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Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Real Commitment

During a confrontation between Malaysia and Indonesia in 1964, a group of Gurkhas from Nepal were asked if they would be willing to jump from transport planes into combat if the need arose. The Gurkhas had the right to turn down the request because they had never been trained as paratroopers.

The Gurkhas usually agreed to anything, but on this occasion they rejected the plan. However, the next day they sought out the British officer who made the request and said they had reconsidered and were prepared to jump under the following conditions: The ground was marshy or reasonably soft with no rocky outcrops and they wanted the plane to fly slowly as possible at no more than 100 feet high.

The British officer assured the Gurkhas that all these conditions could be met except one. To jump from only 100 feet was impossible, because the parachutes would not open in time from that height.

Then the Gurkhas said, "Oh, will we be wearing parachutes? You didn't mention parachutes before. In that case we'll jump anywhere with parachutes!"

When I read that story, I can't help but compare the commitment those men had with the commitment that we ought to have to Christ. Here is a group of people so committed to their leaders that they were actually willing to jump out of an airplane from 100 feet without a parachute! And yet, that's the kind of commitment that God expects from His people -- a willingness to go anywhere, do anything, even if it means giving up our lives.

When God asks us to do something, our immediate reaction is often to ask, "How much time will I have to give up?" or "How much money will it cost me?" The faith of Abraham in being willing to give up his only son seems foreign to us. We are so resistant to giving everything to God.

But Jesus says: "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25)

When God says jump, our only response should be, "From how high?"

Have a great day! (Alan Smith, Oct. 13, 2006)

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

(Wording is based on KJV)
by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of July 6

1. What was sent by the Lord to bring birds from the sea to feed hungry people?
2. What bird builds its nest at high elevation?
3. What bird's flight illustrates the flight of riches?
4. What two birds were said to nest in the temple?
5. If bought in pairs these birds cost "two for a farthing", but in larger quantity the cost is 2/5 farthings each. (Two references verify this.)
6. In a passage describing the desolation of Edom, its wasteland would be inhabited by four birds that are named in a single verse. What birds are named?
7. What bird (without human wisdom) is mentioned as flying south?

Answers for week of June 29

1. Who should be on the guest list when people are invited to eat with us? Why?

Answer - Poor, maimed, lame, and blind people.

Luke 14:12-14 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Why? Because your friends brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors will invite you back. You will have your reward. If you invite those who cannot repay you, you will be rewarded at the resurrection of the godly.

2. What kind of person listens to false lips and a naughty tongue?

Answer: A wicked liar.

Proverbs 17:4 **A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.**

All lying is wickedness, but not all wicked people are necessarily liars. The passage warns us not to join in the evil of willingly hearing or speaking false words or evil speaking (whether vulgar, profane, or harmful). If it is wrong to listen it is also wrong to speak in this way.

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3. Where is the campsite of the angel of the Lord?

Answer: Around those that fear the Lord

Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 **The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.**

Obviously heaven seems to be the usual dwelling place of angels, but I thought it interesting to picture the protective angel

"camping around" God-fearing people to deliver them from their troubles. Verse 4 mentions the fearful, and verse 6 mentions the poor man who is saved from his troubles. So the angel camps around those who need deliverance from fear and poverty, but who have proper "fear" of God.

4. What kind of people have elevated eyes, and teeth like blades that cut?

Answer: A generation of people who curse their father, fail to bless their mother, are self-righteous, still in their sins and take advantage of the poor and needy.

What caught my eye was the reference to the teeth as swords and knives. This haughty generation has as its aim to destroy the poor and needy by oppression of them.

Proverbs 30:11 **There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. 14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.**

5. What man delivered a city from a siege by wisdom, but was forgotten by all?

Answer - **poor wise man.** Is it not interesting that the man was forgotten despite his wisdom which saved a city? Poverty seems to prevent a man's deeds from being recognized by others.

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18: This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: 14 **There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great**

king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: 15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. 16

Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. 17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

6. Who spoke out against those who beat people and grind faces?

Answer - **The Lord God of hosts spoke out against those who beat people and ground the faces of the poor.**

Isaiah 3:13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. 14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. 15 **What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.**

7. Who will be mercilessly judged?

Answer - **There will be no mercy for those who have not been merciful to others.**

James 2:13 For **he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy;** and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Compare Matt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

"People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou.

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Kim Bryant is back at work but still will be taking medication to dissolve her blood clot. Remember in prayer these also: Melissa Dickerson (MRSA), sister Green's brother Jerry Messick (cancer), William Miller at NHC (on dialysis), Laura Singleton (shut-in at home). Donna Gordon (recovering from foot surgery), Lady Ruth Reed, who was unable to take her cancer treatment this week. Laura Singleton's son Tony has an aneurism as well as a growth on the brain.

Thanks to all those who filled in and conducted services in my absence. The meeting in Evansville went well, with a good spirit in the congregation and a good percentage of visitors who may be good prospects for Bible studies.

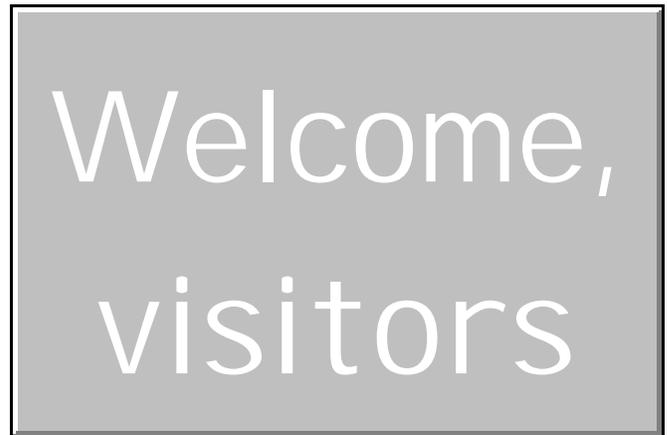
I will be away (near Clarksville) Monday through Friday taking special training for the classes I will teach this fall at CCCHS. Wayne Gannon will fill in for me again on Wednesday

Ken Thomas

Assignments	July 6	July 13
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Andy Miller	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	James Mason	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Daniel Green	Joe Green
(center)	Andy Miller	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Joe Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason

If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner

Attendance and contribution will not be given in this bulletin today.



Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors, Most of the time visitors are familiar with what to expect in our services, but if you have any questions why we worship as we do, feel free to ask.

Beech Grove Gospel Meeting

July 27 - 30

**Darrell Blankenship,
evangelist**

**Sunday morning at regular
times,**

Night services at 7:30