



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 want to continue our study in Isaiah 53; we will examine the latter portion of Isaiah 53:10. "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand." The latter portion of this passage refers to the resurrection of the Suffering Servant, Christ. Probably the best known NT passage regarding the resurrection of Christ is found in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8—"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time."

Notice all the prophecies of Isaiah regarding the resurrection. The Suffering Servant was to see His seed, after His death; that is only possible if He would raise from the dead. His days were to be prolonged after His death. The pleasure of the LORD would prosper in His hand—but this too is only possible through His resurrection. All that is mentioned in verse ten demands a resurrection of the Suffering Servant.

Not only does prophecy point to the resurrection, but also the NT declares the resurrection as well. That is really enough for the Christian, but additionally consider reasons to believe. First of all, Who are we saying was raised? It is Christ who was not an ordinary person if you consider the biblical record. The witnesses to the resurrection were credible in that they were in a position to know the truth (many had association with Jesus for a few years) and honest enough to speak the truth (though they had nothing positive to gain from doing so). Lastly, the NT documents are the best attested documents of the first century.

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Elder Choice

A Selection
from *The
Gospel Minutes*

Observance of certain days as "holy days" was found in the Law of Moses, which governed the people of Israel. However, the apostle Paul shows that we are under a different law today. **READ** Col. 2:14-17. This passage shows that a "*feast day*" or even the "*Sabbath day*" is not to be observed under the gospel of Christ.

When some Christians were observing such days as "*holy days*," the Scripture says, **READ** Gal. 4:10-11. But the early Christians never knew anything about the special days mentioned in the letter, for they originated much later. "Christmas" is from "Christ's Mass," and the only authority for its observance is the Catholic Church. It is surely not found in the Scriptures. "Halloween" (or, Holy Evening) was authored by the same authority to keep vigil for "All Saints Day," another invention of the Catholic Church. "Easter" began as a celebration of the "the Spring rites" to honor the Spring goddess, Easter. The Catholics borrowed this day and changed it to a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. For one to observe any of these days is to acknowledge the authority of Rome, and not that of God. Under the covenant of Christ there are no holy days.

There are many people, though, who enjoy the "holidays" without observing them as "holy days." One may choose to wave flags and hear a patriot speak on July 4, without any religious meanings attached. Or one may celebrate his birthday or "Mothers day" without worshiping his mother who gave him birth. For many people the national holiday of Christmas is a convenient time for a family gathering, using the occasion for family time or recreation, without implying any kind of religious observance of the day. Christians gather on the first day of each week to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we do not skip that one Sunday in the Spring just because some consider that day as a "holy day" called "Easter." Christians, guided by the New Covenant, should be careful to avoid observing any "holy days." We should also be careful that any observance of "holidays" is not a religious observance.—**Clem Thurman**

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Mechanical Instrumental Music*
Ephesians 5:18-19

P.M. — *Questions & Answers-Clapping*
Colossians 3:16-17

The Boy in the Tin Foil Balloon

It has been just a few days since a story on the Internet caught my attention. On October 15th viewers were riveted to their TV's and Internet by the sight of a flyaway helium balloon feared to be carrying 6-year-old Falcon Heene. It never ceases to amaze me the amount of attention that is rightfully shown to one who is physically lost. People come out in droves to help find one who is missing or potentially in harms way. Of course to me, we all need to learn from this concern for the physical lost and have it translate into our lives for the spiritually lost. I have written fairly often on the subject of the spiritually lost and so I do not want to make that the focus of this article (though in one way, perhaps I ought to write on it every week until we get busy with the responsibility God has given to the Church). That being said, let me focus on something else that disturbs me about the story of young Falcon Heene.

On Sunday, days after "the stunt" Falcon turned to his dad during a CNN interview and declared "you said we did this for a show." How disturbing is that! Of course I could speak about young children and their willingness to speak the truth (out of the mouth of babes), but again that is not what I want to be the focus of this article. What sickens me is another element of the story—the willingness of a parent to "sacrifice" their child for their own selfish benefit.

Of course when we talk about the sacrifice of children, very often we turn to a discussion of abortion. We are appalled at those who would take the life of an innocent child—again rightfully so. But I wonder if at times, if we sacrifice the spiritual lives of our children, for our own benefit. What do I mean? Allow me to explain.

How much time do you give to the spiritual training of your child? Do you see that your child is in Bible class Sunday morning, or do you use that time to get some extra shut-eye? Do you see that your child is in Bible class Wednesday night, or are you too tired after work to make the effort to attend Bible study?

Ok, before we get feeling too good about ourselves—we may say, "yes I take my child to Bible class Sunday morning and Wednesday night"—lets challenge ourselves as parents a little further. In Deuteronomy 6:4ff we read of the parents' responsibility to be about the teaching of the children—basically from the time the child arises, till the time the child goes to bed. Do we sometimes find ourselves forgetting this responsibility? Perhaps we are more concerned with our own worldly pursuits or even the worldly pursuits of our children, that we forget our responsibility to their souls. Sometimes we become so busy here and there, that we do not take the time we should for bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the LORD (Ephesians 6:1ff).

