



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).

In past weeks we have noted that in just one day over twenty-five specific prophecies, each of them predicted at least five hundred years earlier and documented in the Old Testament, were fulfilled in Jesus and recorded in the New Testament. For the past few weeks I have been listing these prophecies. We will conclude our study for the year by listing the rest of the prophecies.

1. That he would be taunted with specific words (Psalm 22:6-8, OT; Matthew 27:39-43, NT).
2. That they would shake their heads at him (Psalm 109:25, OT; Matthew 27:39, NT).
3. That they would stare at him (Psalm 22:17, OT; Luke 23:35, NT).
4. That he would be executed among 'sinners' (Isaiah 53:12, OT; Matthew 27:38, NT).
5. That his hands and feet would be pierced (Psalm 22:16, OT; Luke 23:33, NT).
6. That he would pray for his persecutors (Isaiah 53:12, OT; Luke 23:34, NT).
7. That his friends and family would stand afar off and watch (Psalm 38:11, OT; Luke 23:49, NT).
8. That his garments would be divided and won by the casting of lots (Psalm 22:18, OT; John 19:23-24, NT).
9. That he would thirst (Psalm 69:21, OT; John 19:28, NT).
10. That he would be given gall and vinegar (Psalm 69:21, OT; Matthew 27:34, NT).
11. That he would commit himself to God (Psalm 31:5, OT; Luke 23:46, NT).
12. That his bones would be left unbroken (Psalm 34:20, OT; John 19:33, NT).
13. That his heart would rupture (Psalm 22:14, OT; John 19:34, NT).
14. That his side would be pierced (Zechariah 12:10, OT; John 19:34, NT).
15. That darkness would come over the land at midday (Amos 8:9, OT; Matthew 27:45, NT).
16. That he would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9, OT; Matthew 27:57-60, NT).

These last few weeks we listed 28 prophecies fulfilled in Christ in one day. Truly amazing is the study of the NT allusions to OT passages. I pray your faith has grown through this study.

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Request from the Elders

Recently there has been an increasing number of children moving in and out of the auditorium during worship and classes. Some go to the restroom, some just get a drink of water and others just wander around — stop off at the nursery, etc. David Woodring, Roy Johnson and the other ushers **cannot** watch them or keep track of them outside of the auditorium.

For the safety of everyone, the elders would like to ask that any child (age 12 and younger) who leaves the auditorium during worship be accompanied by an adult. There are several safety and practical reasons for this that we will not cover in this announcement; however, if you as a parent would like to discuss this with the elders, please contact us.



Great, It's Wednesday!

Steve Higginbotham

Imagine the scene...It's been a very difficult week at work. You've been given more to do than you can possibly get done. Your superiors don't seem to care that you're overloaded, they just want results. You're stressed out and frazzled. Supper is over and it's Wednesday night, and your spouse says, "It's time to get ready for Wednesday night Bible study." Question: What are you thinking at this point?

Some might answer that question with an answer similar to the following, "Oh great! It's Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I've had a rough week, I'm just not up for it tonight." Others might answer that question with an answer similar to this, "Oh great! It's Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I've had a rough week, and I need something to lift my spirits."

Same scenario, different responses. Which would you give? Friends, if our response would be more in line with the first answer, then at least one of two things are wrong. 1) Our assemblies aren't offering the fellowship and encouragement they should be offering, or 2) We have lost perspective of what a privilege and blessing it is to be able to open God's word, learn more of Him, and fellowship with the saints.

Have you had a hard week? It's Wednesday, and most places will have Bible study tonight. What will your decision be? "I was glad when they said to me, 'let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1).

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *This Grace Also*
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

P.M. — *Devotional & Congregational Meeting*

God's Gift to Man: Woman

I don't often write personal thoughts but as I write this last article of the year, the finality of many things makes me stop and reflect. I pray you will bear with me and allow me to take a moment to reflect on how God's wisdom has been a blessing to my life. I hope in some small way to allow others to give thought. JFB

In Genesis 2:18 we read, "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him." Oh, the great wisdom of our God! God saw that man was missing something and so God created woman. I for one am so glad that He did.

When I think of the women who have influenced my life, I first and foremost think of my wife Brenna. Words cannot begin to express what her love and friendship have meant to my life. Most of you know I married Brenna when she was very young (not quite 19 years of age). Three months after marriage we moved over 3000 miles away to the small town of Yreka, California. As a young preacher's wife (that is she was young...not me), she showed then— and continues to do so today— spiritual wisdom beyond her years. She has been my closest friend for over 18 years. God has blessed me greatly (Proverbs 31:12).

Although the passage in Genesis is only describing the husband and wife relationship, I would be amiss if I did not mention the blessing my two daughters Kayleigh and Emaleigh have been to my life. Ephesians 6 is a passage that I believe the girls do their very best to follow. I know most all would probably feel this way, but I cannot begin to express what these two young girls have meant to their daddy. I have told them as well as Brenna, because of the way they live their lives, I am able to more effectively do my work for the LORD. They have many years ahead of them and I do not know what the future will bring, but I am thankful to them for the blessing they have been to my life thus far.

