



# The Caller

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## Confidence Corner

John F. Board

Is Christianity the one true religion of the one true God? When all of the evidence is considered, the answer is yes. In 1 Peter 3:15 we are encouraged to give a defense of what we believe. The passage reads, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer

to everyone who asks you of the reason of the hope that lies within you, with meekness and fear."

The phrase in the passage above to which we want to give our attention in this *Confidence Corner* is the phrase, "...be ready always to give an answer..." Here we are told to be ready to give an answer. What does that mean exactly?

When one considers the passage from the original language in which it was written, Koine Greek, one finds the admonition to be ready always to give an *apologia*. At first glance one may get the wrong idea of what Peter was encouraging through inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If one looks at the Greek word *apologia*, he may assume this word is much like our English term apology. From this he may reason that one is to offer and apology (or be sorry) for his Christian faith.

Really the Greek term, *apologia* could be translated in the sense of an apology, but not in the sense we normally think of when we think of an apology. Sometimes the word apology can have the meaning of a defense or a reason as to why one believes something to be true. It is in this sense that the word is employed in the passage by Peter.

The Christian is to make Jesus the Lord of their life; in doing so they will recognize Him as the authority in his life. Then the Christian is also admonished to provide a defense for why he believes in Jesus and the Christian System.

We need to be more determined as Christians to prepare ourselves for this great task through Bible study. As we come to grow in our faith through our study (Romans 10:17), we will better be able to share the confidence that we have in our beliefs. Christianity is the one true religion of the one true God; the one true God requires that His followers share this great message with all the world. How are you doing in fulfilling this admonition from Peter?

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## ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

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The Nuzi tablets are another significant find of archaeology. Nuzi is located just above Assyria. Nuzi, though not a biblical site, was discovered in 1925; over 1,000 different cuneiform tablets have been found. The tablets mostly

deal with business and family situations. The tablets are mostly written in Akkadian with some Hurrian words as well.

One thing of significance is that the Nuzi tablets help to support the biblical material regarding the Patriarchal customs in the book of Genesis. For example, in Genesis 15:1-4 we read how Abraham was concerned that his servant Eliezer, not a son, was his heir. The Nuzi tablets show it was normal for childless parents to adopt a servant as a son; this adopted would serve them until they died and became their heir.

The Nuzi tablets also show it was a normal practice (I am not saying a practice accepted by God) in the case of a childless couple, the wife could locate another woman for the husband. One of the tablets state, "*If Gilimninu (the wife) will not bear children, Gilimninu shall take a woman of Lulluland as a wife for Shennma (the husband).*" In Genesis we see that Sarah provided Hagar to Abraham (Genesis 16:3) for the purpose of bearing children. Should the first wife later bear a son, he would rank over the son born to the second wife. Such was the case when Isaac was born in Genesis 21:1-10.

What is the point of all of this information? Simply put, many think that the book of Genesis was just fanciful made up story material. Such is simply not the case. Genesis is the inspired word of God, and customs of other nations show that the accounts in Genesis were often common practices, especially of a people who did not have a faith in God. Both of the examples from the Abraham account show that Abraham and Sarah, because of a lack of faith in God, acted as the nations who did not serve God round about them.

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## Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *The Sum of Thy Word is Truth*  
*Psalm 119:153-160*

P.M. — *Jesus Is God*  
*John 1:1-5*

# Where is Destiny Hope's Dad?

I was quite saddened this morning though not surprised. Most young people would probably recognize the name in the title as one known to others as Miley Cyrus or Hannah Montana. If you have followed Miley's career, you know she is not new to controversy. She is not the first child star to leave a bad role model for the young girls who are fans (Hilary Duff, etc), but in the last year her level of degradation has reached a new low, especially when one considers her age. It started with what some might term soft porn pictures in a magazine then proceeded to her pole dance while wearing shorts with barely enough material to make an eye patch for a chipmunk, and evolved to what I read today. Miley, at age seventeen has recorded a sexually explicit song with a forty-something age rock star, the likes of which, if what was sung was actually carried out could land the rock star in jail (in some states) for statutory rape. The levels of sadness are many in my mind, but as a father, my greatest level of sadness is found in the fact that her father apparently allows such behavior. Where is Destiny Hope Cyrus's father?

I guess we ask that question regarding such extremes but perhaps we need to hone in a little and examine ourselves as Christian fathers. Let me start in a not too popular area. Upon us soon will be the season of Spring—hence the time when many begin to allow their bodies “to spring forth” from the winter hibernation beneath layers of clothing. Though perhaps for comfort, less layers of clothing are necessary, we as Christians must remember that less coverage of the body is not acceptable in God's eyes. Go back and re read Genesis chapter three where the man and the woman recognize their nakedness before God. They made an inadequate attempt at covering their bodies and so God stepped in and provided adequate clothing to cover their nakedness. Though no exact standard may be stated, a good starting point for us to consider is the garment God provided for Adam and Eve (this is not just a female issue). This garment is called a tunic in some translations. It was a garment, that at the very least, covered from the shoulder to the knees. This is something that must be taken into consideration. Such consideration must be taken not only by young people and by mothers, but also by the head of the households, the fathers. In my mind especially given the fact that a father knows how men think, they need to lovingly guide their daughters in their choice of clothing and what that choice of clothing can convey to others. Though it is wrong for a man to lust (Matthew 5:28) I believe in principle it is equally wrong for a lady (young or older) to dress in such a way as to entice a man to lust ((1 Timothy 2:9). And let me take it a step further—it is also wrong for a father to allow his daughter to dress in such a manner as described above (Ephesians 6:4).

