



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

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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 in our study we want to consider John 19:37. This continues the thought from last week (19:36) in John's account of the gospel. John 19:37 reads, "And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced." John through inspiration clearly indicates that what he writes is an allusion to Scripture. The passage John alludes to is found in Zechariah 12:10.

In Zechariah 12:10 we read, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications, and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for his firstborn." John applies a portion of this passage to Christ. James Smith comments as to how the passages tie together when he writes:

"As a result of the work of the Spirit through the word, sinners would come to "look unto me whom they have pierced." Without question God is the speaker in 12:10. Yet it is the speaker who is pierced! The verb "pierced" (daqar) means to thrust through, to slay by any kind of death whatever. Certainly the Jews pierced the Lord metaphorically by their rebellion and ingratitude throughout their history. At that place called Calvary, however, they pierced him literally (cf. John 19:37). To look on him whom they have pierced suggests more than merely observing the fact that someone has been slain. The implication is that they will recognize the person of the one they have slain.

*An excellent example of how this works is found in Acts 2. In the first public proclamation of the complete gospel, Peter accused his audience of having nailed to a cross one accredited by signs and miracles, i.e., their Messiah (Acts 2:22f.). The Apostle then went on to demonstrate by Scripture and logic that Jesus had been raised from the dead, and that he had been enthroned at the right hand of the Father. This powerful preaching caused those assembled to be pierced to the heart. Through the gospel the Holy Spirit brought these sinners to faith in Christ and placed them under conviction for their sin." (Smith, James E.: *The Minor Prophets*. Joplin, Mo. : College Press, 1992).*

Again we see the power of God—He is in complete control. Our faith should increase as we see God who fulfills His prophetic words from hundreds of years earlier.

Seasoned Instructions From Experienced Evangelists

From time to time we will use this column of the bulletin to provide instruction from preachers who have given their life to study of the Scriptures.

The following is an article by Frank Higginbotham. It is entitled, "*What is your life.*"

Frank is Steve's father and has been located at the congregation in Chester, WV for over 45 years. The WVSOP recently honored him and his wife, Rose as well as the elders (elders wives) from the congregation in Chester. Words could never express the appreciation I have for the instruction I received through the Higginbothams.

In the book of James we are asked this great question concerning what life is all about. The context shows that the duration of life for us should be a major concern. Any seriously minded person will readily admit that all men face death. The Bible declares this fact. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). When we come face to face with our mortality we have taken the first step in properly using our time while we are here. So many people seem to go through life without ever really knowing what life is about. It is sad to see people living for many years and doing nothing toward properly using their time. Is our life about the accumulation of money? Is worldly pleasure the real goal of life? The wise man, Solomon gave us this direction in the proper use of life. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). Our real purpose in life is to submit ourselves to the Will of God. Many people waste their time here without any attempt to use their life properly. If money is all we have at the end of our life, we have failed miserably. If we have lived just for pleasure, we have not met our real purpose. Living for God is what life is about. Remember that Judgment is ahead of us all. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:14). Make the best use of life by serving God!

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Membership in the New Testament Church, Acts 2:38-41*

P.M. — *Doctrine of the New Testament Church 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Are You Concerned About Spiritual Health Care?

Is there anybody out there who **has not heard** recent discussions about a health care bill in Congress? I would venture to guess that there is not. For weeks, even months, we have heard debate over this very serious issue. Don't get me wrong, physical health care is very important; I simply wonder what a difference such concern regarding spiritual health might bring to our country.

I am not necessarily addressing our country as a whole turning to God, I am talking about each individual having concern for their spiritual health. I would guess that there are those who no matter their physical health will not seek treatment, even if they have good health insurance. For the most part though, it appears that people, when they realize they have a health problem, do everything they can to overcome that problem. I know when I am sick, I want to be well—yesterday!!!

Yet when it comes to spiritual health, it appears most people are not concerned. Maybe that is because they do not realize any physical discomfort from their lack of spiritual health. But if one could simply understand the gravity of the condition of their soul, I would have to imagine that they would take their spiritual health more seriously.

Perhaps the reader of this article has thought some about becoming a follower of Christ, but after giving brief attention to the thought, they allowed the thought to pass out of their mind. Let me encourage you to seriously consider the decision to become a Christian. If one (who has the mental capacity to understand) is not a Christian, the Bible teaches that they are lost. In Luke 19:10 Jesus is said to have come to seek and save the lost. Think how seriously God views the lost—He sent His only Son into the world to die a cruel death on the cross! Why did He do so? God knows the destiny of those who are lost; they are eternally separated from God for all eternity and in addition suffer eternal punishment (see Mt. 25:46 the length of eternal reward and punishment is exactly the same). Being lost is not the “loss of being” it is the “loss of well-being for eternity.” Please if you are outside of Christ, if you are in a lost condition, contact us here at the Church. We would be happy to study with you. If you live away from Elizabethtown, still contact us. I will try to put you in touch with a member of the Church in your area. I will even send a DVD for you to watch entitled “Searching for Truth.” It includes lessons on Authority, Baptism, and the Church.