Although I was not raised in the church, my own mother gave me an old fashion upbringing. I was taught respect and manners. Perhaps the greatest gift my parents gave me was the respect for authority. Without such teaching I may have never submitted my will to the authority of Almighty God. Thanks be to God that after I submitted my will to the will of God, I was able to teach my family, and through the power of God's word, they too strive to follow God's will in their lives. She is a good Bible student and at times challenges me to dig deeply to find the answer to her questions.

My mother-in-law has always had a great desire to see that her family and the church follow God's word. I feel confident her heart breaks at times. Some of my fondest memories of my mother in law are the times we have discussed Scripture. It is during those times she has shown me her true heart.

I had no physical grandmother after age five, but I had an aunt who filled that role in my life. From my earliest childhood memories, I can remember her reading from her Bible and her daily devotional book. Before I knew Brenna, her grandmother remarried (after the death of her husband) a widower who greatly enhanced Brenna's grandmother's love for Christ and the Church.

In my various labors with congregations, I have always had those godly women who influenced my life. From my days as a new Christian in Chester, WV, to my first work at Oakwood Rd., to Yreka, and then to Bridgeport, the godly women who influenced my life have left a lasting impact. I will always be grateful for their influences.

A great joy of the work at Elizabethtown are the godly ladies who I am blessed to know. I recently have had the great privilege of teaching the ladies class on Tuesdays. I look forward to that class each week for the encouragement it brings to me. I am blessed to have many mother figures in the faith who encourage me in my work. I am thankful for many sisters in the faith who set great examples daily. I am humbled by the Bible knowledge and love for God that is displayed in various teaching settings and even in private conversations. I am encouraged by so many of the ladies who work behind the scenes. I am thankful for the godly mothers who make special efforts so that their children may know God and His will. I am encouraged by women who strive to follow the Lord though their husbands have not yet made the decision to do so (I pray to see the fruits of your 1 Peter 3 efforts). All of these godly women are like those Paul spoke of in Phil. 4:3—they are fellow laborers in the cause of Christ.

At this time of year often associated with giving, I thought it appropriate to reflect upon God's gift to man—woman. Jesus, Paul, and other men of God realized the great blessing that godly women were to their lives. The virtuous women in our lives—indeed their price is far above rubies. "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31:30b). May we praise our God who knew it was not good for man to be alone!

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

FRED PENCE had outpatient sinus surgery Wednesday in Louisville. **MARY WALKER** was seen in the ER over the weekend with chest congestion and strep. **PATSY RICHTER**, Barbara Underwood's sister, was scheduled for surgery this week in Louisville. **JERRY WITTY** was in Hardin Memorial last week with heart and breathing problems. **JOHANNA MORGAN** underwent follow up tests Monday and received good results. **JIMMY WILEY**, Brenna Board's grandfather, is in the hospital in Fairmont, Ohio, and has been diagnosed with cancer of the lungs and liver. **KAY THOMASON's** health continues to decline.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Carl Mercer
Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil & Carolyn Burden	Andy Nevins
Larry Clack	Rosa Lee Norman
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Dorothy Hawkins	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Betty Lawson	Dorothy 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, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack, A. J. Anderson, Travis Clonch (Afghanistan)

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

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 12/13/09—Canned pork'n'beans and soup

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Dyrena White and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Jesse Goff, who passed away early Monday morning in Greensburg. His funeral was held there Wednesday. We also express our sympathy to Oleta Stranahan and her family in the death of her oldest sister, Ann Freeman, who passed away Tuesday morning in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her funeral will be held in Russellville, Alabama this week.

Thank You

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for everything! God Bless!

*The Kendell Whisenant Family
(brother of Karen Stough)*

Address Changes

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Teachers Needed

A Sunday morning teacher is needed for the Toddler class for the new quarter beginning in January 2010. Also, a teacher for the Kindergarten-1st Grade Wednesday night class is needed. Please let Todd Curkendall know if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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**.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday morning, **December 14**, at 10:30 a.m. here at the building.

OUR RECORD FOR

December 6, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	123
Sunday Morning Assembly	187
Sunday Evening Assembly	122
Wednesday Bible Study	116
Ladies Bible Class	12
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,729

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What woman "spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard"?

Last Week's Bible Question: Who said: "Great men are not always wise"? The correct answer is Elihu, Job 32:9.
 Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Bloria Taylor, and Helen Raby.

*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.

Wednesday
 Evening Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Hosea 1-4; Jude
 2. Hosea 5-8; Revelation 1
 3. Hosea 9-11; Revelation 2
 4. Hosea 12-14; Revelation 3
 5. Joel 1-3; Revelation 4
 6. Amos 1-3; Revelation 5
 7. Amos 4-6; Revelation 6

Dec. 12 — Teen Holiday Party @ Muncy's
 Dec. 13 — Budget Presentation
 Dec. 13 — Congregational Meeting
 Dec. 14 — Church Workers Workshop

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