

Opportunities to Serve:

Sunday	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	T.J. Waldron	T.J. Waldron	T.J. Waldron
Song leader (Wor)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose
Opening prayer	Junior Conner	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
(center)	Cole Gordon	Cole Gordon	Cole Gordon
(outside)	T. J. Waldron	T. J. Waldron	T. J. Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Gordon	Daniel Gordon	Daniel Gordon
Closing Prayer	Andy Miller	Nick Graham	T. J. Waldron

Beech Grove News

Since Ken was out of town most of the week, this news will be limited. Andy and Brandy have been moving this week. Please remember our sick and those who have lost loved ones. Ann and Charlene lost a relative by death this week. Don't forget to encourage Iva, Laura, and Vadna in their improvement of health. Please report sicknesses, deaths, or other significant news to Ken. A "voice mail" system will record your message if you will call Ken at home.

It is encouraging to see the excellence with which our youngest members have taken part in the services. As they grow and mature in Christ, we look for great things from T.J. and Daniel

("Our Words", from front page)

Our words also have great potential for good:

"...as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Ephesians 4:29

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

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11

Ronnie Crocker, City Blvd. Church of Christ, Waycross, GA

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
01/01	21	33	35*	\$431	20
01/08	18	31	33	\$600	23
01/15	19	35	19	\$585	27
01/22	19	35	27	\$645	17
01/29	21	38	29	\$589	22
02/05	20	24	22	\$490	25
Goals	25	45	36		35

* Denotes a previous goal met

Beech Grove Church of Christ

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Our Words

Clyde Beatty was a big game hunter who became famous as a lion tamer/trainer with Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus. He was well known for his "fighting act", in which he entered a cage of lions and tigers with a whip and a pistol strapped to his side. Clyde Beatty said: "You can train these animals, but you cannot tame them. A dog or a cow (domesticated animals) can be tamed. But you can never relax your guard around one of these big cats. They are wild creatures, and if you let down your guard, if you do not keep conscious control over them at all times they'll get you."

Likewise, James warns us about our tongues (words):

"For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so." James 3:7-10

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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



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 12

- 1. OT** - In a picturesque passage, idolaters are compared to that which will vanish quickly, including morning vapor and condensation, chimney smoke, and waste materials from threshing blown away. Find it.
- 2. OT** - What were the meek to seek in order to escape God's wrath?
- 3. OT** - What source of light is compared to a life that "goes out"?
- 4. OT** - Who compared his past life to a time when God lighted his path with a candle?
- 5. NT**- The secrets of men always seem to come to light. What teacher illustrated that idea using the common practice of placing a light in an elevated place rather than down low?
- 6. OT** - With what shall those who practice hypocrisy be surprised?
- 7. OT** - What six characteristics describe the spirit of the Lord as it stayed upon of the descendant of Jesse?

Answers for week of February 5

1. Who, along with family members, was stoned and burned after he confessed he had sinned?

Answer: Achan. After he had taken forbidden spoils of the battle against Jericho, Achan's deed was discovered, but not until a cocky group of Israelites was defeated soundly by a small city, Ai. Searching for a reason, Joshua and the distraught leadership of Israel sorted through the families of Israel, tribe by tribe, and finally came to the family of Achan. Achan confessed what he had done, but that did not stop the punishment that came to him and was shared by his family. They were stoned to death and then burned, a fiery end for a covetous man.

Josh. 7: 24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the

valley of Achor. {25} And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. {26} And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day."

2. Whose praying, weeping, and confessing was followed by crying of an assembled multitude?

Answer: Ezra. Israel had been unfaithful to God by marrying foreign women from the people around them. Ezra 9 describes the reaction of Ezra, and his prayer. Ezra:10:1: Now when Ezra had **prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping** and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: **for the people wept** very sore. 2: And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel **concerning this thing.**

3. Where are confessing and covering sins contrasted?

Answer: (Prov 28:13 KJV) He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso **confesseth** and **forsaketh** them shall have mercy.

This is the only place in the Bible where confess* and cover* are mentioned together in the Bible. The word "contrast" means compare with a view to seeing distinctions or differences. It makes a difference how one deals with sin. If we try to cover (hide, excuse, deny) our sins, we are not going to prosper. This has nothing to do with the fact our sins are covered (hidden) by the blood of Christ, but a human effort to avoid detection. On the other hand, it is not the person who confesses (admits) sin who gains the mercy of God, but the person who forsakes sin. While this is an Old Testament passage, the principle remains true today. There is no reward for those who use the "spin doctor" technique to excuse their sins. We must humble ourselves to realize, admit, and forsake our sins.

4. Who prayed and confessed on behalf of his people

when he realized (by reading books) that their God-appointed captivity was almost over?

Answer: Daniel. You will notice that Daniel had learned from Jeremiah's writing that the desolation of Jerusalem would take 70 years. From this he concluded that the 70 years were up and it was time for the captivity to end. Daniel 9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; 2 In the first year of his reign **I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.** 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: 4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

BACKGROUND. . .the Jews were supposed to let their land rest every 7 years. God had promised to provide abundant crops to sustain them in the year of the "sabbath" (rest) for the land. Obviously some 490 years passed while the Jews ignored the principle of letting the land rest. So God saw to it that the land "caught up" on its rest, for 70 years is 1/7 of 490. (I am not even trying to calculate the Jubilee year that came every 50 years, an extra "sabbath" for the land after seven cycles of seven years had passed.)

5. Who baptized people when they confessed their sins?

Answer: John the Baptist
Matthew 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand . . .5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, 6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

6. Who was afraid of being put out of the synagogue if they confessed what Christ had done for their son?

Answer: The parents of the young blind man that Jesus healed

John 9: 1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. . .18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. **22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.**

7. Who believed in Christ but would not admit it because they knew it would cause them to lose favor with men?

Answer: Some of the chief rulers, John 12:42-43
Jn. 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess [him], lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

8. Find at least two verses that teach that everyone will eventually confess the lordship of Jesus.

Rom. 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.