

Beech Grove News

Remember all those who are dealing with health problems. Wayne Gannon is suffering with a pinched nerve. The Conners have been back in services since their recent sicknesses. Remember others who are still in the recovery mode. Sister Rose has been able to have short visits home, and was hoping to be able to attend services. Sister Singleton has been in the hospital at Tullahoma this week. Sister Crowell is on a trip.

Opportunities to serve:

Sunday	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	T J Waldron	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Ken Thomas	Ken Thomas
Song leader (Wor)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Andy Miller	Daniel Green	T. J. Waldron
Opening prayer	James Mason	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham	Nick Graham
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Brian Dennis	Brian Dennis	Brian Dennis
Closing Prayer	T. J Waldron	Wayne Gannon	James Mason

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
11/13	21	29	22	\$460	25
11/20	22	29	25	\$600+	19
11/27	17	25	12	\$748	14
12/04	15	24	22	\$631	24
12/11	13	31	18	\$604	14
12/18	NC	NC	NC	\$450	25
12/25	18	44	23	\$819	27
Goals	25	40	30		35

(Unused Cup continued)

Consider the declarations of an "Unused Cup"...

"I am an unused cup for communion... left last Sunday from the worship service, giving testimony of an appointment unkept, a trust broken....

"I was filled in anticipation... that some Christian would drink of my contents and be reminded of the price of his redemption.

"Here I sit-- unused... Yet I bear witness of a

love extended, a fellowship desired, and a grace made available. 'This is the NEW covenant in my blood,' Jesus said.

"Here I remain... reminding one and ALL that God's gift MUST be claimed. He forces neither himself nor his blessing on anyone -- but He eagerly awaits acceptance.

"There is a cup for YOU each Lord's day... and no one else has a right to use it!

It is a sacred appointment that each of us has with the Lord to do this in remembrance of Him" (cf. Hebrews 10:24-29).*

Yes, there IS an appointment to be kept for the child of God at the Lord's table AND there is ALSO a seat reserved for YOU!

The Lord's Table is set...
Will you keep YOUR appointment?

God bless you,

David A. Sargent / Mobile AL

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

Mail: P.O. Box 85

Beech Grove, TN 37018

Visitors

Always

Welcome

January 1, 2006

The Unused Cup

Early one Sunday morning, a group of party leaders came by the White House to see President James A. Garfield to discuss a bill they thought should be passed by Congress. They were surprised when he said he had a very important appointment and would talk to them that afternoon. "But Mr. President," one man asked, "What could be more important than THIS?"

Garfield arose and walked to the door, turned to the party leaders and said, "Gentlemen, I have an appointment at the Lord's table!" He then left with Mrs. Garfield and went to Sunday morning worship.

President Garfield's "appointment at the Lord's table" was a reference to the Lord's Supper, a memorial of the sufferings of Christ observed by Christians every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). The Apostle Paul gave the following instructions to Christians concerning their "appointment at the Lord's table":

"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for YOU; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1Corinthians 11:23-26).

An invitation has been extended to each member of the human race to come in obedient faith (Acts 16:30-31) confessing Jesus as Lord before men (Rom 10:9-10) turning away from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31) and being baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38) so that they too may take their "reserved seat" at the Lord's table with those who will inherit eternal life.

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by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 1 “Food for Thought”

1. Grapes and raisins come in bunches. In the KJV an animal is said to have bunches. What is a bunch on this animal? (Refer to a modern translation if you need to.)
2. What leaders of God’s people said that their enemies would be “bread” for them? (And what do you think this means?)
3. We would think of a store as a place to trade, but the Bible uses the word “store” differently. Find the words “old store” and tell what the expression means in context.
4. Many fruits (oranges, bananas, lemons, etc.) are not named in the Bible. Find as many fruits as you can (no less than four) in the Bible. They can be from tree or vine.
5. Sugar and molasses are not mentioned by name in the Bible, (nor saccharine or aspartame!) but what seems to be the favorite sweetener of Bible times?
6. Bitter herbs are mentioned in the Bible, but what is bitter to drink?
7. What sour fruit depicts something that a person pretends not to have wanted even when he did? (Find a reference to the fruit, not to our use of the expression.)

Answers for week of December 25

1. Who was like a stranger in his own house and was despised by children?

Answer: Job

(Job 19:14-19 KJV) "My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. {15} **They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger:** I am an alien in their sight. {16} I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my mouth. {17} My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children's sake of mine own body.

{18} **Yea, young children despised me;** I arose, and they spake against me. {19} All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me."

Another acceptable answer: David

Psalm 69:7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. 8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. 9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

2. What woman was taken from a man?

Answer: Eve - Gen. 2:23

Gen. 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he **took one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was **taken out of Man.**

3. The expression “by the skin of my teeth”

has a biblical origin. From where?

Answer: (Job 19:19-20 KJV) All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. {20} My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, **and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.**

4. Words often cut, but where is the tongue compared to a shaving instrument?

(Psa 52:2-4 KJV) Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a **sharp razor**, working deceitfully. {3} Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. {4} Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

5. If a man’s nose was flat, what work was he disqualified for in Old Testament law?

Answer: Active work of priesthood. There were several blemishes that disqualified a descendent of Aaron. Note, however, that he was still permitted to eat the bread given to the priest and his family.

(Lev 21:17-23 KJV) Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. {18} For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that **hath a flat nose**, or any thing superfluous, {19} Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, {20} Or crookbacked, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; {21} No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer

the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. {22} He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. {23} Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

6. If an Israelite killed an edible animal, what two things were done with the blood?

Answer: It was drained from the animal and covered with dust.

(Lev 17:13-14 KJV) And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even **pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.** {14} For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

7. Where in the New Testament is spiritual numbness connected with immorality?

Answer:

(Eph 4:17-20 KJV) This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, {18} Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: {19} Who **being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.** {20} But ye have not so learned Christ;