



# 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).

This week we will remind the reader of the focus of this year's *Confidence Corner* by stressing in a new way what we are trying to accomplish by examining the NT writer's use of OT passages. How should we read the NT use of OT prophecy? Well, there are a few steps the reader must take in order to understand the author's use of the passage. I had the following paragraph in some notes that I believe states the case well. I do not have the original author's name to give full credit.

"First, we must always go back to the OT reference of the passage and attempt to understand the full context of its original use. This is probably where most modern readers go wrong. We read through the passage as though the NT writers are just emphasizing what they are saying using OT texts. Instead, the NT writers aren't just using these texts as helpful word pictures, rooting their message in the past, but they are conveying that the conditions in the OT passages being quoted are being fulfilled in the present."

Take for example Isaiah 40 and Luke 3. In Isaiah's time the passage conveyed a hope to a people who would be exiled. Luke, through inspiration reveals that the true restoration and hope was about to come through Jesus whom John the Baptist was preparing the way.

JFB

## Mission News

The school supplies have been delivered to Tupelo, MS where they are waiting to be loaded. These supplies will be sent around October 1 to western Ukraine and some may go to Tajikistan. A special thanks to all who contributed in this effort.

The Fort Gay congregation in West Virginia has invited everyone to attend their picnic at their local lake on September 19.

An update of our efforts to get our local cable systems to include GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) to their programming —

We have received word that Brandenburg Telecom will be evaluating their lineup sometime next month. All customers and potential customers are asked to call Brandenburg Telecom at 270/982-4466 (E-town Office) and make a request to add GBN to their current lineup of channels.

Michael Ortman, one of Comcast's regional vice presidents who makes the decision on programming for their region, welcomes written correspondence requesting GBN to come directly to him. His address is 8098 Sandpiper Circle, Baltimore, MD 21236. Please take a moment to write.

We are currently looking into the possibility of having GBN shown in the Hardin County Detention Center.

For our members not familiar with GBN, log onto [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org) and click on "live streaming" to watch (requires high speed internet.)

Please continue to pray for these efforts.

Mickey Gattis

## Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Be Strong in the Lord*  
*Ephesians 6:10-12*

P.M. — *Cities of Refuge*  
*Numbers 35:9-15*

## Preacher Training

In a recent article by Wayne Jackson ( <http://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1486-preparing-to-preach>) some interesting thoughts regarding the training of the preacher can be found. Most know brother Jackson as a man of sound knowledge of the Scriptures and also as a man of sound judgment. I believe his thoughts on training preachers are worthy of consideration. I think they are written not as absolutes in every situation, but as something that should be taken into consideration.

Jackson indicates some thoughts that must be at least used to count the costs of preparing to preach. Whether you agree entirely with what he says, it is good to consider his thoughts on an individual basis. Jackson writes the following:

*Occasionally I am asked by young men about how they should prepare themselves to preach. There was a time when I would have recommended a Christian college. I no longer am overly enthusiastic about that, and for two reasons. First, unless there are sizable scholarships or grants available, the tuitions are so astronomical that the young student will spend many years paying off the debt—unless his family has the wealth to pay his way. Otherwise he will cripple his family with a financial obligation that is far in excess of the value of the education he receives.*

Although the value of an education is highly subjective (to some there is no monetary value that can be placed on some things gained from a Christian education...spouse, goals, etc), I do think it best to know ahead of time what you will face when you have completed your training (I write as one who well knows the expense of Christian education as my debt will rival what many doctors have incurred in their educational pursuits). Each person will have to make individual decisions, but it is best if they make "informed" decisions (for those wondering, Jackson's second concern with Christian colleges is the fact that some have faculty members who do not hold to the truth of God's Word—I would agree that the soundness of the education must be considered as well).

