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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

Is the Bible inerrant? Many today would answer no to this question. The Biblical evidence suggests otherwise. In this week's *Confidence Corner* we will summarize a small spattering of the evidence

confirming the inerrancy of the Scriptures from Dan Story's book *Defending Your Faith*.

A compelling argument demonstrating that the New Testament writers considered the Bible to be inerrant is that they referred to Old Testament characters and events as fully historical, (Luke 3:38; Rom. 5:12–21; 1 Tim. 2:13–14; Heb. 11:4–11; 2 Pet. 3:6).. There are many passages throughout the New Testament that refer to events in the Old Testament as literal history. People and events in Genesis are mentioned or quoted at least 160 times by the New Testament writers—and more than 100 of these pertain to the most controversial passages. For example, in the above passages, Peter refers to the flood of Noah (God's Global Flood), and Paul refers to Adam and Eve.

The most compelling evidence supporting the inerrancy of the Bible is the testimony of Jesus Christ. To all Christians, Jesus is God and the final and supreme authority in all things. If this is true, then His opinion on the inerrancy of Scripture must be accepted as truth. Jesus believed and taught that the Hebrew Bible was inerrant, not only in matters of faith and practice, but in its prophetic, historical, geographical, and scientific data. Jesus also predicted the writing of the New Testament under the power of the Holy Spirit, therefore putting a stamp of approval on its inerrancy.

As we close this week's *Confidence Corner*, read the following passages that provide Jesus' teaching on the Scriptures (*Matthew 4:4; Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; John 14:26; 16:12–13; Matthew 5:17–19; John 10:35*).

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From the Elders

Announcement to the Congregation

The elders have offered the Associate Minister's position to Daniel Capshaw. Daniel will be back in E-town the first weekend of March and details of his employment will be finalized then.

Our offer, and our intent, is for him to be here full time upon his graduation from Freed-Hardeman University. He will be here throughout the spring as schedules permit. Full time during the summer months, and provided all parties (he and the elders) are meeting the expectations of the other, he will work as schedules permit during the Fall semester and start full time upon his graduation in December.

We are pleased to have found a sound, faithful, enthusiastic young man who wants to learn and grow as a gospel preacher, and we will help him do that.

The Elders



I am excited for the opportunity that presents itself to us as a congregation. Daniel Capshaw is a young man with abilities and knowledge that I pray we can help develop further as he seeks to grow in his ability to serve the Lord. I am confident that our elders will provide the oversight and guidance that will be best for Daniel. I am also so very glad that he has an opportunity to work with you all—some of the best Christian people I know.

I am confident Daniel and Asia Lee, his fiancée, will be a wonderful example for our young people as well. As we approach this new journey together, I pray we all will be able to glorify God and grow together.

John F. Board

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Sermon on the Mount, Part 1*
Matthew 5:17-20

P.M. — *Sermon on the Mount, Part 2*
Matthew 7:1-6

Matthew and Seismos

In Matthew's account of the Gospel, he, through inspiration, uses the Greek word *seismos* in three different passages. In each passage the usage is a little bit different, but also with each passage the overall result is the same—our faith is increased. I would like to examine each of these passages briefly to develop the thought I am trying to convey.

The first time a reader finds Matthew using the term *seismos* is in connection with a great storm that comes upon the sea. The account is found in Matthew 8:23-24. And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great (*megas*) storm (*seismos*) on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?" What is the lesson that we learn from this passage? Often Christians (those with Jesus) face "storms" in their lives; they act as if they need saving. Really Christians need to remember that Jesus is with them and that He is in control. Whatever the storm in your life, trust that Jesus (although we may think He is sleeping) knows and is in control.

The next use of *seismos* by Matthew is found in Matthew 27:51-54. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook (*seio*), and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake (*seismos*) and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" Here we find two words that are quite similar. *Seio* is the word for shook and *seismos* is the word for earthquake. You can probably observe the similarities in the words. Again what can we learn? Like the centurion who saw the earthquake and recognized that Jesus was the Son of God, we too as we read of this earthquake in connection with the death of Jesus, can realize Jesus is the Son of God. Not only this but we as Christians can also increase our faith by reading of this second *seismos* that Matthew records. In this earthquake we are reminded of the death of Jesus on our behalf. When we wonder in difficult times does God love us, all we need to do is look to the cross. Does Jesus care—yes He does!

The last use by Matthew (through inspiration) of *seismos* is in Matthew 28:1-2. Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake (*seismos*), for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. This last use of *seismos* also serves to increase our faith in Jesus. As we see the power of God in the resurrection from the dead, we are reminded that the One who loves us, and Who is in control, has the power to work out whatever difficult situation to our benefit. Paul promised "And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28 ESV).

