Stay with me—next week we will attempt to draw all these weeks of study together for our conclusion.

JFB

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Ukraine, Tajikistan and Honduras School Supply Drive

Time is rapidly approaching for your donations to be at the building for this mission effort. Items are requested by August

9. This is an opportunity for the church to serve others as we have been commanded. Thanks to Mickey & Susan Gattis for coordinating this effort.



Madisonville Bible Bowl

This Saturday, August 8, 18 of our young people in Kindergarten through 5th Grade will participate in the annual Bible Quest hosted by the Madisonville church of Christ. These young people have been studying the book of 1 Samuel for some time in order to prepare for this event. We offer our thanks to these young folks for the hard work they have put into their preparation. Thanks to Ken & Monica Bybee for spearheading this period of study. There will be further details about this event in next week's bulletin.



On the Lighter Side

Always and never are two words you should always remember to never use.

Why is it that if you tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe, he will believe you. But tell him the park bench has just been painted, and he has to touch it to be sure?

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.— *What Does It Mean to Be A Christian*
John 1:1-7

P.M. — *Design: Have You Considered the*
Human Mind, Psalm 139:13-16

Honoring the Hoary Head

I wonder how many, especially of the younger generation in our society would know from the title of this article what I am about to write. Partly the reason for such a lack of understanding might be the King James wording I have chosen for my article. If I quoted the passages in another translation, the confusion would no doubt be diminished. Consider Leviticus 19:32 and Proverbs 16:31 in the NASV updated. They read “You shall rise up before the gray headed and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD” and “A gray head is a crown of glory...” respectively. Okay, now you know the idea behind the title of the article—let us examine a few thoughts together.

Many are concerned about the direction our country seems to be heading in regards to health care. Whether it is true or not, many are indicating that the new proposed health care system would choose to allow those who are older and who have “lived life” to simply die. Similar claims are made of other nations. Whether this is an accurate portrayal of where the new health care plan will lead or not, this much I do know—nations who head down such a path do not usually last long. How soon some forget the admonitions of God regarding our view of those who have grown in knowledge and wisdom.

Although the book of Ecclesiastes describes the period of advanced years as a time when the physical body is limited (12:2-8 Alzheimer's is also brought on by a failure of the physical mind), the most important benefit of age is knowledge and wisdom gained from a study of God's Word. Some have noted that as they get older, they have fewer and fewer contacts in this world and more and more contacts in the realm of eternity. For this reason, they often state that their minds are drawn more to the realm of eternity. Although I do not doubt that this could play a part in their thinking, I also hope that their study of God's Word through the years has led them to a greater faith and desire to be with God (Romans 10:17).

Those advanced in knowledge and wisdom are of great benefit to society and to the Church. The question we need to ask ourselves is, “do we recognize the benefit available to us in this great resource?” I know my daughters get frustrated with me when after we leave from a visit with an hoary headed member because I begin “grilling” them over whether they caught what the member said that I think is so important to the Christian life (yeah I know, I should give them more credit for listening...but I don't want them to miss these great thoughts!). I know some of you take advantage of these opportunities for your children as well because you spend time visiting with the hoary headed members. I encourage this activity as a blessing to all parties involved.

One of the things I enjoy so much as a preacher, although I am encouraged by comments from all ages, is to hear one who is older than myself, confirm the truths that I preach. Why is this an encouragement to me? To me, those who are older have spent more time in study of God's Word and I am encouraged that they come to me and in essence say, “Those things that you preach, I have studied them and they are true!” This past week I even received a nice note regarding last week's article in *The Caller*. To those advanced in knowledge and wisdom, please know that you are an encouragement to me and many others and you are a vital part of the body of Christ!

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

DORSEY MORROW, Michael Morrow's dad, suffered a massive stroke Saturday night and is in Baptist East Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama. **KIRSTEN WEBB**, Joe & Dorothy Brothers' granddaughter, underwent surgery Wednesday in Louisville.

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, 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

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Dorothy Brothers and her family in the death of her uncle, Gene Wiser. His funeral was held Thursday in Tennessee. Also, our deepest sympathy is expressed to Richard & Betty Lawson in the death of their daughter-in-law, Michelle Lawson, who passed away Sunday night after a long battle with cancer. Her funeral was held Tuesday.

Thank You

The family of Delmer Frazee would like to thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and the many prayers on behalf of our loved one. Words cannot express our gratitude for all the kindness shown to us at this difficult time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Jewell, Bonnie & David Frazee and Barbara Allen

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE JULY 2009

Food Center	168 families helped
Clothing Center	96 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE JULY 2009

Courses graded	121
New enrollees	15

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 08/09/09

Canned soup

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MADISONVILLE K-5TH GRADE BIBLE BOWL**, Saturday, **August 8**. Bible Bowl participants please be at the church parking lot by 8:45 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 for Madisonville. Bring practice sheets and money for a fast food supper and a snack for the trip. Any questions, check with Ken or Monica Bybee.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **August 10**, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 10.
- **K-5TH GRADE YOUTH** will attend a Louisville Bats baseball game on Saturday, **August 15**. The game begins at 6:15 p.m. Tickets for the game are \$6.00 per person for a group of 20 or more or \$7.00 per person for 19 or less. Please let Ken or Monica Bybee know by August 9 if you would like to attend and the number of tickets to reserve.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday, **August 23**, 3:00 p.m.
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK** in the South Wing Sunday morning, **August 30**, at noon to honor Ray, Kay, Stephanie & Lauren Pack. CSG #3 will be in charge of set up and CSG #4 will clean up following the meal.
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 16-18** with Dave Miller of Apologetics Press. Mark your calendars now and begin praying for the success of this meeting.

Mission News

We are collecting school supplies and other specific items needed for shipments to Ukraine, Tajikistan and Honduras. 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.*

OUR RECORD FOR

August 2, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	136
Sunday Morning Assembly	228
Sunday Evening Assembly	165
Wednesday Bible Study	125
Ladies Bible Class	19
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,241

**Elder/Coordinator for August
Henry McAlister**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Who told an ailing king that a prophet had informed him that the king should get well, but the next day this same man killed the king and then the killer became the king?

Last 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? The correct answer is Rachel, Genesis 29:1-12. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Joyce Pack, Edna Ashlock, Rick Eiler, Bloria Taylor, 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 by Tuesday afternoon.

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. 75-77; Romans 6
2. Psa. 78; Romans 7
3. Psa. 79-81; Romans 8:1-18
4. Psa. 82-84; Romans 8:19-30
5. Psa. 85-87; Romans 9
6. Psa. 88-89; Romans 10
7. Psa. 90-92; Romans 11:1-21

Aug. 8 — Madisonville Bible Bowl
Aug. 10 — Church Workers Workshop
Aug. 15 — K-5th Grade L-ville Bats Baseball Game
Aug. 23 — Singing at Atria
Aug. 30 — Congregational Potluck
Sept. 11-12 — Diana Singing, TN
Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller

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