



# The Caller

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## Confidence Corner

John F. Board

A few weeks ago I wrote regarding a time when our confidence could be challenged. This was at the time of death (either our own or the death of a loved one). During this time we encouraged all to look to God and his word rather than turn away from Him. You have heard me say

it often—we can be disappointed with God (suffer disappointment but maintain a relationship with God) or be disappointed without God (suffer disappointment and turn away from God thus removing all possibility of true hope and encouragement). This week I would like to turn our thoughts to a positive vein.

I believe that when we consider what the Scriptures teach regarding all of the Spiritual Blessings that are found “in our connection with and to Christ” that our confidence can soar to new heights. Consider the areas and blessings tied to being in Christ.

- All Spiritual Blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3)
- Holiness & Perfection in Christ (Eph. 1:4)
- Adopted sons of God through Christ (Eph. 1:5)
- Redemption in the beloved (Eph. 1:6)
- Grace abound in Christ (Eph. 1:8)
- Sealed with Holy Spirit in Christ (Eph. 1:13)
- Nearness to God in Him (Eph. 2:13)
- God’s workmanship in Christ (Eph 2:10)
- Access to God in Christ (Eph. 3:12)
- Forgiveness of sins in Christ (Eph. 4:32)
- Prize of life in Christ (Phil. 3:13)
- First in the resurrection (1 Thess. 4:16)
- Eternal life in His Son (1 John 5:12)
- Blessed are those who die in the Lord (Rev. 14:13)
- Christians are those in Christ (Phil 1:1)
- Redemption in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24)

Talk about confidence—what amazing thoughts to provide us with if we are in Christ! Confidence in Christ and because of Christ—what a great blessing to our lives.

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## ELDER’S CORNER

For some time, the monthly public service roster has contained the request from us as elders to “dress appropriately.” Our worship to

God is a serious matter and our preparation for such should reflect such an attitude on our behalf (read Exodus 19). Our attire as well should not “distract” from the purpose of our gathering by pointing our thoughts to some team or product. Though we do not want to set an exact standard of dress, we do ask that each man who serves, consider our request. Again we are not trying to dictate how you dress when you come to a worship assembly (outside of the biblical dictates of modesty, etc), but we do feel that we can request of those who serve in a leading role in our worship services to observe some standards of dress.

The Elders



## Youth News

Taylor Christian Camp, June 13-18. Applications are on the table in the lobby. Deadline for applications and registration fees is May 17. At present, we have 22 young people who have registered to attend.

Freed-Hardeman University Horizons, July 4-9. Applications available online for 7th-12th graders. There are also some applications on the table in the lobby. Please inform the office of applications mailed or completed online.

Attention 2010 High School Graduates—Please bring a picture to the church office by May 5 to be published in an upcoming bulletin.

## Sunday’s Sermons:

A.M. — *The “Walk Around” of the Christian*  
*Ephesians 5:1-10*

P.M. — *Teaching Young Men to Serve*  
*Mark 14:3-8*

# Young Men's Training Class

This Sunday night we as a congregation will get to see the fruits of the labors of our young men who have been training to lead in worship services. For the past quarter Joe Brothers, Terry Nowland, and Jon Walker (singing) have been working with our young men in a Young Men's Training Class. I commend the efforts of those men leading the class but also want to commend and encourage our young boys who will be taking part in Sunday evening services.

What a great opportunity you have had to prepare yourself to take a leading role in the public worship assemblies. God has intended that men take this leadership role (1 Timothy 2:8ff) in worship. Your willingness to take on this role at a young age makes me very thankful. My prayers will be with you all this week as you make your preparation.

Terry mentioned last night at the devotional his hope that the young men who have prepared lessons will be willing to deliver those at upcoming devotionals. This would be such a wonderful thing for you and your peers. If you would allow me, I would like to take a few paragraphs and describe what I have seen develop from young men being willing to participate in young men's training classes or young people's night.

The first thing that comes to my mind is my impression from the church of Christ in Chester, WV. Here is where I first learned the truth at approximately age twenty. One Wednesday each quarter, the young men of the congregation would lead in services. Usually there would be one or two speakers that evening. Others would lead singing, read Scripture, and offer prayers. This practice had been in place for many years. I cannot say for certain the extent of the role this program had in the great blessing the church of Christ in Chester, WV has been to the brotherhood, but I am convinced it has played a role for sure. You see, a little over 20 Gospel preachers have come from this congregation! I know for sure that one of them was encouraged greatly by the kind words spoken to him after he had taken part in young people's night.

Another effort that started small but grew to become something that was a blessing to North Central West Virginia, was a program called *The Youth Speaking to Youth Lectureship*. This program originally started as an effort to provide an alternative to young people from an area Youth Rally that had turned away from the truth of God's Word. In this program (an annual youth rally), young men would lead congregational singing, lead prayers, and deliver lessons to their peers. At first, the young men were hesitant to participate. As the program grew through the years, there would be more volunteers to participate than there were slots to fill on the program! This program continues to this day.

