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*Your CALL*

Sunday, October 31, 2010



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"Can you hear me now?" It's one of the most recognizable slogans for a popular wireless company today. Their dedicated spokesperson is seen moving in and out of various locations to prove that their company has the best signal in order to answer a call from just about anyone and anywhere.

Our focus this year is on God's calling to Elijah. Unlike today, Elijah didn't have Caller ID to help him in hearing and discerning God's call on Mt. Horeb. God wasn't speaking to him in the way he expected. How do you think Elijah felt about what he saw from the inside of the cave on Mt. Horeb? He must have been bewildered, afraid for his life, and wondering what was going to happen to him. So God tells him to go outside the cave because the Lord is about to pass by. God had to call Elijah outside the cave where he was hiding in order to hear the voice of the Lord. Just then a violent wind breaks the mountains and shatters the rocks...but it's not God. Then an earthquake comes and surely that must be God. No, again. Then there was a display of fire. No, again. Then God finally shows up and it's not at all how Elijah expected the Lord to pass by—God shows up in a small whisper.

I think sometimes our calling from God is not what we might expect, either. We might expect God to make it abundantly clear with lots of noise, hype, maybe even some skywriting would be helpful, right? Not always! Sometimes we have to look with new eyes and ears, block out the distractions, and train our hearts to a different form of communication. It's not always what we expect and sometimes when we quiet our minds and hearts, we finally can hear the "still small voice" or whisper of God.

It is our hope that this year's emphasis on the calling of Elijah will enable you to focus on your own personal calling in life. What is it that God is calling you to do, to be, to change? Sometimes in the whisper there is a quiet confirmation that empowers us to new ministries within our churches, communities, and the world. You'll never be the same if you have the willing heart and mind to listen for God's calling in your life and the courage to live out the calling to the glory of God. We'd love to talk with you more about all the possibilities as you seek to respond to God's still small voice of calling.

The vision of "Consider Your Call"® Sunday is to begin laying the foundation for the local church to call out and nurture all of its members for ministry and service. Our churches have leaders that are ready and willing to serve...but, will they be "tapped on the shoulder" and called by the church to live out their faith dangerously for God? Actually, that would be your call, wouldn't it?

Blessings,

[Ken Dibble](#)  
Emerging Leaders Team  
Virginia Baptist Mission Board

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## Preparation Timeline

We have developed a timeline to help your church get ready for "Consider Your Call"® Sunday. You can download this timeline below, in a [dated version](#) (for use with an October 31, 2010 celebration) or [undated version](#) (for use with an alternative "Consider Your Call"® Sunday celebration date).



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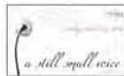
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## Publicity Items

We have created several promotional items to be used in your church to promote "Consider Your Call"® Sunday, as well as logos to be used on your own promotional materials.

### "Consider Your Call"® 2010 Theme Imagery



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### "Consider Your Call"® Logo



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### "Consider Your Call"® 2010 Posters



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## Sunday School Lessons

We are providing you with Sunday School lessons for Preschool, Children, Youth, and Adult classes that focus on "Consider Your Call"® Sunday.



[Adult Lesson](#)



[Youth Lesson](#)



[Children Lesson](#)



[Preschool Lesson](#)

You can also download Sunday School lessons from previous years:

### 2009 Lessons

- [Adult](#)
- [Youth](#)
- [Children](#)
- [Preschool](#)

### 2008 Lessons

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### 2005 Lessons

- [Adult](#)
- [Youth](#)
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### 2004 Lessons

- [Adult](#)
- [Youth](#)
- [Older Children](#)
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## Sample Sermons

We are providing you with sermons that focus on "Consider Your Call" Sunday.

