



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

A time of death is often a challenging time for a child of God. Though we know physical death is the consequence of man's choice to sin (Genesis 3), the hurt we endure when a loved one passes seems at times

almost unbearable.

In Galatians 6:1-5, Paul describes a way that God has given to help ease the pain of all types of difficulties a Christian may face in this life. In this passage we read how we are to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Paul is describing a support system God has put in place for the Christian. The Church is such a blessing to each Christian. Christians can help to ease the burden faced by their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Notice though that just a few verses later the passage says each Christian is to bear their own burden. Some look at this as a contradiction but the original language has two different kind of "burdens" in mind. The "burden" in Galatians 6:2 is the idea of "common afflictions." The thought in verse 5 is "personal responsibility."

Apply this understanding to dealing with the death of a loved one. The Christian has many individuals who can help them bear the burden or affliction of the loss of a loved one. But in the real work of grief (from an original word meaning "heavy") each person must do their own grieving.

In the Jewish Talmud the thought behind this passage is illustrated in what the Jews would do when a death occurred. When the Jews would loose a loved one they would tear their garment. This would represent the separation or tearing apart that death represents. Some time later one could mend the garment but the mend had to show outwardly to show others that their life had been affected by the death. Also of note was the fact that this garment that had been torn and sown could never be sold to another. Perhaps this indicated that no one could do the grieving for another. When we face death, may we always find confidence and take comfort in God (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

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ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

John F. Board

As we continue our study of how Archaeology can help to illuminate biblical study, let us consider one of the finds from the land of Egypt. James H. Breasted (1865-1935) was appointed Professor of Egyptology and Oriental History in 1905 as a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago. He received his education at Yale focusing his studies in Egyptian, Hebrew, Greek, and Arabic. Breasted is also known for his work in archaeology in Egypt and Mesopotamia.

Wayne Jackson has written regarding one find related to archaeological studies in Egypt. Note what he writes regarding Breasted's work in the field of Egyptian archaeology with a find known as the Ramses Brick:

"The Egyptian hall also contains a "mud brick" from the time of Ramses II (stamped with his name). Radical scholars contend that Ramses II was the Pharaoh who oppressed the Hebrews, but this view is not consistent with Old Testament chronology (see John J. Davis, *Moses and the Gods of Egypt*, Grand Rapids: Baker, 1971, pp. 16ff).

Nonetheless, this ancient brick is quite interesting. While the Egyptians are best known for their great stone monuments, they also used bricks extensively (as the book of Exodus indicates). This brick clearly shows remnants of the straw that was mingled with the mud (cf. Exodus 1:14; 5:7ff). The straw reinforced the bricks to keep them from cracking.

What many may have challenged after reading the scriptures—the use of bricks instead of stones by the Egyptians in building projects—has now been confirmed by archaeology.

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Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Time to be Holy*
1 Peter 1:13-16

P.M. — *The Miracles of Jesus*
John 20:30-31

Some Thoughts On Our Trip To Israel

By
Steve Higginbotham

Many of you may know that Steve, Mike Greene and our own Randy Lane all went on this trip to Israel. I hope one day to be blessed to do so as well. If you have a chance, talk with Randy about his experience. jfb

As most of you already know, eight of us from Kentucky joined a group of Christians from Pike's Peak, Colorado for a 10 day trip to Israel. I have always wanted to go to Israel and see the sites because I thought that it would help me in my preaching. I was correct in thinking that. By going to Israel, and seeing the sights, I have an immeasurably greater comprehension and perspective of the places and people about which the Bible speaks. The first several days, we spent time in Galilee, which is the northern part of Israel. While there we saw such sites as Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Dan, and many other sites. Then we went to Judea, which is in the southern part of Israel, seeing such sites as Jericho, the Dead Sea, Masada, and Qoran. Finally, we spent several days in the Jerusalem area seeing Teoka, where the prophet Amos lived, Bethlehem, and the old city of Jerusalem.

This was my first trip to Israel, and I can't put it all into words. Simply put, it was a trip that I will never forget. I understand that you heard while there, my knee-cap went out of place and I could barely walk for a day, but it slipped back into place the following day, and really didn't hinder me too much from seeing all that I wanted to see. I plan to share some information and slides from the trip that I think you will find helpful and interesting, so be sure to bring your Bible Wednesday night (tonight by the time you receive this) and we'll talk about a few things that I believe you will find informative.

As I was flying home Sunday morning (this was not in our original plans. We were supposed to return home on Saturday, but our flight out of Tel Aviv was canceled), I wrote the following thoughts regarding what I saw with respect to the two seas that are in Israel. Give the following words some thought.

One of the interesting things I noticed while in Israel is that there are two seas. Of course, you know them, and have read of them many times in your Bible. They are the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Two seas in the same general area, but how different they were from each other!

The Sea of Galilee is alive. It is still fished by local people, and its banks are alive with lush vegetation. In stark contrast to the Sea of Galilee is the Dead Sea. It is appropriately named because nothing lives in its waters, and the land that surrounds it is barren and desolate.