I am not suggesting that all you can ever do as a family is sit around and study the Bible. I used to as a young inexperienced preacher with no family of my own, "dictate" (yeah as if I have that power) that every family had to have a sit down Bible study. Though this is one good way to teach our children the ways of the LORD, if we only focus on God during a half hour Bible study, we have also missed the point greatly.

Our lives must be lived for the LORD. We can sit back and look at the parents of Falcon Heene and say, "How could they do that to their child?" Perhaps in a spiritual realm, we might ask ourselves the same question. Use the time God has given you wisely (Eph. 5:16) to train your child with age appropriate teaching and individual considerations (Prov. 22:6).

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

MARY MONTGOMERY, Kay Pack's mother, is scheduled for a procedure Thursday in Tupelo, MS to relieve fluid around her heart. **KEAGAN SMITH**, newborn son of Jeremy & Tina Smith, remains in Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. **LONNIE UNDERWOOD** broke his foot last weekend. **LARRY CLACK** will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota next week. **DORSEY MORROW**, Michael Morrow's father, has been admitted back to the hospital in Alabama with congestive heart failure. He was scheduled to have more surgery Wednesday to have another pacemaker and defibrillator. **KENDELL WHISENANT**, Karen Stough's brother, is currently in the hospital in Huntsville.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Carl Mercer
Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Andy Nevins
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Mary Ann Hardesty	Kay Thomason
Janice Hardin	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Dorothea Weaver
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	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, Gregory Stack

Additional Prayer List: Yvonne Barclay, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, John Bryant, Porsche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Laura Carson, Michael Clymer, Elizabeth Cooper, Bill Cyrus, Doug Edwards, Brenda Gaddie, Joe Gattis, Jesse Goff, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Betty Jabrocki, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Delbert Lasley, T. L. Lewis, Buddy Logsdon, Sherry Marcum, Mary Montgomery, Robert Moyers, Joe Pawley, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Herlon Selby, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Jeff Stull, Ryan Tade, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 10/25/09—Canned pork'n'beans, peanut butter and soup

We Rejoice

Dennis, Peggy & Brittany Hogan came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers of forgiveness. We appreciate the Hogan family and their commitment to serving God.

Two new families have indicated their desire to identify with our congregation — Jerry & LaAnna Mraz and Denny & Kari Harrell. Their addresses and phone numbers will be included in next week's bulletin.

New Address

Ray & Kay Pack (effective 10/26/09)
203 Shannon Drive
Henderson, TN 38340
Phone # 731/435-1039

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **5th GRADERS & UNDER TRIP** to Rineyville Blooms, Saturday, **October 24**, at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5/child (no charge for adults) which includes going through a corn maze, painting a pumpkin, and roasting marshmallows. There is a sign up sheet posted for those interested in going. Rain date will be Sunday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m. Any questions, please see Ken or Monica Bybee.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **October 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL/CHILI COOK-OFF**, Sunday night, **October 25**, at the home of Ken & Monica Bybee.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**, Sunday, **November 1**
- **TUESDAY LUNCH**, **November 3**, at noon in the South Wing.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **November 9**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **LADIES RETREAT**, **November 13-14**, at White Mills Camp. Topic: Attitude With A Smile. A sign up sheet is on the table in the lobby along with information packets. Cost is \$25.

OUR RECORD FOR

October 18, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	158
Sunday Morning Assembly	211
Sunday Evening Assembly	140
Wednesday Bible Study	119
Ladies Bible Class	16
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$5,456

Elder/Coordinator for October
Rick Whobrey

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What deliverer of the Israelites was left handed?

Last Week's Bible Question: What is to make known the "manifold wisdom of God"? The correct answer is the church, Ephesians 3:10. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Helen Raby, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Bloria Taylor, Nadine Fulkerson and Edna Ashlock.

Please write down your answer and put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to chofchrist@windstream.net 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. Jeremiah 5-6; 1 Timothy 1
2. Jeremiah 7-8; 1 Timothy 2
3. Jeremiah 9-10; 1 Timothy 3
4. Jeremiah 11-13; 1 Timothy 4
5. Jeremiah 14-16; 1 Timothy 5
6. Jeremiah 17-19; 1 Timothy 6
7. Jeremiah 20-22; 2 Timothy 1

Oct. 24 — 5th Grade & Under Trip to Rineyville Blooms
Oct. 25 — Singing at Atria
Oct. 25 — Youth Devo/Chill Cookoff, Bybees
Nov. 1 — Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 3 — Tuesday Lunch
Nov. 9 — Church Workers Workshop
Nov. 13-14 — Ladies Retreat, White Mills

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