



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Fields White Unto Harvest

"I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest". - Jesus
"For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." - Paul and Barnabas

In my lifetime there has been exponential growth of the church in India. In my early years American preachers were not allowed to enter India to preach, so a couple of Canadian preachers J. C. Bailey and J. A. Johnson paved the way. Eventually American preachers were allowed to go for limited time periods, and Charles Scott led many American groups on these trips. Eventually Indian preachers were trained and organized to get out to spread the gospel with some guidance from American missionaries. Jim Waldron also has been a leader in getting the gospel to India. Beech Grove has supported the work of Charles Scott and Jim Waldron for years, and the work of Ben Renegar has been supported recently.

Ben reported that in 2008 about 150,000 gospel meetings were conducted by the team of which he is a part, and over 260,000 were baptized into Christ, 767 of them former denominational preachers. (Over 13000 preachers have been converted in the history of the team led by Ron Clayton.) Most of the footwork is done by native preachers, some of them walking several miles to reach prospective Christians. Seemingly a pressing need is for bicycles to assist the preachers' traveling speed, and Bibles and New Testaments in the local language. The team is using the 4-T formula – "Teach 'em, train 'em, trust 'em, turn 'em loose" – as more responsibility is taken by the native preachers.

The advantage to us as a local congregation is that we can see what can be done to spread the gospel with a united front, teamwork, sacrificial dedication, love for the Lord's cause, and a love for souls. It works in India, and it will work at Beech Grove. . . . if we will work together with the same dedication.

(1 Cor 3:9) *For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*

Ken Thomas

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



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of May 24

1. Who asked for God to open his eyes so he could see the wonders of God's law?
2. Though some passages indicate that God's eyes are always open, and that he sees everything, all the time, some people prayed that God would "open His eyes". Find at least one who did so. There are several .
3. What Israelite asked God to make several of Israel's enemies blind, then led them to a capital city where their sight was restored?
4. What quality has a value unknown to man and cannot be found in the "land of the living"? (Not located under deep water. Cannot be bought with precious metals or stones. Its 'way' and location are understood by God.)
5. In Exodus, Psalms, and Isaiah you should find a passage containing this expression: "The Lord is my st_____ and so _____ and sa _____ . . ."
6. Scarcity of necessary food causes grain prices to rise. One symbol of famine in the Bible is represented by a horse and rider with scales to weigh the food. What color is the horse in this description?
7. Who were the grandsons of Hammedatha, and who killed them?

Answers for week of May 17

1. Who cited the loss of sleep, waterless days, and frosty nights as just a few of the hardships he had while working for a dishonest father-in-law?
Answer: Jacob (when defending his actions of taking his family and possessions and leaving, to his father-in-law Laban)
Genesis 31:36-42 (in particular v.40) - 36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? 37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both. 38 This twenty years have I

been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. 39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. 40 Thus I was; **in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.** 41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. 42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

2. What is the connection between clothes taken for collateral on a loan to a poor man, sundown, and sleeping?

Answer: You could take a poor man's garment as a pledge for a loan but had to return it to him at sundown so that he had something to keep him warm while sleeping.

Deuteronomy 24:12 And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge: 13 In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

3. According to Jesus, who needs a doctor?

Answer: Those that are sick!

Matthew 9:12 - But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.**

Mark 2:17 - When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, **They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick:** I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 5:31-32 And Jesus answering said unto them, **They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.** 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

4. What ex-prisoner told a nation's ruler that God would give him an "answer of peace"?

Answer: Joseph. Pharaoh learned from Joseph that a favorable answer was coming, not from him personally, but from God

Genesis 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph,

and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. 15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. 16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, **It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.**

5. What Old Testament character is described as having taken another person's life? In the context we are told that he thought his "brothers" would understand, but they didn't. Find the NT Testament reference.

Answer: Moses. (Reference to brothers has to do with his Hebrew "brethren", those of his own nationality. (Story also found in Exodus 2)

Acts 7:22 And **Moses** was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. 23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and **smote the Egyptian: 25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.** 26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? 27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? 28 **Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?** 29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

6. What mentally united group of rulers - - with nothing to rule over - - make a gift of power, short-lived, to a losing cause of warring with Christ?

Answer: The ten kings represented by the ten horns on seven heads of the beast in Revelation 17. They are of one mind but have received no kingdom yet, they have power but only for an hour. They will make war with the Lamb - Jesus - but He will overcome them. Revelation 17:12-14

Rev. 17: 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. . . .12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have

received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.¹³ These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.¹⁴ These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

7. What infant was hidden for 3 months after being born?

Answer: Moses. Exo 2:1 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. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And **she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water."**

Acts 7:20 " . . . **Moses** was born, and was exceeding fair, and **nourished up in his father's house three months:** 21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son."

Heb 11:23-24 "By faith **Moses**, when he was born, **was hid three months of his parents**, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;"

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Melissa Dickerson continues to deal with her slow healing wound. Anna Curl is at Celebration Way in Shelbyville for a few days while she continues with her respiratory difficulties. (There was a mistake in last week's bulletin re. Her place of stay. Kim Conner was able to return to work this week.

Military connections: Andy Miller family in Japan; Drew and Adam Thomas.

Shut ins: Laura Singleton seems improved at home, but is still having a hard time breathing. William Miller continues taking dialysis treatments at NHC in Murfreesboro. Nita Summers, wife of John Summers who preaches at Smith Grove, is at NHC in McMinnville after being in Erlanger Hospital.

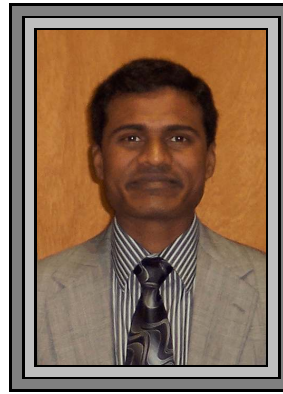
Welcome, visitors

Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors. If you have any questions why we do as we do, feel free to ask.

Food Pantry - Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food please let it be known.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
May	17	18	29	22	17	\$799
May	10	10	30	15	20	\$493
May	3	23	31	15	11	\$463
Apr	26	23	33	11	20	\$609



Missionary Report

Last Sunday brother Ben Renegar gave a wonderful report of the spread of the Gospel in India. G. Jyothi Radu, a 26 year old preacher, also added insight to the report. He is the son of

a man who formerly was a Baptist preacher in India, who was converted to the gospel by Ron Clayton. After Jyothi's father returned to his congregation with the message he had learned, the entire congregation (and eventually every Baptist congregation in the area) was converted and exists now as a church of Christ. Jyothi told us of dangerous persecution which he has already endured. Brother Jyothi is now in the US with the hopes of getting US officials to assist in obtaining fair treatment and basic rights for those who have in the past been rejected as untouchables in the caste system of India. Please pray for him.

Next Sunday we will have **Randal Matheny**, 20 year missionary to **Brazil** as our guest. We have also planned to have a pot-luck fellowship after worship. Please come early for Bible classes and worship, and stay for the time together

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31</u>
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	Ken Thomas
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Junior Conner