Assignments	March 18	March 25	
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon	
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner	
Songleader - Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron	
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron	
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Mason Fisher	
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green	
(center)	Ken Thomas	Nick Graham	
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green	
(outside)	Ken Lewis	T J Waldron	
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Junior Conner	

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

William Miller is still in NHC, Room 124. Sister Jessie Pearl had to go to the hospital in Tullahoma, but has returned home. Doris Mason suffered dehydration recently, and spent some time at MTMC. Wayne's brother Charles had two stents inserted to relieve problems with his heart. Remember the Roses, sister Green, the Conners, sister Trail, Leon Stancliff and Dorris Davis in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Friday night singings - March 23 - 7:00 PM Water Street/Charlotte, TN

Montrose/Defeated Creek (Carthage, TN)

Cullman Church, Cullman, AL

Congratulations to Cole and Donna Gordon on the birth of a new grandson, Dante Anthony, born Friday, March 9

A thank you note was received from Paula and Dennis Conner for the prayers and visits, etc. during Dennis' surgery. Before we argue about our dirty house, that someone didn't clean or sweep - We should think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance we drive - We should think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when we are tired and complain about our job - We should think of the unemployed, the disabled and those who wish that they had a job.

Before we think of pointing the finger or condemning another - We should remember that not one of us are without sin and we all answer to one maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get us down - We should 'Put a smile on our face' and thank God that we're alive and still around.

Life is a gift. Live it, enjoy it, celebrate it, and fulfill it.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

This writing is in several web-sites, but I cannot learn who the author is. The message is too good to not share, but the author has been forgotten.

Record of our attendance:							
Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.		
02/18	17	31	22	\$498.30	21		
02/25		36	26	\$591.52	23		
03/04	21	36	32	\$518.75	21		
03/11	11	20	15	\$495.01	15		
Goals	35	45	36		35		

Beech Grove Church of Christ

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http://kennethlorin.com/BeechGroveChurch.html http://kennethlorin.com/WeeklyBulletin.html Kenneth L. Thomas, minister - 615-890-6959



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 Mail: P.O. Box 85 Beech Grove, TN 37018 Visitors **Always** Welcome

March 18, 2007

The Blind Girl and Life

There was a blind girl who hated herself because of her blindness. Not only did she hate herself, but she hated everyone else, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend. One day, she was donated a pair of eyes and then she could see everything, including her boyfriend.

Her boyfriend asked her, "now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her that simply said: "Just take care of my eyes, dear."

This is how the human brain changes when our status changes. Only a few remember what life was like before, and even fewer remember who to thank for always being there even when times were painfully unbearable. Life Is a Gift.

Today before we think of saying an unkind word - we should think of someone who can't speak.

Before we complain about the taste of our food - we should think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before we complain about our husband or wife - we should think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.

Today before we complain about life - we should think of someone who went too early, to heaven.

Before we complain about our children - we should think of someone who desires children, but are barren.

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Questions for week of March 18, 2006

1. What captain turned all his business affairs over to a person who was so trustworthy that it was indicated that he (the captain) really did not know what was happening with his finances? (He only knew that he had food, but did not have to worry about anything financial!y).

2. Who interfered with the reception of a personal letter to a congregation in New Testament times, and what was the attitude of this person?

3. The Bible has many references to "multiplication", but which writer of scripture expresses a wish for the multiplcation of three blessings that God's children enjoy? (Hint: another writer mentions two blessings in a

similar reference.)

4. Where are the nocturnal habits of animals from the woods described in Psalms?

5. Find three specific aspects of life that two Bible men asserted would be a part of their entire life (in their words, " long as I live")? (One passage is NOT in Psalms). There are three separate passages I have in mind.

6. In what reference is the praise of God's name connected with sunrise and sunset?

7. Old Testament scripture urges everything that "has breath" to praise the Lord, and Psa 148:1 urges, "Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights." . . . In contrast, who does NOT praise God?

Answers for week of March 11, 2007

1. If a tree is not dry, what color is it? (Three possible references).

Answer: Green.

(Ezek 17:24) "And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it."

(Ezek 20:47) "And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein."

(Luke 23:31) "For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =0$

2. The KJV uses a form of the word "active" only once. Find the passage and do some research to see what the word means in context.

Answer: (Gen 47:3-7) "And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers. {4} They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen. {5} And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: {6} The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. {7} And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: "

Men of activity would be capable, competent men who could care for animals.

Adam Clark suggests that the men selected should be able to withstand fatigue and execute authority. Probably suggesting that Joseph make his own brothers overseers.

It would seem that Pharaoh wants men of valour to watch over his cattle. . . Men of strength who could protect the cattle against thieves and wild animals, and who would not steal them themselves.

3. One of Leah's sons had the same name as a New Testament character, a tax collector. Find the name, and references to both men.

Answer: Levi:

"And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi" (Genesis 29:31-34).

"And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him" (Mk. 2:14).

"And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them" (Lk. 5:27-29). **4.** What Levite, a priest, was sent a message from God that both of his sons would die in the same day for their sins?

Answer: Eli

(1 Sam 2:34 KJV) "And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them."

Context: 1 Sam. 1:9 identifies Eli as priest.

(1 Sam 2:27-34 KJV) "And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? {28} And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? {29} Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? {30} Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith. Be it far from me: for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. {31} Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. {32} And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. {33} And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eves. and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age, {34} And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them."

5. What people had "sold" themselves for nothing, but would also be "bought back" without currency?

Answer: Jerusalem. (verse 3 below)

(Isa 52:1-4) "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. {2} Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. {3} For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. {4} For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause."

6. Which tribe of Israel is compared to a large member of the cat family? (In context a question is raised about the cat being awakened.)

Genesis 49:9 - Judah [is] a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son,

thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

7. What was the price of a field that was bought by a prisoner from his uncle's son?

Answer: seventeen shekels of silver (Jer. 32:9, below)

8. The evidence of the above-mentioned purchase was to be kept as evidence that a future event would occur. What was the event that was predicted that relates to this field purchase?

Answer: The major event is the return from Babylonian captivity. At that time they would be able to reclaim the property which they would lose during the invasion and occupation of their land. (See Jer. 32:15 in particular)

Jeremiah 32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes; 5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper. 6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. 8 So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. 9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. 10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. 11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open: 12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. 13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days. 15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.