### "Ain't It Awful?"



Written by  
Dr. Bill Nieporte  
Pastor, Patterson Avenue  
Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

### A Still Small Voice



Written by  
Dr. Craig A. Sherouse  
Pastor, Second Baptist Church,  
Richmond, VA

You can also download sermons from previous years:

#### 2009 Sermons

##### A Call for Ordinary People

Written by Rev. C. Steven Vaughan  
Pastor, Second Branch Baptist Church,  
Chesterfield, VA

##### The Calls of the Christian Life

Written by Dr. Michael J. Chingensel  
Pastor, River Road Church, Baptist,  
Richmond, VA

#### 2008 Sermons

##### A Call and a Dream

Written by Dr. William G. Wilson  
First Baptist Church, Dalton, GA

##### From Wee to Wow

Written by Dr. David Crive  
President, Bluefield College, Bluefield, VA

#### 2007 Sermons

##### Courage for Good Living & Good Dying

Written by Travis Collins  
Pastor, Bon Air Baptist Church,  
Richmond, VA

##### How Do I Hear A Call

Written by Travis Collins  
Pastor, Bon Air Baptist Church,  
Richmond, VA

##### The Call A God-Given Mission

Written by Travis Collins  
Pastor, Bon Air Baptist Church,  
Richmond, VA

##### The COMPASS

Written by Travis Collins  
Pastor, Bon Air Baptist Church,  
Richmond, VA

#### 2006 Sermons

##### A Late-Night Call

Written by Michael Cheuk  
Farmville Baptist Church, Farmville, VA

##### Do Something

Written by Dan Carlton  
Spring Hill Baptist Church,  
Ruckersville, VA

#### 2005 Sermons

##### Answer the Call

Written by David Stancil  
First Baptist Church, Bristol, VA

##### God's Escalation Clause

Written by Jim Baucom  
Columbia Baptist Church,  
Falls Church, VA

##### The Breakfast Club

Written by Nancy Rock Pelt  
First Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

##### You're Calling Me?

Written by Nancy Stanton McDaniel  
Rhoadesville Baptist Church,  
Rhoadesville, VA

#### 2004 Sermons

##### They Left Everything & Followed

Written by Cecil Sherman  
River Road Church, Baptist,  
Richmond, VA

##### To Be Chosen & Sent

Written by Tommy McNeers  
Blacksburg Baptist Church,  
Blacksburg, VA

##### Why I Am a Minister

Written by Reggie Warren  
Orcutt Baptist Church, Newport News, VA

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## Worship Toolbox

The Worship Toolbox enables you to customize your worship service depending on your church's style of worship. Download ideas for your worship service.



[Worship Toolbox](#)

2008 Theme Song: "Follow Me" - Gathered by Grace

[Windows Media Video](#)

[Sheet Music](#)

[Chord Chart](#)

To save .WMV file, right-click on link and choose "Save Target As..."

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## Decision Report Cards

We are providing you with Church and Individual Decision Report Cards for "Consider Your Call"® Sunday. Please feel free to use these and keep them for your church's records. We also offer electronic PDF forms that can be completed electronically and submitted via email.

As always, please [contact us](#) if you have any questions or issues completing these report cards.

### Print Forms



[For Churches](#)



[For Individuals](#)

### Electronic PDF Forms\*



[For Churches](#)



[For Individuals](#)

\* These forms require Adobe Acrobat Reader in order to be completed.  
[Download Adobe Acrobat Reader \(26MB\)](#),  
or visit the [Adobe website](#).

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## Discernment Toolbox

The Discernment Toolbox offers you advice and suggestions for responding to the call, no matter your age.



[Discernment Toolbox](#)

"The Discovery"

["The Discovery" CD](#)

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## Other Resources

We have provided a bulletin insert to be used during "Consider Your Call"® Sunday, as well as some helpful links and contact information that may be useful in learning more about calling, finding resources, or speaking with someone.

"The Bible and the Call" Bulletin Insert (5.5" x 8.5")



["The Bible and the Call"](#)  
(2 copies per 8.5" x 11" sheet)

Helpful Links

[Emerging Leaders Team](#)  
[Virginia Baptist Mission Board](#)  
[Download Adobe Acrobat Reader](#)  
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