



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

As we begin this year in *Confidence Corner* I would like for us to consider Jeremiah 6:16. In this passage Jeremiah charged God's people of the Southern Kingdom (Judah) as follows: "Stand ye in the ways

and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way."

In today's religious climate, even in the church of our Lord, the attitude is not the same as it was some 30, 40, 50 years ago. Today generations have been influenced by ecumenical thinking and the concept of pluralism. Truth has been questioned and now many feel there is no absolute truth (of course how do they know that statement is true?).

In a time such as this we need to remember Jeremiah's charge as God's people today. Today we need to stand in "the ways" and ask for "the old paths" and seek to find "the good way" of Scripture. A good time to remind ourselves is during this period of the new year. We often "resolve" to do many things; the greatest thing that we can "resolve" to do is to look to God's way and follow it in our lives.

Why do I mention this idea? I think most of us realize that many of the areas of truth on which God has spoken are under attack. The home, marriage, homosexuality, abortion, the worship of the church are all facing attacks from the world in which we live. Our nation's morals continue to erode as we as a nation and as individuals fail to consult God's word.

As we begin a new year, our focus as God's people needs to be a return to God's word (the old paths). God's message to man as man's creator is timeless. God knows best how to direct man. As a congregation and as individuals we need to do our best to spread the message God has left us in the Scriptures to our surrounding community.

May God bless us in our efforts this year in as much as we stand in "the ways" and ask for "the old paths" and seek to find "the good way" of Scripture.

[At the time of the writing of this article I had not yet seen the new *Spiritual Sword* periodical. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to check this issue out from the library and read it].

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Daily Bible Reading Format Change

What greater use of our time could there be outside of Bible reading and study. Other areas of our life are vitally important, but the Bible provides guidance for us in how to best live a life that is pleasing in the sight of God; such a life includes instruction in the other areas of our life mentioned above.

For this reason, as well as others, we are continuing our encouragement by way of the bulletin for daily Bible readings. On the back cover of *The Caller* we are including a schedule for daily Bible reading. The method of Bible reading employed is somewhat a matter of judgment. In times past we have done a combination of Old and New Testament readings each day. I want to change that format this year. Let me explain the approach I would like to see us take to our daily reading of the Bible. This plan will take additional commitment as it is intended to be a two year plan (although you will have read through the Bible twice in those two years).

It is my judgment that one can gain the most sense of accomplishment by reading the individual books of the Bible through as a unit. In other words, we will begin with Genesis 1:1 and read until we reach Revelation 22:21—we will read the Bible through in a year cover to cover. In this way we will have the sense of completion of the task at hand—reading the Bible through in one year. Since the first edition of *The Caller* will not arrive until after January 5th, the first week's readings will be doubled. In future bulletins the daily reading will be lessened (around 2-3 chapters a day).

Next year, we will alter that plan slightly. In the 2011 edition of *The Caller* we will read through the Bible in a Chronological fashion. This is a more subjective approach but can still provide a way to read through the Bible while providing a little bit different approach than the previous year. This approach can also help us to put some chronological perspective to the Scriptures.

I hope the articles I write have some benefit but my hope would be that as you receive your bulletin, the first place you would read would be the Bible passages listed for the week. I am glad to place the focus upon the Scriptures rather than my own human writings.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Be Still and Know That I Am God*
Psalm 46

P.M. — *Ladies & Gentlemen: Have You*
Reached a Verdict, Matthew 28:11-15

A Perspective of a Child

Just a few weeks ago, Emaleigh, our youngest (10yrs) was riding in the vehicle when she said something to the effect of “Hey dad did you ever notice how taking trips is like living the Christian life?” We had recently returned from Iowa and she was anticipating a trip to Florida as well. I was intrigued so I asked her to tell me a little more about her thought process. Little was I prepared for the amount of thought that she had already given to this idea or for the detail she would provide.

Emaleigh began by saying, “You know how you have to pack to get ready for a trip? Well that is like studying and preparing for your baptism.” I liked her thought and I guess in one sense, before we make the decision to become a Christian, we do need to pack in those necessary elements like knowledge of God’s Word which leads to faith (Romans 10:17) in order to take the Christian journey.

She next said, “Next you also have to plan your route which is like understanding your goal in Christianity.” I took that to mean we need to understand where our Christian journey will take us. I thought of the words of Jesus in Luke 14:25-35 regarding the need to count the cost of becoming a follower of Christ. Such healthy reflection is important to the overall faithfulness of a Christian.

Emaleigh continued, “Next you need to get on the road.” I thought to myself how many times this had been a chaotic time in our family trips so I wondered what she had in mind. She said “getting on the road” was like starting the Christian race by being baptized. I wondered if she ever had in the back of her mind...”finally we are leaving...I thought we would never get started.” I then thought to myself how many people, for whatever reason, take such a long time to be baptized that many wonder if they will ever start their Christian journey. I know Emaleigh had this concern about some of those she loves who have not yet made the decision to become a Christian. When asked a question at a recent youth rally regarding what she viewed as important, the first thing she wrote was that she wanted to see this person obey the gospel.