How can two seas, which are so close together, be so different? Both seas are fed by the same water supply, the Jordan River. So what accounts for one being alive and the other dead? The answer is this simple. The Sea of Galilee not only receives fresh water from the Jordan, but it gives that same fresh water on to the Dead Sea. However, while the Dead Sea receives the fresh waters from the Jordan, it has no outlet, it doesn't give, it hoards all that it receives, and is thus dead.

Come to think of it, there are two kinds of people in this world...which are you?

News and Notes

OLETA STRANAHAN was released Monday from Har-
din Memorial. **MARIETTA SOLOMON** has been under-
going some outpatient tests. **JIM WHITE** should get
results of his liver test this week and could possibly be-
gin chemo treatments next week.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Rosa Lee Norman
Carl & Delsie Axton	Ruby Keister
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Faye Guess	Grace Speer
Dorothy Hawkins	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Diane Lewis	Lonnie Underwood
Dan Marcum	John Weaver
J Martin	Dorothea Weaver
Carl Mercer	Lawrence Wells

Let us continue to remember the following mili- tary 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 Better-
ton, Terry Turner, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain,
Ronald O'Bryant, Aaron Wellman, Dan Sloat, Gregory
Stack, Tim Gil

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Millie Gardner
and her family in the death of Bro. Howard Gardner who
passed away Monday morning. His funeral was held
Thursday at the church building with burial in Buffalo
Cemetery.

Also, sympathy is expressed to Mike Parks in the death
of his aunt, Betty Parks, whose funeral was held in
Texas last week.

Tim Shelman, uncle of Mike Parks and Kim Whobrey,
passed away Sunday morning at Elizabethtown Nursing
and Rehab Center. His funeral was held Wednesday.
Sympathy is extended to Caroline Pence on the death
last Wednesday of her good friend, Sonny Tuttle.

Youth News

Taylor Christian Camp applications are on the table in
the lobby. Deadline for applications and registration
fees is May 17. *Only the first 150 registered will be al-
lowed to attend Bible Camp* which is June 13-18.

Please bring applications and fees to the church office
as soon as possible to guarantee your child will be able
to attend.

Freed-Hardeman University Horizons, July 4-9. Appli-
cations available online for 7th-12th graders and appli-
cations are also on the table in the lobby.

K-5th Grade Madisonville Bible Bowl, Saturday, July 31.
A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for those
who plan to participate.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| 1. Ruby Keister | 18. Jacob Bartelt |
| 2. Buddy Guess | 21. Allen Woodring |
| Dave Tackett | Lauren Nowland |
| 3. Linda Carter | 22. Ken Bybee |
| 4. Greg Treadway | 25. Shane Muncy |
| 8. Tom Morgan | 27. Mike Parks |
| 12. Aydan McClaskey | Barbara Witty |
| 13. Dorothy Walker | 28. Brandon Curkendall |

Anniversaries

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| Randy & Nancy Lane | April 1 |
| John & Shirley Devore | April 5 |
| Buddy & Faye Guess | April 20 |
| Joey & Stephanie Stull | April 20 |
| Tom & Vivian Morgan | April 25 |
| Terry & Tracy Nowland | April 26 |

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/4/10 Canned green beans & corn

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TUESDAY LUNCH, April 6**, at noon in the South Wing.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER SPRING GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday morning, **April 11**. Please check the bulletin board for a sign up sheet for food and drinks. Bring candy to put in eggs by Wednesday night, April 7.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday morning, **April 12**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **April 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **YOUTH WORK DAY**, Saturday, **May 1**, for 3rd-12th graders. Meet at the building at 9:00 a.m.
- **GOSPEL MEETING, May 16-19**, with Tom Holland
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**, Sunday, **May 16**

OUR RECORD FOR

March 28, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	152
Sunday Morning Assembly	238
Sunday Evening Assembly	139
Wednesday Bible Study	116
Ladies Bible Class	16
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,888)	\$7,179

Elder/Coordinator for April
Henry McAlister

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What building had no tool sounds when it was being built?

Last Week's Bible Question: Who was Noah's father? The correct answer is Lamech, Genesis 5:28-30. Those who correctly answered the question are: Mary Walker, Bloria Taylor, Edna Ashlock, Rick Eiler, Joyce Pack, Wilma Stull, Nadine Fulkerson, Reagan & Samuel White, and Lorene Harris.

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

Apr. 6 — Tuesday Lunch
Apr. 11 — 5th Grade & Under Spring Get-together
Apr. 12 — Church Workers Workshop
Apr. 25 — Singing at Atria
May 1 — Youth Work Day
May 16-19 — Gospel Meeting w/Tom Holland
May 23 — Senior Youth Banquet

Apr. 5 — 2 Samuel 1-3
Apr. 6 — 2 Samuel 4-7
Apr. 7 — 2 Samuel 8-12
Apr. 8 — 2 Samuel 13-15
Apr. 9 — 2 Samuel 16-18
Apr. 10 — 2 Samuel 19-21
Apr. 11 — 2 Samuel 22-24

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