Perhaps the reader of this article was once faithful to the Lord but for whatever reason has found themselves departed from the Lord. You may not see yourself this way, but again the Bible teaches that those who are unfaithful to the Lord will be lost as well. This concerns me greatly for in the almost two years that I have been associated with the congregation at Etown, I have seen a number of those who once attended, now no longer attending services here (by choice). I do not know if you are attending some other congregation of the Lord's body. If you are and are faithful I would be pleased to know that information. If you have departed to avoid facing sin in your life (perhaps you were disciplined and simply went to another congregation of the Lord's church without them knowing your condition), your soul is very likely not right with God

If you are attending with a religious group who is not following the Bible, I am concerned for your soul. Such groups do not provide the salvation God will grant to those in His body. Galatians 1:6ff speaks to the responsibility of the Christian to recognize when others are teaching contrary to what God has revealed in His word. The passage indicates not to accept the teaching and that those who teach other than what is revealed by God will be accursed. If you have fallen into a pattern of attending with a group who are not following the teachings of God's word, I encourage you, for your soul's sake, to remove yourself from such a group. If you have questions or thoughts that these groups may be pleasing to the Lord, and you are willing to use the Bible as the standard, I would be happy to examine the teachings of another group in light of God's word. If you have simply fallen away and are not attending anywhere, I am likewise concerned for you. I would encourage you to begin again the practice of attending. Again your soul is my concern—and I hope it is your concern as well.

Spiritual health—when you get right down to it, is there anything more important? The scriptures teach that there is not! Although not a term used today, Paul would often encourage those he loved by “beseeching” them. That was a strong word urging immediate action out of great concern for lost souls. As your preacher, I beseech all of you to give thought to your spiritual health. Again it's the only thing that matters.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	J Martin
Betty Addington	Carl Mercer
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Dana Fox	Rosa Lee Norman
Howard Gardner	Pansy Sells
Faye Guess	Grace Speer
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Janice Hardin	Kay Thomason
Dorothy Hawkins	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Dorotha Weaver
Betty Lawson	Lawrence Wells
Diane Lewis	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, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack

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

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Greg & Lisa Treadway and Nickie Calloway in the death of Greg's father and Nickie's grandfather, Harold Treadway, who was killed last Thursday in a mowing accident in Tennessee. His funeral was held in Rockwood, TN Sunday afternoon. Please keep Greg, Lisa, Nickie and their families in your prayers.

We also express our sympathy to Oleta Stranahan and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Cosey Hargedt, who passed away last Thursday in Alabama.

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 11/15/09—Canned pork'n'beans, peanut butter and soup

We Rejoice

Brian Skelly was immersed for the remission of his sins last Wednesday afternoon. We appreciate Brian's decision and want to encourage him.

Congratulations to Howard & Teanie Pence upon celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary November 11!

Jerry & LaAnna Mraz are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Hunter Owen Collins, born November 10 in South Carolina!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LADIES RETREAT, November 13-14**, at White Mills Camp. Topic: Attitude With A Smile. Cost is \$25. Registration fee needs to be given to Brenna Board or Kim Whobrey.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER TRIP TO BLAZER'S**, Sunday, **November 22**. Plans are to eat Little Caesar's pizza in the South Wing immediately after morning services and then travel to Blazer's Fun Zone in Radcliff. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **November 22**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 5**, in the South Wing.
- **ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHER MEETING**, Sunday, **December 6**, in Room 10.
- **TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 12**, at 5:00 p.m., at the Muncy's home in Bardstown.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Sunday night, **December 13**.

Thank You

The Dyer family would like to thank everyone for your kindness and support during Lina's long illness and death. Thank you for attending the funeral, the flowers, food and cards! God Bless each of you.

*The family of Lina Lee
LaVelle, Susan, Jessie,
Chuck, Linda, Bethann, Ben & Andrew*

OUR RECORD FOR

November 8, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	144
Sunday Morning Assembly	194
Sunday Evening Assembly	119
Wednesday Bible Study	123
Ladies Bible Class	17
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,033

**Elder/Coordinator for November
Ronnie Carter**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: *Who had the vision of deepening waters?*

Last Week's Bible Question: *Who "was lame on both his feet"? The correct answer is Mephibosheth, 2 Samuel 9:13.* Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Joyce Pack, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Rick Eiler, Edna Ashlock, Lorene Harris, Helen Raby and Bloria Taylor.

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

Nov. 13-14 — Ladies Retreat, White Mills
Nov. 15 — Youth Devo
Nov. 22 — Singing at Atria
Nov. 22 — 5th Grade & Under Trip to Blazers
Dec. 5 — Adult Holiday Party
Dec. 6 — Elders/Deacons/Preacher Meeting
Dec. 12 — Teen Holiday Party @ Muncy's
Dec. 13 — Budget Presentation
Dec. 13 — Congregational Meeting
1. Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 8
2. Ezekiel 1-3; Hebrews 9
3. Ezekiel 4-6; Hebrews 10:1-23
4. Ezekiel 7-9; Hebrews 10:24-39
5. Ezekiel 10-12; Hebrews 11:1-19
6. Ezekiel 13-15; Hebrews 11:20-40
7. Ezekiel 16; Hebrews 12

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