Let me ask one last challenging question for those of us who are fathers. Where are we as fathers when it comes to other areas of spiritual training for our children? Again Ephesians 6:4 lays a heavy responsibility upon the father. Yes, mothers have their admonitions as well, but I am concentrating my efforts on fathers this week. It is truly something for us as fathers to consider.

The bottom line is that though I may be sickened by the lack of proper direction provided to Miley Cyrus by her father, my main concern, and that which will occupy my time is this—**where is my girls father?** Is he providing the guidance his children need to grow into young people who are pleasing to God? I hope you, too, as a father will consider your responsibility.

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY*

# News and Notes

**DIANE LEWIS** underwent an ultrasound Tuesday. **KAY THOMASON** has not had a good week and continues to need our prayers. **BETTY JAB-ROCKI**, Joyce Pack's sister, has been in the hospital in Michigan with heart problems. **GRACE SPEER** remains in Frazier Rehab Center, Room 1204. **DAN MARCUM** continues his struggles with health issues.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Rosa Lee Norman
Carl & Delsie Axton	Ruby Keister
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Oleta Stranahan
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Dorothy Hawkins	Lonnie Underwood
Roy Johnson	Dorothea Weaver
J Martin	Lawrence Wells
Carl Mercer	Jim White

## Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:

*Afghanistan*—Kelly Leverett, Travis Clonch  
*Iraq*—Drew McAlpin  
*Fort Knox*—Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, A. J. Anderson, Roni Reed  
*Others*—Robert E. Wooten, Korry Leverett, Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Aaron Wellman, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack

**Additional Prayer List:** John Berrier, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, Roy Buckles, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Peggy Fryer, Brenda Gaddie, Royce Goodman, Ginell Harris, John Kavanaugh, Buddy Logsdon, Ricky Mann, Sherry Marcum, Steven Martin, Terri McDonald, Kathy McNutt, Roy Mitchell, Mary Montgomery, Debra Morgan, Joe Pawley, Penny Pirtle, Ed Ransom (*friend of Woodring family involved in an accident in TX*), Joe & Patsy Richter, Tim Shelman, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Terri Thompson, Juanita Tillery, Tanya Waters, Kevin Weaver, Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser

## Youth News

Youth Devotional hosted by the Board family, Sunday night, March 21.  
 Taylor Christian Camp applications available March 27. Camp is June 13-18.  
 Freed-Hardeman University Horizons, July 4-9.  
 Applications available online for 7th-12th graders.

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 3/14/10 Canned green beans & corn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LADIES DAY**, Saturday, **March 13**, with Mary Greene, from Lehman Avenue Church of Christ, Bowling Green, KY. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served. Topic: "Reflections of the Heart." All ladies are invited to attend.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**, Sunday, **March 14**. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER BOWLING** at Dix-E-Town Lanes, Sunday afternoon, **March 21**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person per game to bowl, and shoe rental is free. Please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board by March 15 if you plan to go. Check with Ken or Monica Bybee if any questions.
- **PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING**, Sunday afternoon, **March 21**, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 10.
- **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR**, hosted by Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY, Saturday, **March 27**, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. CST. Speakers: Jack Ray, Alan Highers and Garvis Semore.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **March 28**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **DIRECTORY PICTURES** of new members or family retakes for our pictorial directory, will be taken Sunday morning, **March 28** in John's office.
- **TUESDAY LUNCH**, **April 6**, at noon in the South Wing.
- **GOSPEL MEETING**, **May 16-19**, with Tom Holland

## OUR RECORD FOR

March 7, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	152
Sunday Morning Assembly	214
Sunday Evening Assembly	132
Wednesday Bible Study	98
Ladies Bible Class	16
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,888)	\$6,700

**Elder/Coordinator for March**  
**Ronnie Carter**

## Bible Question

**This Week's Bible Question:** *What Old Testament woman had children named Lo-ruhamah, Lo-ammi and Jezreel?*

**Last Week's Bible Question:** *Who said: "The time of the singing of birds is come"? The correct answer is Solomon, Song of Solomon 2:12. Those who correctly answered the question are: Mary Walker, Bloria Taylor, Edna Ashlock, Rick Eiler, Joyce Pack, Helen Raby, Wilma Stull, Reagan & Samuel White.*

*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**  
Mar. 15 — Joshua 16-18  
Mar. 16 — Joshua 19-21  
Mar. 17 — Joshua 22-24  
Mar. 18 — Judges 1-2  
Mar. 19 — Judges 3-5  
Mar. 20 — Judges 6-7  
Mar. 21 — Judges 8-9

Mar. 13 — E-town Ladies Day  
Mar. 14 — Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Mar. 21 — 5th Grade & Under Bowling  
Mar. 21 — Prison Ministry Volunteer Meeting  
Mar. 21 — Youth Devo  
Mar. 28 — Singing at Atria  
Apr. 6 — Tuesday Lunch  
May 16-19 — Gospel Meeting w/Tom Holland

## PARTICIPATION

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