

Beech Grove Church of Christ

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Willing To Be Weird



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

I have a good friend who recently taught a Bible class made up of 4-year-olds. The lesson dealt with one of the widows in the New Testament and the teacher asked the children if they knew what a widow was. When they responded to her question with blank stares, she explained a widow like this: "If a man and a woman are married and the man dies, then the woman would be a widow." The children seemed to grasp the concept.

However, one of the little girls went home and, in the course of explaining what she learned in Bible class, told her mother, "I learned that if Daddy dies, then you'll be a weirdo!"

The truth is, God calls all of us as Christians to be "weirdos". A life of faith has always meant living a life that's different from everyone else. The Hebrew writer tells us that our faith takes us "outside the camp" (13:13). We need to come to see ourselves as "outside the camp" of the world's value system. We must accept the fact that in doing so we will be seen as different from the world -- sometimes radically different.

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Assignments	April 1	April 8
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Joe Green	Mason Fisher
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Junior Conner	Mason Fisher
(center)	Andy Miller	Cole Gordon
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	Cole Gordon	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Sister Jessie Pearl Green has been at Joan Dennis' house this week and made some improvement. Laura Singleton is back home as of Saturday, still coughing. Sister Iva Rose is still improving. Lee Rose continues to need our prayers. William Miller is still in NHC, Room 124. Remember the Masons, the Roses, sister Green, the Conners, sister Trail, Leon Stancliff and Dorris Davis in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Friday night singings are at Clearview (Cottontown) and Totty's Bend (Duck River) this week.-

Smiles. . .

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

The "problem" with today's society, is that; (no one) knows how, to punctuate correctly, anymore?

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I'm not talking here about isolation from the world. We can't be salt and light to the world if we isolate ourselves. But it's a serious problem when we begin to adopt the same goals of the world, when we're immersed in the things of the world, when we talk like they talk and have the same priorities they do. When that happens, then we become totally indistinguishable from the world. We're no longer different and we've become comfortable "inside the camp".

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (I Peter 2:9)

Just a little food for thought: Are we prepared to be seen as "weirdos" when our faith takes us "outside the camp"?

Have a great day!

Alan Smith, "Thought for the Day,
March 30, 2007

Record of our attendance:					
Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
02/25	22	36	26	\$591.52	23
03/04	21	36	32	\$518.75	21
03/11	11	20	15	\$495.01	15
03/18	18	28	24	\$537.50	12
03/25	10	32	21	\$524.50	16
Goals	35	45	36		35



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of April 1, 2006

1. What church had experienced trouble (which had been predicted by Paul)? In the context he writes of his concern that his work with them might be wasted because of Satan's use of these troubles.
2. Who was encouraged not to fear because a son was about to be borne AND who was told not to fear because a son had been born? (Two different people)
3. What governor was fearful because of pressure from a group, a group who hated the person whom he was trying in his jurisdiction?
4. What question did Pilate ask that Jesus did not answer?
5. Who was the father of Magormissabib, and who gave this name (Magormissabib) to him?
6. Many times Jerusalem was warned of her own desolation, as were other ancient cities. However, one Egyptian city was named specifically as one that would be desolated and uninhabited. Which Egyptian city?
7. In describing the Lord's destruction of "being protected by lying", what type of weather is used ?

Answers for week of March 25, 2007

1. If you know that a tree has fallen, where would you expect to locate it, according to a scripture?

Answer: Where it fell!

Ecclesiastes 11:3 - If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth:

and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, **in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.**

2. What prophet speaks of people hearing words from behind them, to guide them in the "turns of life" as they walk, even though they were given difficulties from God? (These difficulties are described as that which they were eating and drinking.)

Answer: Isaiah. The people of Jerusalem were "eating" bread of adversity and "drinking" water of affliction that came from God, but He did not leave them without guidance.

(Isa 30:19-21) "For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. {20} And though the Lord give you the **bread of adversity**, and the **water of affliction**, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: {21} And **thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.**"

3. How are weapons, canines, birds, and animals related to destruction?

Answer: Describing punishment which would come because of what Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah did in Jerusalem. . .

The sword would kill, the dogs would tear, the fowls and beasts would devour and destroy.

Jeremiah 15 - 1 Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. 2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD;

Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity. 3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: **the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.** 4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem

4. Scripture (Joel 2:13) indicates that God sometimes changes His mind (repents) and decides not to give immediate punishment to the wicked. But what city was warned that God was "tired" of repenting?

Answer: Jerusalem

Jeremiah 15:5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest? 6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting

5. Where does the Bible mention uncovered heels?

Answer: Jer. 13:21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail? 22 And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and **thy heels made bare.** 23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. 24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

6. In what area of life were "professors" in denial?

Answer: They denied God in their works. Professing to know God, they committed abominable deeds, disobeyed God, and were morally deficient when it came to doing good works. By their disobedience they proved that their knowledge of God was merely a claim.

(Titus 1:15-16) "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. {16} **They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him,** being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

7. In what city did Paul remain, thinking it was good to work there by himself, sending his co-worker to another place where he could strengthen the congregation there?

Answer: Athens. Timothy was sent to Thessalonica

1 Thess. 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we **thought it good to be left at Athens alone;** 2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: 3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. 4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know. 5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain. 6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you: 7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: 8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.