



# 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 a prophecy from Zechariah 9:9. I realize we will be going back in time before the crucifixion as we do so, but I wanted to look at a few things that might go along with our study on Sunday morning in Luke's account of the Gospel. The passage in Zechariah 9:9 reads, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."

Luke 19:28ff, Matthew 21:5, and John 12:15 all allude to the passage in Zechariah 9. These passages describe what is often termed the Triumphal Entry—Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and her colt. A donkey is said to have been a beast ridden by princes on peaceful missions.

It is interesting to me that at the height of His enemies' hatred, Jesus did nothing to antagonize them. His entrance signified a peaceful coming.

I also wonder how much this depicts Jesus as the king still humbly relying upon God. You may ask why I would write such a statement. Let me explain further.

In Deuteronomy 17:16 God warned the kings not to place their trust in military might (represented by horses). The kings were to place their trust in God. Horses were not forbidden per se (as some have suggested); the multitude of horses or using a horse to signify military might is what was forbidden. Again, numerous passages indicate that the king was to trust God (Psalm 20:7; 33:16-17; 147:10). In this last week of His life, as well as throughout all His earthly life, Jesus shows that trust in His Father—nevertheless not my will but thine be done.

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## 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 a portion of an article by Alan E. Highers. It is entitled, "Not a Denomination." Alan Highers preached in and

*around Henderson, Tn. during the time I was a student at FHU. Three very fond memories for me were hearing a series of sermons presented by Brother Highers at the congregation in Henderson, his moderation of the Open Forum during lectureship week, and the opportunity I had to attend the Highers/Blakely Debate in Neosho, Mo.*

"The church which is revealed in the New Testament is not a denomination.

It is composed of those who heard, believed, and obeyed the truth (**Acts. 2:37-47**). When men and women did what God said, they became members of the church. They did not have to "join the church" (a human act) because they were "added" by the Lord (a divine act). They were added when they were baptized into Christ (**Galatians 3:27**). Jesus Christ is the author of eternal salvation unto all those who obey Him (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).

No one believes that New Testament Christians were a part of any denomination. In fact, denominationalism, such as we have today, did not exist in the first century. Disciples then were just Christians, members of Christ's church, with no denominational affiliation. Why can we not be the same today?

The plea of the church of Christ is to return to simple New Testament Christianity, to be un denominational, to be just what early disciples were, nothing more, nothing less."

### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *The Head of the New Testament Church, Colossians 1:15-20*

P.M. — *Organization of the New Testament Church, Philippians 1:1-2*

## NOT A SIGN FROM HEAVEN, BUT A BIBLICAL MESSAGE

On my way to the office one day, I saw a sign which read “A Proud and a Haughty Spirit Kills Faith.” I thought of the biblical basis of such a statement. I have even seen this lived out in the lives of those who were once members of the body of Christ—a proud spirit led them away from God. The sorrow in such a situation is almost unbearable.

In Psalm 32 David contrasts his life when he stubbornly would not admit his sin, to when Nathan (gift from God) confronted him in his sin, and he acknowledged it. David realized one is blessed when he/she acknowledge their sins and miserable when they try to cover or hide their sins.

Because of Pharaoh’s disposition, each time Moses brought God’s message his heart “was made hard.” Eventually God gave him over to his disposition and God hardened Pharaoh’s heart. Pharaoh’s original response made in ignorance (Who is the LORD) became his stubborn choice in spite of the evidence (Exodus 5-18).

Miriam did exactly as she pleased. Her stubborn streak was a mile wide, and no one could dissuade her, once her mind was made up. In time Miriam grew bitter and angry because her unhappiness grew. We see the results in Number 12:1-16. We see God using her as an example in Deuteronomy 24:9.

Let’s face it: Our willfulness gets us into trouble. Our Lord is the author of good sense; we should turn our lives over to Him. He is faithful to guide and direct us (Proverbs 3:5-6). Break my willful pride, O Lord. May we learn from the inspired words of David in Psalm 32.

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven,  
*Whose sin is covered.*

<sup>2</sup> Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,  
And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones grew old  
Through my groaning all the day long.

<sup>4</sup> For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah

<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to You,  
And my iniquity I have not hidden.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**SUSAN MOLLER**, Jane Curkendall's mother, is in the hospital in Lexington. **GRACE SPEER** was admitted to Hardin Memorial Saturday and was released Monday. **SHERRY MARCUM**, sister-in-law of Dan & Sharlene Marcum, continues to improve and is now at Frazier Rehab in Louisville. Her address is posted on the bulletin board.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	J Martin
Betty Addington	Carl Mercer
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
Larry Clack	Andy Nevins
Dana Fox	Rosa Lee Norman
Howard Gardner	Pansy Sells
Faye Guess	Grace Speer
Janice Hardin	Oleta Stranahan
Dorothy Hawkins	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Betty Lawson	Dorothea Weaver
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
	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, A. J. Anderson

**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, 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

## We Rejoice

Please welcome A. J. & Rachel Anderson to our church family here in Elizabethtown! They met with the elders Sunday morning and indicated their desire to place membership. Their address is 600 Claysville Landing, Apt. #1D, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Phone #'s 407/625-2838 (Rachel) and 254/383-1487 (A. J.).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **DIRECTORY PICTURES** will be taken Sunday morning, **November 22**, in John's office. This is for new members or family retakes. Check with Amy McClaskey immediately after services.
- **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 if you plan to go.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **November 22**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 5**, at 6:00 p.m. in the South Wing. CSG #1 & CSG #2 are in charge of set up/ decorations and CSG #3 & CSG #4 will have clean up duties. Meat will be provided. Cost is \$3 per person and this needs to be given to Carrie White. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to bring two food items. If you are interested in participating in a gift exchange, please bring an edible gift item either purchased or homemade costing \$5 or less.
- **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.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Sunday night, **December 13**.

## Thank You

We would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to Greg's father's funeral. All the prayers and cards have been a great comfort to all of us. It is so wonderful to have such a loving family as we do here.

*Thanks,  
Greg & Lisa Treadway*

## Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 11/22/09—Canned pork'n'beans, peanut butter and soup

### OUR RECORD FOR

November 15, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	135
Sunday Morning Assembly	225
Sunday Evening Assembly	131
Wednesday Bible Study	143
Ladies Bible Class	18
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,673

**Elder/Coordinator for November  
Ronnie Carter**

## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: Who said that man's whole duty was to "fear God and keep his commandments"?***

***Last Week's Bible Question: Who had the vision of deepening waters? The correct answer is Ezekiel, Ezekiel 47:1-6.*** Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Joyce Pack and Rick Eiler.

*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](mailto: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. 22 — Directory Pictures  
Nov. 22 — Singing at Atria  
Nov. 22 — 5th Grade & Under Trip to Blazers  
Nov. 26 & 27 — Church office closed  
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

## Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

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