



# 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 we noted would last a number of weeks; we are examining eight prophecies regarding Christ and calculating the probability by chance alone of such prophecies being fulfilled. We have now come to the last article in this series and we want to draw some conclusions.

As we noted each week as we added the information from one prophecy to another, the more information, the less likely the probability of one man by chance fulfilling all the specific elements recorded about him. But mathematically speaking, what is the probability of one man fulfilling the specific elements of just eight prophecies? Let us consider that question together.

Mathematician Peter W. Stoner in his book *Science Speaks* provides the following information to the question "one man in how many men, the world over, will fulfill all eight prophecies?" By his computations he gives the answer as 1 in  $10^{28}$ . But as Stoner notes, to narrow that number down, we need to divide by the estimate of the number of people who have lived since the first century. He estimates that number at 88 billion people. He finalizes his figures and answers the question "what chance is there that any man might have lived down to the present time, and fulfilled all eight prophecies," with the following figure 1 in  $10^{17}$ .

Stoner illustrates that number with the familiar illustration of silver dollars two feet deep covering the face of the State of Texas. Let me explain. If you marked 1 ticket in 10 and placed the tickets in a hat, the chance of a blindfolded person picking the ticket that was marked is 1 in 10. If you cover Texas with silver dollars as described above and mark only one, blindfold a person, have them travel as far in the state as they would like, but when they stop and pick up a silver dollar, it has to be the one marked—the chance of this happening illustrates the figure 1 in  $10^{17}$ .

Now remember, here is the amazing thing, the above illustrates the probability of eight prophecies being fulfilled by chance in Christ—in actuality, there are over 300 prophecies fulfilled by Christ. The chance of that happening by chance, according to mathematicians is impossible (Law of Mathematical Probability). By chance impossible—with God possible. Truly awesome!

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## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

On Monday night I was privileged to travel to the last of the Summer Youth Series at the new facility of the Mount Pleasant congregation just outside of Bowling Green. You may remember that the old building was destroyed by a fire

set by some individuals. The congregation has rebuilt and continues to move forward, not allowing tragic events to discourage them. Back to the Summer Youth Series. You may remember that the series began in June at Lehman Avenue, followed by South Green hosting in July. At Lehman Avenue there were 120 or so in attendance, at South Green there were 180 or so and on Monday at Mount Pleasant there were over 200. What a great way to send our young folks back to school. My personal thanks goes to these congregations for the planning and execution of those plans in making these events a success.

Monday night's speaker was Weston Keen, a high school senior who attends school in Portland, TN. He had a challenging message for those in attendance asking them "Who is Jesus to you?" He told of a ski trip to Colorado to illustrate this point. His three main thoughts showed, at least to me, the importance of knowing the place of Christ in our lives.

1. Do not put yourself in a position to fail.
2. When life seems to be spinning out of control, remember there is a way to be rescued.
3. Get where you belong.

Plans are beginning to be made for next year's Summer Youth Series. My prayer is that you will include such events as these in your plans.

## Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.— *Salvation and The Elephant*  
*Philippians 2:12-16*

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

## Encouraged by the Young

Last week in *"The Caller"* I wrote an article acknowledging the encouragement that personally receive from those who are advanced in years. This past weekend I had an opportunity to be encouraged by our young people. Let me share with you just what encouraged me so much.

Saturday a group of people from Etown went to the Madisonville Bible Bowl. Eighteen of our young people participated in the Bible Bowl. They ranged in ages from K-5th grade. Overall I was so proud of our young people—each and every one. Not all were as fast with the buzzer but you could tell most all knew the answers to the questions. I even noted to some that the verse they had on the back of their shirts regarding the fact that "God looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7) was very appropriate; they might not have been able to buzz and let others know that they knew the answers, but God knew that they knew the answer whether they were able to verbalize them or not.

Although Ken and Monica, the Bible class teachers and the parents play a role and need to be commended for all their work, I am certain all would agree how much we need to commend the young people for all their hard work. For the past few months the young people have been working hard to learn the material from 1 Samuel (if you have not studied that book in a while, go back and look at all the material there is to remember). Not only did our young people know the answers to the challenge questions, but they also knew the answers to the bonus questions that involved what chapter certain information was found.

