

Beech Grove News

Please remember all those who are dealing with health problems. Wayne Gannon will have more tests this week. Sister Rose has been able to have short visits home, and was hoping to be able to attend services. Sister Singleton has been moved to room 308 in the skilled center next to the hospital in Manchester (phone 454-1858). Brother and Sister Mason are still sick. Wanda Miller hurt her back and was in severe pain. Ken Thomas has been fighting sinus problems.

Lillie Albritton, mother of Ken's brother-in-law Larry, died in Troy, TN. Buried Saturday.

Opportunities to serve:

Sunday	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22
Song leader (SS)	T J Waldron	Ken Thomas	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Ken Thomas	Ken Thomas
Song leader (Wor)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T. J. Waldron	Nick Graham
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
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	Wayne Gannon	James Mason	Tim Waldron

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
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
01/01	21	33	35	\$431	20
Goals	25	40	30		35

On Dec. 25 we broke our goal for morning worship, and last Sunday we broke the goal on Sunday night. Let's keep moving on up so we can have these numbers regularly and revise our goals upwards..

Today: Men's meeting and congregational fellowship

("Majesty" Cont. From front) We need to let people know about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. While we are not in the position of Peter,

where we can be eyewitnesses of his majesty, we certainly can be proclaimers of his majesty. We have a message worth sharing and that message is Christ's message.

We do not have to use "cunningly devised fables" or any other "heroic measures" when it comes to spreading the gospel. We have the power of God unto salvation if we will but use it to save those who are lost (Romans 1:16). This power is the Bible and it is God's inspired word. "No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20,21).

There is nothing more precious, more glorious, more majestic than the word of God that can save mankind.

A proclaimer of the gospel, God wants you to be one; your neighbor is dying for you to be one.

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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 8, 2006

Proclaimers of His Majesty

"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16).

Today I heard someone use the phrase "too close for comfort"; it was just after I had been contemplating the above verse penned by the Apostle Peter. As he continued, I began to ponder if it was not also true that we could get too comfortable because we are so close.

I live in the fabulous hills of Tennessee, snuggled between the legendary Civil War battlefield of Shiloh and the fabled Natchez Trace Parkway. About ten miles from my home is a naturally made land bridge and about thirty miles from my home is the birthplace of David Crockett, yet it has been years since I have visited any of these places. People travel for miles around to enjoy the beauty and history that surrounds me yet I am seemingly oblivious to it all.

A certain blindness comes from knowledge and familiarity. Unless we take the time to focus on something, it will never become a part of our life. Just because I own a beautiful flower garden does not mean that I have ever stopped to ponder the grandeur of the single rose.

As Christians, there is the danger of becoming comfortable with God.

As Christians we can get in a rut, we go to church, sing the songs, hear the sermons, read our Bibles, and pray our prayers, but none of it really makes a difference in our lives. Jesus told the Christians as Ephesus that this, basically, was their situation. They were doing all the things they were supposed to be doing yet Jesus says, "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Revelation 2:4).

As Christians, we have something about which to be excited!
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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 8 Women of the Bible

1. Who was the wife of Zacharias, a priest?
2. Who had a fever that was cured by Jesus?
3. What wife of David was noted for her beauty?
4. What wife of David despised him because of a dance?
5. What woman ran to tell of meeting Christ at a well?
6. What woman helped a preacher get his message in harmony with the truth of God?
7. What wicked woman lived was from a valley of Sorek?

Answers for week of Jan. 8 Food and Flavors

1. Grapes and raisins come in bunches. In the KJV an animal is said to have **bunches**. What is a bunch on this animal?

Answer: the hump on a camel

King James version: **Is 30:6** The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the **bunches of camels**, to a people that shall not profit them.

American Standard Version

... their treasures upon the **humps of camels**.

2. What leaders of God's people said that their enemies would be "**bread**" for them. (And what do you think this means?)

Answer: Joshua and Caleb.

Numbers 14:6 And **Joshua** the son of Nun, and **Caleb** the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9

Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for **they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.**

These were comments from internet readers:

Keith: The enemy was ready to be devoured.

