



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

meeting at Beechgrove, TN since 1875

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## Wonderful Gospel Meeting

Our gospel meeting was extremely successful. It was well-attended by our own members as well as Christian friends and visitors from the community. Charlotte Heights, Nashville, and Main Street in Manchester brought their people on buses, and brethren from Noah, Fairfield, Fredonia, and other places supported us well. Tuesday night crowd was counted at 94. Wednesday we had 71.

The Word of God was presented in a clear and enthusiastic manner, and the lessons stimulated much thought. Darrell Blankenship's love for this congregation was evident, but even more evident was his love for preaching the Word. The singing was good. The food was wonderful on Sunday, as people went all out to bring their best recipes. The fellowship with brethren all week was inspirational.

Before the meeting began Junior Conner removed the worn carpet from the outdoor steps and painted them. Steve Miller worked on the earphones and outlets for the hard-of hearing. Ann Conner and Judy Thomas spent long hours cleaning the house (vacuuming, re-washing dishes, and cleaning cabinets, etc.) I am sure there are things of which I am unaware or forgetful, but anything you did to help the meeting be a success, we are grateful.

We are confident that all of us were edified, and some were changed by hearing the gospel. One young man who had just "come to stay with Granny for a while" got here just in time for the meeting, and due to past influences here, the gospel as he heard it, the Bible as he studied it, and the recognition of his need to be saved from sin, Matt Brandon was baptized on Friday night following the meeting.

### 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 August 3

1. What kind of people are described as returning during nocturnal hours, making canine-like noises and also making circuits around urban areas?

2. This is the first in a series

Sample Question: Matthew 27:33 says "Golgotha" means, place of a skull. But could you go the other way? (If I say "place of a skull", you should answer "Golgotha"!)

**Find the proper name, place, or Bible phrase that has the following meaning:**

"peace" or "king of peace"

3. "Sorcerer" 4. "Sent" 5. "Confusion" 6. "Burning" 7. "Red" 8. "Be opened" 9. "Son of encouragement" ?

## Answers for week of July 27

1. Where does the Bible refer to borrowing as slavery?  
**Answer: Proverbs 22:7** - The rich ruleth over the poor, and the **borrower is servant to the lender.**

Many Christians are burdened with this self-imposed slavery. Try to avoid it!

Matthew Henry's commentary on Proverbs 22:7:

"He had said (v. 2.), Rich and poor meet together; but here he finds, here he shows, that, as to the things of this life, there is a great difference; for, 1. Those that have little will be in subjection to those that have much, because they have dependence upon them, they have received, and expect to receive, support from them: The rich rule over the poor, and too often more than becomes them, with pride and rigour, unlike to God, who, though he be great, yet despises not any. It is part of the affliction of the poor that they must expect to be trampled upon, and part of their duty to be serviceable, as far as they can, to those that are kind to them, and study to be grateful. 2. Those that are but going behindhand find themselves to lie much at the mercy of those that are before hand: The borrower is servant to the lender, is obliged to him, and must sometimes beg, Have patience with me. Therefore it is part of Israel's promised happiness that they should lend and not borrow, Deu. 28:12. And it should be our endeavour to keep as much as may be out of debt.

Some sell their liberty to gratify their luxury.

2. Who returned OUT OF Egypt due to a death, and who was told to return TO Egypt because of a death? (Two different people)

**Answer: Joseph and Moses**

Joseph was told to bring Jesus out of Egypt and Moses was told to return to Egypt for the same reason: that those that sought their lives had died.

1. Joseph (and Jesus and Mary) : Mat 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. 14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: 15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. . . 19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an **angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,** 20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and **go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.** 21 **And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.**

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. Hosea 11:1

2. Moses - Ex. 2:15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. . . Ex. 4:19 **And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.**

3. Find three Old Testament passages that say we will return to the earth of which we are made.

Answer: There are many. A few samples - -

Gen. 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou **return unto the ground;** for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Ps. 146:4 His breath goeth forth, **he returneth to his earth;** in that very day his thoughts perish.