I thought surely she had run out of ideas regarding this “trip motif”—but not so. Emaleigh continued, “The bumps in the road and the traffic jams you encounter are like Satan tempting you and you needing to continue on in your Christian journey.” My in-laws just spent over four hours in Atlanta traffic. We all can probably relate to a traffic problem that has attempted to hinder our trip. For the Christian we need to be aware of Satan’s attempts to get us to give up on our Christian journey. We need to remember passages like 1 Corinthians 10:13; I Corinthians 15:58; and 1 Peter 5:6-8.

Emaleigh lastly said, “Finally getting to your destination is like going to heaven.” All of the difficulties that you faced on the way were well worth the good time you had when you arrived at your destination. Remember heaven is a wonderful place prepared for us by Jesus (John 14:1ff). It is a place that is beyond human comprehension. John in the Revelation indicates to us through figurative language, what heaven will be like. Read Revelation chapter twenty one.

Yes, sometimes from the perspective of a child, we can learn a lot. I pray our young people keep their focus upon God. Much of that will depend upon us as parents. May we be faithful to the care God has entrusted to us.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, Ky.

News and Notes

BETTY ADDINGTON was released from HealthSouth Rehab Center Sunday. **ROY JOHNSON** will have eye surgery January 14 at Norton's Hospital in Louisville. **DAN MARCUM** continues to recover from his illness. **RUBY KEISTER** fell early Monday morning and broke her hip. She was admitted to Hardin Memorial Hospital, Room 228.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Rosa Lee Norman
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Dorothy Hawkins	Kay Thomason
Betty Lawson	Barbara Underwood
Diane Lewis	Lonnie Underwood
J Martin	Dorotha Weaver
Carl Mercer	Lawrence Wells
Tom Morgan	Jim White
Andy Nevins	

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), Drew McAlpin (Iraq)

Additional Prayer List: Yvonne Barclay, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, Roy Buckles, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Elizabeth Cooper, Bill Cyrus, Doug Edwards, Peggie Fryer (AL), Brenda Gaddie, Joe Gattis, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Doris Grimm, Jessica Hannum (Wilkins' niece), Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Louie Hodge, Mandy Holland-Sherwood, Betty Jabrocki, Janice Jones, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, 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, Jamie Schwalm, Herlon Selby, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Juanita Tillery, Tanya Waters (WY), Kevin Weaver, Margaret Whisenant, Judy Wilson, Virginia Wiser

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and cards I received since my knee surgery. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

In Christian Love, Dorothy Hawkins

Welcome

Dorothy Walker placed membership with our congregation December 20. Her address is 1623 Boone Road, Rineyville, KY 40162. Phone #769-1672. Welcome, Dorothy!

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE DECEMBER 2009

Food Center	197 families helped
Clothing Center	92 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE DECEMBER 2009 & YEARLY

Courses graded	329/1,789
New enrollees	41/204

UPCOMING EVENTS

- There will be a meeting Sunday, **January 10**, in Room 10 after morning services for the **5TH GRADE & UNDER** age group and their families to discuss 2010 activities.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **January 11**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY, January 15-17**, in Savannah, TN.
- **FREED HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP, February 7-12**

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Brenna Board and her family in the death of her grandfather, Jimmy Wiley, who passed away in West Virginia December 26.

New Address

Kelly, Lacey, Kelly II & Douglas Leverett (moved to Germany January 4)
CMR 464 Box 314
APO AE 09226

Mission News

Joe & Dorothy Brothers leave for a mission trip to Panama January 28. Please pray for the success of their trip.

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 1/10/10—Canned pork'n'beans and soup

OUR RECORD FOR January 3, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	135
Sunday Morning Assembly	189
Sunday Evening Assembly	149
Wednesday Bible Study	106
Ladies Bible Class	20
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,888)	\$6,889

**Elder/Coordinator for January
Mike Pence**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: In what prophetic book is the command, "Prepare to meet thy God"?

Last Week's Bible Question: There has been no Bible Question since the December 20th bulletin.

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
Jan. 1-10 — Genesis 1-31
Jan. 11 — Genesis 32-34
Jan. 12 — Genesis 35-37
Jan. 13 — Genesis 38-40
Jan. 14 — Genesis 41-42
Jan. 15 — Genesis 43-45
Jan. 16 — Genesis 46-47
Jan. 17 — Genesis 48-50

Jan. 10 — 5th Grade & Under & Parents Meeting
Jan. 11 — Church Workers Workshop
Jan. 15-17 — Evangelism University, TN
Jan. 17 — CSG Reorganization Meeting
Jan. 24 — Singing at Atria
Feb. 7-12 — FHU Lectureship
Feb. 20 — Sweetheart Dinner

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