Billy: In our modern day English we have idioms.. . "Easy as pie". Perhaps this is what they meant by the people being as "bread" for the Israelites since God had departed from their enemies. Another idiom is "we are going to eat them alive" which means essentially the same thing. Also since God had "delivered" them manna, and is now preparing to "deliver" them their enemies, the victory would be assured.

Jeri:It simply means that with the Lord's help, the inhabitants of the land would be easy to overcome.

Marvin: I like what Burton Coffman had to say: "Several quaint comments on this explain the metaphor: We shall gobble them up! Those people will be `duck soup' for us." Put another way, "it's a piece of cake!" You have nothing to worry about, we can destroy the enemy as easily as we can eat bread." . . .

Cf. Psalms 14:4: "Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD."

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.

Answer:Lev. 25:22 and 26:10 use the expression.

Lev. 25:22 "And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store." **Lev 26:10** "And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new."

The meaning is the production from a prior year's crop that is still stored when the new crop comes in.

Jim Puckett: Old store: This refers to produce that was harvested or prepared in previous years but not used up yet. It was to be eaten until the new crop was harvested and placed in storage. In particular, they were not to sow seed the seventh year, since it was to be a sabbath for the land. So, God gave them an extra good crop (two years worth) the sixth year and it was to last until the seventh year. They were not to eat or harvest what grew during the seventh year, but ate the old store until the 8th year crop was ready.

However, the 50th year was to be the year of jubilee and

so they were not to sow a crop for two years, and the sixth year crop would be enough (3 years worth) to last until the 9th year. This was the old store they were to eat until the 9th year crop came in. They could eat the volunteer crop in the fields this year, but they couldn't reap it.

Marvin Murphy: "Two other verses of scripture throw some light on what this "store" may have contained: 2Ch 11:11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil, and wine. Jer 41:8: But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, "Do not kill us, for we have treasures of wheat, barley, oil, and honey in the field." So he desisted and did not kill them among their brethren

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.

Answer: There is a difficulty here because "fruit" can be taken to mean the productiveness of any plant or animal. (Deu 28:4 KJV) "Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep." Some fruiting plants produce drupes (fruit with a single seed). Others produce berries (with multiple seeds). A biologist could help us with the classifications, but the simple point of this question was to get you to do some **research** that will demonstrate the absence of mention of many popular sweet fruits that we enjoy. **The most obvious (sweet) fruits are grapes (and raisins), figs, apples, melons, and pomegranates. In a broader sense olives, various nuts, etc. could be included. Here are some of the most inclusive verses. Hag 2:19** Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the **vine**, and the **fig** tree, and the **pomegranate**, and the **olive tree**, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless [you]. **Numbers 13:23:** And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of **grapes**, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the **pomegranates**, and of the **figs. 1 Samuel 25:18:** Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of **raisins**, and two hundred cakes of **figs**, and laid them on asses. **James 3:12** Can the **fig**

tree, my brethren, bear **olive berries**? either a **vine, figs**? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. **Numbers 11:5:** We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the **melons**, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: **Genesis 43:11** And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and

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?**

Answer Honey

A few examples of many references

Judges 14:18: And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, **What is sweeter than honey?**

Psalms 19:10: More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: **sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

Psalms 119:103: How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, **sweeter than honey** to my mouth!

Proverbs 16:24: **Pleasant words** are as an **honeycomb, sweet to the soul**, and health to the bones.

Proverbs 24:13: My son, eat thou **honey**, because it is good; and the **honeycomb**, which is **sweet to thy taste.**

Ezekiel 3:3: And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth **as honey for sweetness**

Psa 19:10 "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: **sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**"

6. Bitter herbs are mentioned in the Bible, but what is **bitter to drink?**

Answer: Strong drink to transgressors(Israelites)

Isaiah 24:9 They shall not drink wine with a song; **strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.** 10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

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.)

Answer: Sour Grapes

Ezekiel 18:2: What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten **sour grapes**, and the children's teeth are set on edge?