Also, although we did not have any young people competing in the upper divisions, I was extremely impressed with a number of teams from other congregations. As we advanced in years, very few missed questions and depending upon which team "buzzed in" and answered correctly, the bonus question was almost a "given." My spirits were lifted very high that day.

Let me take a moment here though and provide further encouragement for the parents, teachers, and young people alike. Parents, sometimes it is fun and relatively easy to mold a young child's mind in the ways of the LORD. As they grow older and perhaps become more of a challenge, don't give up on them. It may be a more difficult type of work and it may take long hours, but you will never regret time well spent training your children to be faithful followers of Christ (Ephesians 5:16; 6:4).

Teachers and deacons over our youth, you too have played a role in guiding the minds of the young people of the congregation. I think there are challenges in teaching and working with young people of all grade levels. Please know that much of your effort is paying off. The children are learning and growing in their knowledge of God's word. Please never grow weary in your great work of teaching (see the principles in 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9).

Young people, think about all the knowledge of God's word you gained through your study. There is no knowledge more important to you than your knowledge of God's word. I pray you will always study the Bible so that your faith will grow (Romans 10:17).

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**PEGGY JOHNSON** underwent a heart catheterization Tuesday at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. **HOLLY WALKER** is scheduled for eye surgery Friday at Jewish Hospital East in Louisville. **CAROLINE PENCE** underwent foot surgery last Friday and underwent hand surgery Wednesday at Hardin Memorial. **DORSEY MORROW**, Michael Morrow's dad, was released from the hospital in Alabama Saturday and is doing well. **JIM WHITE** will have a PET scan and possibly a bone marrow test on Tuesday. **KENDALL WHISENANT**, Karen Stough's brother, underwent surgery Wednesday in Huntsville, AL. **ANDY NEVINS** continues to have health issues; however, his doctor has initiated a new course of medications which will hopefully be a great help to his health.

## 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	Dorotha 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, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson, Dan Sloat

**Additional Prayer List:** Weita Anderson, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, John Bryant, Porsche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Elizabeth Cooper, Doug Edwards, Brenda Gaddie, Joe Gattis, Jesse Goff, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ryan Hanson, Zoey Hardesty, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Mary Montgomery, Dorsey Morrow, Robert Moyers, Joe Pawley, John Pawley, Rob & Kim Pell, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Herlon Selby, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kirsten Webb, Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

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## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 08/16/09 Canned soup

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **K-5TH GRADE YOUTH** will attend a Louisville Bats baseball game this 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.
- **DIRECTORY PICTURES** will be taken of new members or family retakes, Sunday morning, **August 16**, after morning services.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **August 23**, at 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.
- **LADIES RETREAT PLANNING MEETING**, Sunday, **September 6**, in Room 10 following morning services.
- **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.

## College Addresses

As our college students head off to college, we would like to post their addresses on the bulletin board. Parents and/or college students are asked to supply this address to the office.

## 2009 Madisonville Bible Bowl

Pictures and a report will be in next week's bulletin.

### OUR RECORD FOR

August 9, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	147
Sunday Morning Assembly	238
Sunday Evening Assembly	152
Wednesday Bible Study	146
Ladies Bible Class	18
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,611

**Elder/Coordinator for August  
Henry McAlister**

## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: Where is aggressive sheep which picks on the weaker sheep described, as a picture of the oppression of God's people and their need for being saved by God?***

***Last 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? The correct answer is Hazael, 2 Kings 8:7-15.*** Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Edna Ashlock, 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](mailto: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

Aug. 15 — K-5th Grade L-ville Bats Baseball Game  
Aug. 16 — Directory Pictures  
Aug. 16 — Youth Devo  
Aug. 23 — Singing at Atria  
Aug. 30 — Congregational Potluck  
Sept. 6 — Ladies Retreat Planning Meeting  
Sept. 11-12 — Diana Singing, TN  
Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller  
1. Psa. 93-95; Romans 11:22-36  
2. Psa. 96-98; Romans 12  
3. Psa. 99-102; Romans 13  
4. Psa. 103-104; Romans 14  
5. Psa. 105-106; Romans 15:1-20  
6. Psa. 107-108; Romans 15:21-33  
7. Psa. 109-111; Romans 16

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