

	July 30	August 6
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Mason Fisher
Songleader - Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
Opening prayer	Mason Fisher	James Mason
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Mason Fisher
(center)	Nick Graham	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Daniel Green	Ken Lewis
(outside)	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	Lee Rose

Sympathy

Sue Ghee, aunt of Debbie Waldron passed away this last week Funeral was in Smyrna

Ruth Bush, widow of Cornie Ray Bush and daughter of the late Vernie and Mattie Fults, passed away Saturday morning. Manchester Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Thanks to sister Crowell for this information regarding former members here.

Gospel Meeting Report

Sunday we were blessed by the response by **Kim Bryant** to return to faithfulness in the church. She is the daughter of Junior Conner and lives in Centertown. Our meeting was well attended. We are thankful that our own members did a good job of supporting it as well as several area congregations. We especially appreciate significant support from Wartrace, Fredonia, and Main Street (with a bus two nights) Except for Wednesday, attendance was in the 50's.

Marriage

Laura Singleton's granddaughter, Rebecca Dechain, was married in Smyrna on Saturday

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
07/23	27	47*	56*	\$744	38*
Goals	35	45	36		35

to Mark Galinat. They will be living next door to Laura and Ray on Cedar Bend Road. We hope things go well for them.

(Sister Laura seems to be much stronger now, and was able to attend the event.)

(Cont. from front)

I understand the deep desire people have to be "liked," to be popular, but you remember the old saying that "if you stand for nothing, you will fall for everything." We need to make a stand. Not just any stand, but the one we have always taken -- on the authority of Christ and his word. Otherwise we become, in the words of Malcolm Muggeridge, people "who, believing less and less, disagree about very little."

It's heartbreaking to find yourself in disagreement with someone. When you do so, do it lovingly. But our aim supremely is never to find ourselves in disagreement with our Lord!

Let's speak admiringly of what he has said!

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Alternatives

These days it's popular to speak admiringly of just about every religious group around, and disparagingly of the churches of Christ. I am not suggesting that our religious friends have nothing to commend themselves, nor that we are beyond criticism, but I have often wondered what the alternatives to our restoration plea would be.

Instead of naming ourselves after Christ, after whom would we be named? Instead of calling all believers back to the Bible, whose words, whose thoughts would we call them to? Instead of calling sincere believers to the waters of baptism, upon whose terms would we offer God's forgiveness? Instead of worshiping God according to the simple instructions of scripture, whose instructions should we follow ?

Is there a viable alternative?

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil," the prophet declared, "who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20).
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Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM
Worship 11 AM
Sunday -- Wednesday
Singing Class 7 PM
PM Worship 7:30

Mission Works

Restoration Radio
Jim Waldron
Manuelito Children's
Home

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Visitors

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Welcome**



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of July 23, 2006

1. What well known story involves sticks, water, bread, and oil?
2. A woodcutter was highly concerned when he lost (in a river) a part of a tool that had been loaned to him. How was the tool retrieved?
3. Whose son hit a prophet in the face and then asked a question about a spirit?
4. Of whom was it implied that he was assisting the ungodly and loved those who HATED God, and thus had brought the wrath of God on himself?
5. What man determined that God really wanted him to deliver Israel, and tested that premise by wringing water from a "fleece"?
6. What ruined a river for use as drinking water?
7. Who besides Jesus walked on water?

Answers for week of July 16, 2006

1. What Israelite asked God to make several of Israel's enemies blind, then led them to a capital city where their sight was restored?
Answer: Elisha led the men to Samaria, capital of Israel.
2 Kings 6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. 20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.
2. 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.)

Answer: Wisdom

Job 28:12 But **where shall wisdom be found?** and where is the place of understanding? (13) **Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.** (14) **The depth saith, It is not in me:** and the **sea saith, It is not with me.** (15) It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. (16) It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. (17) The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. (18) No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. (19) The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. (20) Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? (21) Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.(23) Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. (23) **God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.**

3. In Exodus, Psalms, and Isaiah you should find a passage containing this expression. "The Lord is my st__ and so__ and sa____. . ."

Answer: Strength, song and salvation

Exodus 15:2- **The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation:** he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Psalms 118:14 - **The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.**

Isaiah 12:2 -Behold, **God is my salvation;** I will trust, and not be afraid: for the **LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become**

my salvation.

4. 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?

Answer: The horse was black.

Revelation 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo **a black horse;** and he that sat on him had a **pair of balances** in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, **A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;** and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

[According to the sources I consulted, the measure of grain described here was enough for a man's daily ration, but would not allow any other expenditure on his family, since it cost a day's wages.]

5. Who were the grandsons of Hammedatha, and who killed them?

Answer: The grandsons of Hammedatha were the **10 sons of Haman.** They were **killed by the Jews** in Shushan the Palace when the Jews were allowed to defend themselves against the genocide engineered by Haman. They were **Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha,**

Esther 9:1 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;) 2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their

cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. 3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. 5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them. 6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. 7 And **Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, 8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, 9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, 10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they;** but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

6. What non-Israelite was both a king and shepherd. (He gave thousands of sheep to Israel until Israel's king passed away.)

Answer: Mesha, King of Moab (2 Kings 3:4-5)
4 And **Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.** 5 But it came to pass, **when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.**

7. What heathen kings were as lions to God's sheep (Israel)?

Answer:king of Assyria and Nebuchadrezzar, of Babylon

Jer 50:17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the **lions** have driven him away: first the **king of Assyria** hath devoured him; and last this **Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon** hath broken his bones.