

Sunday Assignments	May 7	May 14
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Sunday	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Andy Miller	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Brian Dennis	Brian Dennis
Closing Prayer	Cole Gordon	Junior Conner

Beech Grove News:

The most serious story this week regards Laura Singleton. She had been feeling much better, and was driving down her road, Cedar Bend. Her car left the road and rolled over into the stream at the end of that road. She was in the water for a prolonged time, and when discovered, she was chilled, and had an adrenaline induced heart attack.. She also had head injuries and neck fractures. She was airlifted from Manchester to Vanderbilt Hospital. She was conscious and communicating Wednesday, but since then the doctors have put her into an induced coma to let her heart rest while she fights pneumonia.. Please pray for her recovery. Her family is staying in or near the hospital and would appreciate prayers.

Sister Jessie Pearl Green went to the doctor Thursday. She has fractures and calcium deposits causing her pain. Betty Lou Reed, Charlene Brandon's sister-in-law, has returned to work after her accident. Don Curl, the father of Joey, has been in St. Thomas hospital due to a tumor above his ear. Sharon McMillan has been sick this week. Her son-in-law Josh has a tumor growing in his arm. Former Beech Grove and Fairfield minister Wymer Wyser had bypass surgery this week and is now at home.

Please continue praying for those with health problems, including Junior and Ann Conner, James and Doris Mason, Vadna Trail, Iva Rose.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
04/09	22	23	27	\$508 25
04/16	25*	50*	28	\$571 23
04/23	?	27	22	\$772 22
04/30	25	41	24	? 18
Goals	26	45	36	35

* Denotes a previous goal met

There was good news for Wayne Gannon, as he finally was approved disability payments.

Friday Night Singing Schedule

Riverdale (Just off I-24 near exit 81)

May 12, 7:00 PM

Services at **Kingwood/Murfreesboro** will feature guest speaker, Wayne Kilpatrick, today through Wednesday. The lessons are on the theme of building the church.

(Continued . . ."Fix, not Curse")

It saddens me when brethren point fingers and (apparently) delight in showing up the church's flaws. The church isn't interviewing for the "Church critic" position. That position has already been filled! It does need servants, teachers, leaders, and encouragers. We're not better because we're perfect; we're better because we work on ourselves. We see a ministry need, and we volunteer to fill it; we see a discouraged sister, and we encourage her; we see something others have missed, and we don't cry indignantly, "Why don't they do something about it?" We do it ourselves! The church's faults are ours to fix!

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May 7, 2006

Ours To Fix, Not Ours To Curse



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

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37018

Visitors

Always

"... Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to make her holy ... to present her to himself as a radiant church, without strain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:25-27).

You probably read that a US army officer was convicted recently of abuses in the notorious torture scandals on Iraq. I'm sorry it happened, and I am sure what took place brought a black eye on the reputation of this country. Having said that, I notice that this trial makes one more trial for official abuse than Saddam Hussein's forces were ever asked to undergo in the bad old days!

Even with her flaws, America is better. We hold our police, politicians, soldiers, and officials responsible for their actions. As Colin Powell once said: "Never lose faith in America. Its faults are ours to fix, not ours to curse."

The church is like that. She is not perfect. Jesus, her head, is perfect, and the Bible, her constitution is perfect, but she is not. Why is she not perfect? The reason is simple. You. And me. We're human, flawed, and we sin (Romans 3:23).

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Questions for week of May 7

1. Who gave a name to another woman's child in honor of a women's wrestling match which she (the namegiver) felt that she had won?
2. At what place was the tabernacle erected and then the land distributed to the tribes of Israel?
3. What does a person do to prove that they have small strength?
4. What king was taught by his mother to speak up on behalf of those who could not speak for themselves?
5. Just for fun . . . what passage in 1 Corinthians 15 could also be posted on a sign in the church nursery?
6. What three men encouraged Paul and Barnabas to focus on preaching to the heathen, while they themselves planned to go and preach to those of Jewish background?

Answers for week of April 30

1. Who ran into the tabernacle and grasped the altar in a vain attempt to avoid execution?
Answer: Joab. – (1 Ki 2:28-35) "Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And **Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.** {29} And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. {30} And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. {31} And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. {32} And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the

sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. {33} Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD. {34} So **Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him:** and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. {35} And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar."

2. What writer of scripture asserted that another person's writing of scripture had things in it that were difficult to understand?

Answer: The apostle Peter said this about some of Paul's writing. Though difficult to be understood, those scriptures must not be twisted or they will bring destruction upon us. 2 Peter 3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as **our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood,** which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

3. What island was the home of people who were known for their characteristic lack of truthfulness?

Answer: Crete, an island in the Mediterranean Sea. Titus 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. 12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

4. In scripture we read of decisions made by lottery. What was the prize in a lottery conducted by military men?

Answer: The woven seamless coat of Jesus. (John 19:23-24) "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to

every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. {24} They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did." (Cf. Mat 27:27-35, Mark 15:16-24) This event was an object of prophecy:

(Psa 22:18) They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

5. What is the means by which elders received a "good report"?

Answer: Faith – Hebrews 11:1-3 Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **For by it the elders obtained a good report.** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

(Elders - men of the past.)

6. What prophet was deserted by his companions and left to see a fearful vision by himself?

Answer: Daniel (Dan. 10:5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins [were] girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also [was] like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And **I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me:** for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

7. Find and list all the nations listed in Daniel.

(Ken's note - there may be differences as to the way a place is classified, but the point of the question was to call attention to the many geographical references in Daniel. There are at least 14)

1-3 Judah, Babylon (Shinar, Chaldea), Israel

(Dan 1:1-4) In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. {2} And the Lord gave

Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. {3} And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; {4} Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

4 and 5 Medes and Persians: (Dan 5:28) PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

6 Greece: (Dan 8:20-21) The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. {21} And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

7 Uphaz (Ophir?): (This may not be a nation but a region) (Dan 10:5) Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

8 Egypt: (Dan 11:8) And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

9 Chittim (Cyprus) (Dan 11:30) For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

10 - 14 Edom, Moab, Ammon, Libya, Ethiopia - (Dan 11:41-43) He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. {42} He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. {43} But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Rome is also referred to, though not by name. Babylon is also called Chaldea (in particular, the people are referred to as 'Chaldeans'). Jesus' eternal kingdom is also mentioned, although not an earthly nation.