

Assignments	January 21	January 28
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader - Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Ken Lewis
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Wayne Gannon
(center)	Cole Gordon	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
(outside)	Ken Lewis	Ken Lewis
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

William Miller had to return to MTMC this week. Wanda Miller still was having serious back pain this week. Sister Doris Mason has been very sick this past week. Remember the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Conners and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Bible Bowl

February Bible Bowl - New Union - Genesis 18-21

TABS is tonight for area youth.

Friday Night Singings

Jan. 26 - LaVergne - Feb.2 - Bethel/ Dunlap, TN

Coffee County Singing will be at Beech Grove this month. January 28 - 2:30 PM

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
12/17	21	28	24	\$585.50	21
12/24	21	37	25	\$592.50	15
12/31	21	33	24	\$523.82	19
01/07	21	35	27	\$607.31	21
01/14	23	44	14	\$710.00	20
Goals	35	45	36		35

Every Little Bit Helps

By Steve Higginbotham

Have you ever noticed how many maxims our society has? There are countless "general truths" that seem so axiomatic that no one challenges their truthfulness. One of those maxims oft repeated states that "every little bit helps."

If I may be so bold, I would like to challenge the truthfulness of this maxim. Sometimes, "every little bit" doesn't help. Sometimes, what is called for is genuine sacrifice, and requires more than just a "little bit."

"Every little bit helps" has sometimes been used to salve the consciences of those who are stingy and greedy. Sometimes a "little bit" is woefully inadequate and what is needed is for deep, committed sacrifice.

We will pray before the weekly offering and thank God for the "s-m-a-a-l-l" portion we are about to give back to Him. [That's one prayer some people can honestly pray].

While I don't deny that there are occasions when "every little bit helps," I'm convinced there are far more occasions when "every little bit" doesn't help. Friends, don't settle for a little when God needs a lot.

Give it some thought.

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January 21, 2007

Rag Doll

by Stan Mitchell



Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

"All of us have become like one who is unclean, and our righteous acts are like filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

A missionary to Australia recalls the long trip, and how exhausted his three-year-old daughter Rosemary was. Upon arriving at Melbourne, a woman welcomed her with a little rag doll. The girl buried her face in the doll's limbs and wept. But the next morning, she was fine, and she grew attached to the doll.

Like Linus's blanket or Radar's teddy bear, it was her constant companion. Cleaning it was difficult because the protruding bits and pieces were hard to clean, and well, because she never let go of it!

She even took it to college. To the casual observer, it was just a pile of rags, but if you loved Rosemary, you loved the doll.

They were a package deal!

God loves a lot of "rag dolls." Drug addicts, drunks, embezzlers, sinners. It's outrageous the people he loves! And he loves us, for we all carry a little rag doll around, filled with the tears and grime of living.

Churches carry rag dolls around; the weak, the faint hearted, the needy. But if we love the church, we must love her rag dolls, too. It's a package deal. You see if we love the little girl, we must love the rag doll, too.

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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 21, 2006

1. During Jesus' time where did scribes and Pharisees "sit"?
2. At what social event did people from the streets replace farmers and merchants who had disdained their own invitation?
3. The Bible teaches that faith can be grounded in at least two sources. What kind of teaching causes faith to stand in the wisdom of men, and what kind produces God-based faith?
There are two questions to be answered here, but they are both found in the same chapter.
4. Jews sent investigators to determine John's identity. Who were they, and what sect of the Jews were they associated with?
5. Worms and viruses seem to be taking over the internet at present. What source of shade was destroyed by a worm?
6. What city's name ends with the name of its builder, an Ephraimite woman?
7. That same Ephraimite woman is credited with building another city with "upper and nether" parts, but these cities are also credited to a king of Israel. Which king?

Answers for week of January 14, 2007

1. Who questioned God's ability to feed meat to the Israelites for a whole month?
Answer: Moses - Numbers 11:4-23
(18- 23)And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept

before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt? And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and **thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall theflocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?** And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not."

2. Which tribe of Israel is described prophetically as being shod metallically?

Answer: Asher

Deut. 33: 1 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. . . .24 And of **Asher** he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil. 25 **Thy shoes shall be iron and brass;** and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

3. In Psalms the person who trusts in God for refuge is described as one who might have protection from God in many perils. What is said to cover this individual?

Answer: God's (wing) feathers - Psalm 91:1-4.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. **I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.** Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. **He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:** his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Psalm 57:1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

4. What New Testament character was "officially" replaced by another in fulfillment of of prophecy in Psalms which describes the fate of those who return enmity for love? (give the reference in Psalms as well as the New Testament passage.)

Answer: Judas was replaced by Matthias as an apostle.

Psalm 109: 5 And **they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.** 6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. 7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. 8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

(Ps. 69 is also associated with this event)

Acts 1:16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. 20 **For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.** 21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. 23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

5. What is the reason given for the affliction of a fool?

Answer: their transgressions, iniquities.

Psa 107:17 **Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.** 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they

draw near unto the gates of death. 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, [and] he saveth them out of their distresses.

6. What do people do when they are at their "wits end"?

Answer: reel and stagger like a drunk. (Actually, the stormy sea caused them to be at their "wits end".)

At that point they cry out to God

Psa. 107: 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; 24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They **reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.** 28 **Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,** and he bringeth them out of their distresses. 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. 31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

7.. Where in Psalms is a passage that illustrates God's wonderful works with a description of dry lands becoming wet lands (and vice-versa? In the same Psalm is mention of providing relief to the poor, exalting them

Answer: Psalm 107, especially verses 33-35

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. 33 He **turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;** 34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein. 35 **He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.** 36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; 37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.