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In a religious world which elevates the glib talker and the monied wallets, Benedito is my best argument, as I told Joaquin today.

We're all on the same level. Why should a public speaker be more valuable than Benedito, who brings people to hear the message?

So, different than the denominations, we have only two levels to our hierarchy. Level one is Jesus, who retains all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). Level two is the rest of us, who submit to the Lord, praise him for his salvation, and serve him in our various functions.

One invites, another teaches, and God gives the increase and receives the glory (see 1 Corinthians 3:6).

All members of the body are important. (Read 1 Corinthians 12.) Every saint's efforts make a difference and contribute to fulfilling God's mission on earth.

I'm thankful we have Benedito in our congregation.

Lord, give us more Beneditos.

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Beech Grove News

New address: The **Andy Millers** are now in an apartment. at 1650 Cason Lane, Apt. 1808, Murfreesboro 37129.

Iva Rose was able to be at services for the first time since her accident last August. What a thrill to see the progress she has been blessed with! Remember the family in prayer as they give her care.

Please remember those who struggle daily with health problems. Remember Stephanie Floyd in your prayers as she continues her college work. Please pray for Ken as he teaches the special series at Green Hill/ Mt. Juliet

Opportunities to Serve:

Sunday	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Jr. Conner	Ken Thomas
Song leader (Wor)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T. J. Waldron	Nick Graham
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(center)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Erian Dennis	Erian Dennis
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Tim Waldron

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
02/12	20	29	25	\$573 28
02/19	19	34	19	\$593 22
02/26	Not recorded in a timely way			
03/05	19	37	21	\$579 24
03/12	22	35	22	\$618 ?
Goals	25	45	36	35

* Denotes a previous goal met

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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
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Welcome**

March 19, 2006

Benedito

by J. Randal Matheny

Benedito, a brother in the Lord, and Sr. Joaquin, a friend of his, have just left my office. He and I have had five studies with Joaquin, whom he has known for many years.

Benedito is the best evangelist-inviter in our congregation. Nobody brings as many people to our group studies and to the breaking of bread than Benedito.

On receiving an invitation to church, Joaquin asked the name of the church's pastor. "Jesus," Benedito answered. "We don't have anyone else who calls the shots."

Benedito is a retired construction worker, a 73 year old widower who lives off his government pension. His Portuguese is ungrammatical, and he does little more in our meetings, publicly, than lead prayers and pass the trays.

But he invites and brings more people than the college graduates.

He's always there when the saints meet.

He always has a smile for everyone and pieces of



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of March 19

1. To what land did a woman take her household to avoid a famine that lasted for seven years?
2. What nation was compared to a pot used for washing?
3. Whose weapon, wrapped in fabric, was given to the person who killed its original owner. (Their battle took place at the vale of Elah.)
4. What child was engaged in religious discussion (at the time unknown to the child's parents) and caused them to be disturbed because they did not know where he was?
5. Whose royal corpse was beheaded, displayed in enemy territory, and attached to a wall?
6. What king had once worn the uniform of a prisoner?
7. What reason seems to be behind the command that priests (Old Testament) should wear linen and not wool? (You will have to read some context to clearly see the answer.)

Answers for week of March 12

1. What creature is named as "playing" in the sea? It is in context with the mention of the "numberless" sea creatures, little and big ones, created by God.
Answer: Leviathan. According to Easton's Bible Dictionary: Leviathan - a transliterated Hebrew word (livyathan), meaning "twisted," "coiled." . . . in Ps 104:26 it "denotes any large animal that moves by writhing or wriggling the body, the whale, the monsters of the deep."
(Psa 104:25-27) "So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. {26} There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. {27} These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season."
2. What female prepared an ark, waterproofing it and setting it afloat in the midst of flags?
Answer: Jochebed, mother of Moses
(Exo 2:1-10) "And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. {2} And the

woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. {3} And when she could not longer hide him, **she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch,** and put the child therein; and she laid it in the **flags** by the river's brink. {4} And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. {5} And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. . .
(Num 26:59 KJV) "And the name of Amram's wife was **Jochebed**, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and **Moses**, and Miriam their sister."

3 How can one recognize the voice of a foolish person?
Answer: ". . . a fool's voice is known by multitude of words." (Eccl 5:3) Other characteristics of the speech of a fool are slander (Pro.10:18), lack of knowledge (Pro. 14:7), outpouring of foolishness (Pro. 15:2), perversity (Pro. 19:1), and excessive openness (Pro. 29:11)
Ecclesiastes 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a **fool's voice is known by multitude of words.** 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

The "sacrifice of fools" seems to be an offering of many words. Many words and no substance seems to come easy for fools. Eccl. 10:14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?"

4. What grain farmer told his workers to deliberately leave part of the crop behind in the field so a certain poor woman might be able to come through behind the harvesters and find an abundant gleanings?
Answer: Boaz gave the order for the gleaners to leave "handfuls on purpose" for the gleaning of his fields by Ruth. (Ruth 2:15-16)

Ruth 2:1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him

in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. . . . 8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: 9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn. 10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? 11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. 12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. 13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens. . . . 15 And when she was risen up to glean, **Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: 16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave [them], that she may glean [them],** and rebuke her not. 17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 And she took [it] up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed. 19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day [is] Boaz.

5. What observation is made about a person's birth in a passage that refers to the direction of flight of particles from a fire?
Answer: Eliphaz, the Temanite asserted that man is

born unto trouble. Trouble does not come from the ground as a plant might. The significance of the sparks flying upward? I don't know. :)
(Job 5:6-7) Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; {7} **Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.**

6. What three people pleaded with a king not to burn a roll, but he did it anyway?
Answer: Elnathan, Delaiah and Gemariah. The roll was a scroll or book.

Jer 36:2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. . . .22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. . . .25 Nevertheless **Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.**

7. When the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard that the army of Pharaoh had come out of Egypt, what was their response?

Answer: They left Jerusalem, but only temporarily.
Jer. 35:4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison. 5 Then **Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.** 6 Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. 8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire. 9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.