I have written all of that to write this to our young men...I am looking forward to great things from each of you as you each develop your individual talents for the Lord. The Lord has always utilized young people in his plan and such should not be different today. Like those of old, you need to prepare yourself so that when the opportunity presents itself, you will be ready to serve God.

1 Timothy 4:12 admonishes..."Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Again my prayers will be with each of our participants and I encourage all of us as member to be here and support these young men who are attempting to grow in their service to the Lord.

*John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, Ky.*

# News and Notes

**PEGGY HAGLER**, Lisa Treadway's mother, underwent surgery Tuesday in Knoxville. **ANGIE CARTER** was admitted to Hardin Memorial Friday night and was released Monday afternoon. **KATHLEEN WELLS** fell and broke her ankle and will be in a cast for three weeks. **NEIL BURDEN** was seen in the ER at Hardin Memorial Saturday morning. **DAN MARCUM** was admitted to Jewish Hospital, Room 862, in Louisville Tuesday night to undergo tests. **RON LEMASTERS** is having some back problems. **JOHN WEAVER** was admitted to Room 408 at Hardin Memorial Hospital Monday. **JOYCE ROSE**, Zola Pence's daughter, underwent surgery Tuesday in Louisville for a pinched nerve in her back.

## 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
J Martin	Dorotha Weaver
Carl Mercer	Lawrence Wells
	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, Tim Gil

**Additional Prayer List:** John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, Roy Buckles, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Tyler Dile, Jim & Peggy Fryer, Brenda Gaddie, Royce Goodman, Ginell Harris, Betty Jabrocki, John Kavanaugh, Ricky Mann, Sherry Marcum, Steven Martin, Terri McDonald, Kathy McNutt, Bobby & Mary Montgomery, Debra Morgan, Joe Pawley, Penny Pirtle, Joe & Patsy Richter, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Terri Thompson, Juanita Tillery, Tanya Waters, Kevin Weaver, Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser

## Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Misty Dunn and her family in the death of her stepfather, Butch Spencer. His funeral was held Sunday afternoon in Brandenburg.

Also, our sympathy is expressed to Oleta Stranahan and her family in the death of her nephew, John Berrier, who passed away last Thursday.

## Thank You

To My Church Family,  
Thank you for all the nice cards and expressions of sympathy for me on Howard's death, especially the Ladies Bible class and the 5th Grade students. Also, thanks to Bro. Carter for his nice talk at the funeral, and we appreciated the nice words of Bro. John Board at the funeral also. The food was delicious and the meal was so nice. Our family appreciates everything that was done on our behalf. Thanks again.

*Millie Gardner & Family*

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/25/10

toothpaste & soap

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **April 25**, at 3:00 p.m. 5th Graders & Under and their parents are encouraged to participate. Weather permitting plans are to go to Funtopia after the singing. See Ken or Monica Bybee with any questions.
- **YOUTH WORK DAY**, Saturday, **May 1**, for 3rd-12th graders. Meet at the building at 9:00 a.m.
- **BABY SHOWER** for Rachel Anderson, Sunday afternoon, **May 2**, at 2:00 p.m. in the South Wing. Rachel & AJ are expecting a baby girl in June and are registered at Target and Babies R Us.
- **GOSPEL MEETING**, **May 16-19**, with Tom Holland
- **SUPER SAINTS TRIP TO FORT GAY**, **May 22-23**. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- **YOUTH BANQUET** to honor our high school graduates (Jacob Bartelt—EHS, Samantha Clack—JHHS, Brittany Hogan—CHHS, and Katy Nash—LCHS), Sunday morning, **May 23**, in the South Wing. This will be a **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**.

## OUR RECORD FOR

April 18, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	151
Sunday Morning Assembly	234
Sunday Evening Assembly	128
Wednesday Bible Study	102
Ladies Bible Class	17
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,888)	\$7,984

**Elder/Coordinator for April**  
**Henry McAlister**

## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: What man had "rivers of waters" run from his eyes because people would not keep the law of God?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: Who talked about a hen and chickens? The correct answer is Jesus, Matthew 23:37 & Luke 13:34. Those who correctly answered the question are: Mary Walker, Jean Smith, Edna Ashlock, Rick Eiler, Joyce Pack, Nadine Fulkerson, Bloria Taylor, Wilma Stull, 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](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**  
Apr. 26 — 2 Kings 15-17  
Apr. 27 — 2 Kings 18-19  
Apr. 28 — 2 Kings 20-22  
Apr. 29 — 2 Kings 23-25  
Apr. 30 — 1 Chronicles 1-2  
May 1 — 1 Chronicles 3-5  
May 2 — 1 Chronicles 6

Apr. 24 — Madisonville Bible Lecture  
Apr. 25 — Singing at Atria/5th Grade & Under  
May 1 — Youth Work Day  
May 2 — Anderson Baby Shower  
May 16-19 — Gospel Meeting w/Tom Holland  
May 22-23 — Super Saints Trip to Fort Gay  
May 23 — Senior Youth Banquet & Congregational Potluck  
June 5 — Vacation Bible School

## PARTICIPATION

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