What I really wanted to focus upon from Jackson's article though is some thoughts he had regarding the benefits of a congregation providing guidance to young preachers as they begin their work in the Kingdom; I mention this because as you know, this is one of the goals of the elders for the young man who will work with the congregation after Ray leaves. Jackson also notes the following:

*In some cases, a young preacher would do well to study as an apprentice under a qualified gospel preacher. Learning how to study, how to access the best tools, developing speaking skills, learning how to work with people of a variety of backgrounds and problems, and learning to exercise self-discipline...*

A good educational base along with some practical experience can yield great fruit in the Kingdom. I think the main key is the young preacher having the opportunity to work under an experienced eldership. Each individual will have to make an informed decision regarding education, but the opportunity to work as an associate, with the goal of one day taking on full time pulpit work can reap great benefits (I gained much from the elders and minister in my personal experience as both an associate and younger Christian working under an eldership and minister).

I continue to pray for Ray and his efforts to glorify God as he moves on from here to continue his work in the Kingdom. I also pray the opportunity of us as a congregation helping to prepare a young man to preach will reap great benefits for the cause of Christ for years to come.

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**DELBERT LASLEY** was released from Hardin Memorial Hospital last Friday. **GRACE SPEER** fell last week and was seen in the ER at Hardin Memorial Monday. **SHANE MUNCY** suffered two broken bones in his ankle after an accident last Friday. **BETTY JABROCKI**, Joyce Pack's sister who lives in Michigan, continues to deal with heart and kidney problems. **KOSTYA VITYUK**, minister of the Central congregation in Donetsk, Ukraine was struck by lightning last Tuesday while bike riding. He is doing much better at this time.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Tom Morgan
Betty Addington	Andy Nevins
Neil Burden	Caroline Pence
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
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, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Delbert Lasley, 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, Kendell & Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 09/13/09

Canned corn

## We Rejoice

Jeff Allen, Kay Thomason's son, was immersed last Sunday morning for the remission of his sins. We rejoice with Jeff in his decision and want to encourage him as much as possible. His address is 145 Natalie Drive, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Please welcome Jeff as a member of our church family.

## Thank You

Thank you for the cards, the prayers and your concern for me. They meant so much. I have finished my treatments and should get the results soon. Again, thank you for thinking of me and having me on your prayer list.

*Joe Gattis*

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers sent to mom. She is very grateful for your thoughtfulness. Also, thank you for all the cards and well wishes from others in the congregation and to Bro. Board for his phone call to inquire if he could help. Thank you again and as mom is getting more frail, I hope you will continue to keep her in your prayers.

*Pam Addington*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **5TH GRADE & UNDER COOKOUT**, Saturday, **September 12**, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of John & Brenna Board. Bring lawn chairs and finger foods and/or drinks.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **September 14**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **R.U.S.H.** at Freed-Hardeman University, **September 18-20**, for 6th-12th graders. Cost is \$30 with meal plan; \$15 without meal plan.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **September 27**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **YOUTH RALLY, October 9-10**, with Andy Robison

## BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE August 2009

Food Center	140 families served
Clothing Center	75 families served

## BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE August 2009

Courses graded	152
New enrollees	27

## OUR RECORD FOR September 6, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	161
Sunday Morning Assembly	235
Sunday Evening Assembly	142
Wednesday Bible Study	129
Ladies Bible Class	18
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,011

**Elder/Coordinator for September**  
**Mike Pence**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: Who compared his days to eagles swooping down on his prey?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: My descendants were assigned to make sacrifices after the children of Israel and other Levites had strayed away from God. Who am I? The correct answer is Zadok, Ezekiel 44:15. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Mary Walker, Katy Watson, Betty Bray, Joyce Pack and Edna Ashlock.*

*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. Proverbs 15-16; 2 Corinthians 1  
2. Proverbs 17-18; 2 Corinthians 2  
3. Proverbs 19-20; 2 Corinthians 3  
4. Proverbs 21-22; 2 Corinthians 4  
5. Proverbs 23-24; 2 Corinthians 5  
6. Proverbs 25-27; 2 Corinthians 6  
7. Proverbs 28-29; 2 Corinthians 7

Sept. 11-12 — Diana Singing, TN  
Sept. 12 — 5th Grade & Under Cookout  
Sept. 14 — Church Workers Workshop  
Sept. 18-20 — FHU R.U.S.H.  
Sept. 27 — Singing at Atria  
Oct. 9-10 — E-town Youth Rally  
Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller

## PARTICIPATION

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