



## *Beech Grove Church of Christ*

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### **That's Not What I Meant by Steve Higginbotham**

Have you heard the story about the preacher who was trying to illustrate the ill effects of alcohol and tobacco? In order to illustrate this fact, the preacher put a worm in some alcohol and a worm in a sealed jar filled with cigarette smoke. By the end of his lesson, the preacher showed the assembly that both the worm in the alcohol and the worm in the cigarette smoke were dead. Looking to the assembly, the preacher then asked, "Someone please tell me, what does this mean?" To which a young boy replied by saying, "If you drink and smoke, you won't have worms."

Well, I'm pretty confident that this is not the lesson the preacher was trying to illustrate. But what this little story does do is reminds us that communication is not always easy. Sometimes, we say things and what is understood is exactly opposite the message we were trying to convey.

In view of this, let me offer this suggestion. Before you take offense at the words of another, please give them the benefit of the doubt (1 Corinthians 13:7). Love demands no less. Before taking offense, entertain the possibility that you misunderstood what they were trying to say. In doing so, not only will it result in more peace, but it will also be treating another with the same kindness with which you want to be treated. Give it some thought.

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#### **Sunday Schedule**

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

**Wednesday: Bible Classes 7 PM**

#### **Mission Works and Evangelism:**

House to House/ Heart to Heart

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's Home

Assignments	May 6	May 13
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Mason Fisher
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason

### Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Sister Jessie Pearl Green seems improved this week. She is still with Joan. Laura Singleton spent Monday through Thursday at Harton. Ray Singleton has been sick today with an upset stomach, but did not know whether it was a reaction from bad food or perhaps a virus. Brandy Miller's cousin, Wesley Cardwell, continues in need of our prayers for his recovery at Erlanger. Cards may be sent to a home address at 641 Loyd Boynton Road, 37255. Steve Miller is better. Vadna Trail seems improved. Though Evelyn Klingler has been moved to the Manchester Medical Center, room 406, she is not doing well. Junior Conner's daughter was scheduled for tests regarding her aorta, but we have not gotten a report at this time. Sister Rose is seemingly gaining strength and able to walk with the aid of a cane. Don't forget William Miller at NHC. He is having dialysis three days a week. Others on our prayer list include Wayne Gannon's brother, Robert, the Conners, and others who have chronic or ongoing health problems. Effie Bryant (not Brandt as we first understood), neighbor of the Singletons needs our continued prayers.

We all need to be considerate of each other. Sometimes we are dealing with struggles in our own life, but those who are being devastated by illness or injury do not know why we do not tend to their

needs. We need to go out of our way to encourage others, but we also need to consider that others may be hindered in serving our needs.

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**Reminder:** Our Gospel Meeting is planned for July 22-25. Plan to be here, and tell your friends and neighbors.

John Bush, minister at Pocahontas and assistant principal at Coffee County High is scheduled to speak, and workers from Mt. Juliet are planning to **help us** publicize it. We need to plan to make that week and the week before a high priority week, and plan to be here to work and attend.

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#### Thank you from Marie Stancliff:

*During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us . . . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Leon D. Stancliff. . . . Thanks for the flowers, food, card, prayers.*

*In Christian love, Marie*

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In a letter from Manuelito Navajo Children's Home: " 1) Pray that the children and families we serve accept what the Bible teaches. 2) Pray for the staff as we strive to follow God's will each and every day. 3) Pray that God will provide for the needs of the home...."

#### Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
04/01	15	32	16	\$446.75	17
04/08	18	47*	17	\$563.25	17
04/15	15	19	14	\$660.00	13
04/22	15	31	14	\$514.25	15
04/29	14	25	14	\$515.00	15
<b>Goals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45*</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>35</b>



# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of May 6, 2007

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1. In 2 Chr. 6:4-19 Solomon refers to some promises of God and indicates that God did what he said he would do. Find and list at least three words which express the idea that God actually did what He said he would do, and the verses containing the words.
2. What observation of the life of sin uses the process of preparing ground for planting, then planting and harvesting the results? (Where is it found, all in one verse of scripture?)
3. I found four proverbs that describe things that are delightful to the Lord contrasted with things that are abominable in his sight. To get this task correct you need to list the four references in an order that relates them to their subject matter: 1) honesty in business, 2) truth-telling, 3) prayers, and 4) righteousness in general.
4. The Bible speaks of someone throwing a ball violently, but it represents people being thrown into another country. Who would do the throwing, and who or what would be thrown?
5. Jesus did not "take" the priesthood to himself, so who appointed Jesus Christ to be high priest?
6. Since Jesus was not a descendent of Levi, by what power (authority) was he made a priest?
7. In a verse that describes the honorableness of quitting strife, we are told what kind of people are meddlers. What kind of people meddle?