Matthew and *seismos*—through our study of each passage, our faith can be increased. When we face difficulty in our lives remember the words we often sing, "the winds and the waves shall obey thy will...peace, be still, peace, be still..." Whatever the *megas seismos* in our life, Jesus, who loves us, is there and He is in control.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

GRACE SPEER was admitted to Hardin Memorial, Friday morning and was released Tuesday. **DAN MARCUM** continues to undergo tests and doctor visits to determine the source of his health problems. **TERRI THOMPSON**, Pam Lercher's sister, underwent kidney surgery in Maryland Tuesday.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Rosa Lee Norman
Carl & Delsie Axton	Ruby Keister
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Dorothy Hawkins	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Betty Lawson	Lonnie Underwood
Ron Lemasters	Dorothea Weaver
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	Jim White
Carl Mercer	Dorothea Weaver
Tom Morgan	Mary Woodring

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett (Afghanistan), Korry Leverett, Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, 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), Matt Hanson (Afghanistan)

Additional Prayer List: John Berrier, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, Roy Buckles, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Elizabeth Cooper, Peggie Fryer (AL), Brenda Gaddie, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Louie Hodge, Mandy Holland-Sherwood, Betty Jabrocki, Janice Jones, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, T. L. Lewis, Buddy Logsdon, Ricky Mann (GA), Sherry Marcum, Steven Martin, Roy Mitchell, Kathy McNutt, Mary Montgomery, Robert Moyers, Joe Pawley, Gale Radford, Joe & Patsy Richter, Jean Routt, Tim Shelman, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Brady Swift, Juanita Tillery, Tanya Waters (WY), Kevin Weaver, Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser

Mission News

We are collecting garden seeds for our brethren at the Central congregation in Donetsk, Ukraine. Please bring these by this Sunday, February 21, and put them in the box in the lobby under the mission board.

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 2/21/10—Canned green beans & corn

Jail Ministry

Jail Ministry volunteers or those wishing to assist with the Jail Ministry Program must attend an upcoming training session for NEW volunteers Monday night, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. Training fee: \$10. All active volunteers are requested to attend this meeting also. Please contact Wayne McClaskey for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SWEETHEART DINNER**, Saturday, **February 20**, 6:00 p.m. in the South Wing. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Men, are asked to bring two dishes. CSG #1 is in charge of set up/decorations; CSG #2 is in charge of activities; and CSG #3 & #4 will clean up after the meal.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **February 21**, in the South Wing.
- **CYC**, in Gatlinburg, TN, **February 26-28**, for our young people. For those attending CYC, please give your \$10 for food to Brenna Board no later than February 21.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **February 28**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **TUESDAY LUNCH, March 2**, at noon in the South Wing.
- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Tuesday, **March 2**, 3:00-7:00 p.m., in the South Wing.
- **LADIES DAY**, Saturday, **March 13**, with Mary Greene, from Bowling Green, KY. Topic: "Reflections of the Heart."

Thank You

Thank you all for the cards, beautiful flowers, calls and especially the visits and prayers you gave my grandmother, Helen Raby, during her stay in the hospital. It means so much to know that she and my family are considered so much. We cannot express enough gratitude for your concern and your acceptance of our family in this congregation.

Kari & Denny Harrell and Janet Hall

OUR RECORD FOR

February 14, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	157
Sunday Morning Assembly	226
Sunday Evening Assembly	132
Wednesday Bible Study	98
Ladies Bible Class	10
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,888)	\$6,818

Elder/Coordinator for February
Rick Whobrey

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Who said, "Remember Lot's wife"?

Last Week's Bible Question: What disciples were mistaken for Jupiter and Mercury? The correct answer is Barnabus & Paul, Acts. 14:12. Those who correctly answered the question are: Mary Walker, Joyce Pack, Bloria Taylor, Rick Eiler, Doris Phelps, Lorene Harris, Helen Raby, Nadine Fulkerson, Monica Bybee, Reagan & Samuel White, Wilma Stull 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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Feb. 20 — Sweetheart Dinner
Feb. 21 — Youth Devo
Feb. 22 — Prison Ministry Training
Feb. 26-28 — CYC, Gatlinburg
Feb. 28 — Singing at Atria
Mar. 2 — Tuesday Lunch
Mar. 2 — Red Cross Blood Drive
March 13 — Etown Ladies Day

Daily Bible Reading Schedule
Feb. 22 — Numbers 26-27
Feb. 23 — Numbers 28-30
Feb. 24 — Numbers 31-32
Feb. 25 — Numbers 33-34
Feb. 26 — Numbers 35-36
Feb. 27 — Deuteronomy 1-2
Feb. 28 — Deuteronomy 3-4

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