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## Answers for week of April 29, 2007

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1. In a chapter describing the evil deeds and the destiny of the king of Babylon, what is said about the children (descendants) of those who do evil?

**Answer:** They would be **slaughtered because of what their**

**fathers had done**, preventing their national rise back to power. The preceding verses graphically describe the punishment of the king of Babylon for his evil and pride.

Isaiah 14:20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. 21 **Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.** 22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

2. Whose name refers to what was probably an extraordinarily painful birth for his mother? (He is best known today for a brief prayerful request that God granted to him.)

**Answer: Jabez**

1 Chron 4:9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and **his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.**10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, **Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me!** And **God granted him that which he requested.**

Several translations insert the word "pain" where we read "sorrow" in the KJV. The agony of childbearing is reflected in the meaning of the name Jabez. Incidentally, I have not read the popularly selling book on the Prayer of Jabez, but there are seriously mixed reviews of it. From what I have read, the book makes strong claims for the power of reciting Jabez's prayer. I doubt that God ever intended this prayer to become a "magical formula" by which to guarantee success in life.!

3. Who in his thirtieth year of life received from a powerful ruler all of these: jewelry, fine clothing, transportation, governing authority, a new name, and a spouse? Name him by his NEW name and also find his wife's name.

**Answer:** Pharaoh gave a new name to Joseph - **Zaphnathpaaneah**. He gave him **Asenath to be his wife.**

Genesis 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: 40 Thou shalt be over my house, and **according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.** 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his **ring from his hand**, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in **vestures of fine linen**, and put a **gold chain about his neck**; 43 And he made him to ride in the **second chariot** which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he **made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.** 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. 45 And **Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah** priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. 46 And **Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.** And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

4. According to an Old Testament passage, what did the Lord care for and watch over from the first to the last of the year?

**Answer: The promised land (Canaan), given to the descendants of Jacob (Israel)**

Deuteronomy 11:12 - **A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.**

(Deu 11:7-17) "But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did. {8} Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it; {9} And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey. {10} For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: {11} But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: {12} **A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.** {13} And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, {14} That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. {15} And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. {16} Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; {17} And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you."

5. Who was king of Israel for a couple of years after the death of Saul?

**Answer: Ishbosheth. (Also known as Esh-baal or Ish-baal)** (1 Chr 8:33) "And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and **Eshbaal.**"

(David was the eventual heir of the throne, anointed by Judah immediately, but the action by Abner to bring Ishbosheth to power is sometimes forgotten as we name the "three kings" of "United Israel", Saul, David and Solomon.)

(2 Sam 2:5-11) "And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabeshgilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have showed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. {6} And now the LORD show kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. {7} Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them. {8} **But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; {9} And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.** {10} Ishbosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and **reigned two years.** But the house of Judah followed David. {11} And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was **seven years and six months.**"

6. What other nation had a King Saul before Israel ever had a king?

**Answer: Edom was ruled by Saul of Rehoboth.** (Spelled Shaul in some versions) Gen. 36:37

Gen 36:31-38 "And these are the kings that reigned in the **land of Edom**, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. {32} And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. {33} And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. {34} And Jobab died, and

Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead. {35} And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith. {36} And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. {37} And Samlah died, and **Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. {38} And Saul died, and Baalhanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.**"

7. What leader of Israel expressed the sentiment (as he neared the end of his life) that God had done all the good things he had promised to the people, but also warned that disobedience and idolatry would lead to the loss of their land inheritance?

**Answer: Joshua.** The details are found below, especially in Joshua 23:14-16 . . . **not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.** Joshua 21:43 So Jehovah gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And Jehovah gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 **There failed not aught of any good thing which Jehovah had spoken** unto the house of Israel; **all came to pass.** . . . Joshua 22:1-5 "Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, {2} And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: {3} Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. {4} And now **the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them:** therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan. {5} But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." . . . Josh 23:1-3 "And it came to pass a long time after that **the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies** round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age. {2} And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age: {3} And **ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.**" . . . Josh 23:14-16 "And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that **not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.** {15} Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. {16} When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you."