Eccl. 3:20; 12:7 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and **all turn to dust again.** . . **Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was:** and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Job 34:15 All flesh shall perish together, and **man shall turn again unto dust.**

Isa. 26:19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. **Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust:** for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and **the earth shall cast out the dead.**

Job 10:9 Remember, I beseech thee, that **thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?**

Ps. 104:29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, **they die, and return to their dust.**

Job 20:11; 21:26; 34:15; Ps. 22:15; 22:29; Dan. 12:2

**4.** Who could return to his own land, but only after the death of the high priest?

**Answer: a "manslayer" - one who killed another person accidentally.** In order to protect his life he had to flee from the family member of the deceased person. He was allowed to enter a city of refuge, and could stay there safely if he could prove that the slaying was not planned or intentional. However, he was also a prisoner, for the "avenger of blood" could still take the slayer's life if he set foot out of the city before the current high priest died.

Numbers 35:25- **And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest,** which was anointed with the holy oil. . . 28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession. Joshua 20:6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and **until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.**

**5.** When the sinner abandons wickedness and returns to the Lord, what blessings are his?

**Answer: he has "mercy and pardon."** (Ezekiel also mentions "life" as an attendant blessing.)

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: **7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Ezek 18:23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should

return from his ways, and live? **24** But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

There are other passages that speak of blessings of repentance, but none so clearly fitting the question as these. (This is not talking of national repentance but individual returning to God.) However, the people of Israel were offered similar blessings in this passage: 2Ch 7:14 - If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

**6.** What saying of God (in the Old Testament) has gone from his mouth and won't return? It is regarding the use of two parts of the human body that are used in honoring God. Find the Old Testament reference and two related New Testament references.

**Answer: God has affirmed that all knees will bow and all tongues confess (swear), and the promise is is sure as the fact that God lives.**

Isaiah 45:23: I have sworn by myself, **the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return,** That unto me **every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **10** That at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow,** of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; **11** And that **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.

**7.** In what passage does God invite the redeemed to return from a "dense vapor" of sin?

**Answer: Isa 44:21-22** - Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. {22} **I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.**

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## Gospel Meetings in the Area

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### Noah

**Chris Whitaker, speaker - Tommy Underwood, songleader**  
 Aug. 3-6, Sun. - Wed., 7:00 P.M.

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### Pocahontas

**David Morris, evangelist**  
 Services Sun. PM at 7:00, M-Th 7:30  
 August 3-7

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### Rock Hill (Rutherford County)

Jimmy Carver, speaker  
 7 PM Sun.-Tue., Aug. 3-5

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### Unity (Center town)

**Tim Long, preacher Kyle Webb songleader**  
 Sunday PM at 7:30, Mon.-Thur. At 7:00 August 3-7

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### He That Winneth Souls is Wise

When the last amen is uttered and the members file from the building and drive away from the parking lot, the work of the church begins. A sign over the exit of our auditorium should read, "You are now entering the mission field." God's work is not performed by full-time people on Sundays, but practiced by full-time Christians seven days a week. Sometimes the idea is left in our minds that the only way to serve God is to be a foreign missionary on some desolate field. How wrong we are! Every member of the body is to serve, every branch in the vine is to reproduce. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:8)

Jesus spoke of his people as salt and seed. Salt and seed are useless unless they are spread. They do no one any good while collected in a bottle or a barn. Their usefulness comes with their dispersion. Every member of the church is to make disciples as they go, wherever they go and whenever they go. Jesus said, "You shall be my witness to the end of the earth. Wherever God has planted us, we must grow and bear fruit. If God's work is to be done in any community it must be done by the individual Christian. Christians must penetrate society like salt in food and seed in soil. God calls every Christian to full-time service. The work of the ministry belongs to all church members.

When an individual works for Christ because he enjoys working for the Master, failures will never dampen his enthusiasm, but he will analyze his failures, and study their causes; then enthusiastically look out for another

For the record:	7/06	7/13	7/20	7/29
Bible Study	16	13	17	21
AM Worship	22	21	27	
PM Worship	16		21	
Wed. Bible Study	20	11	23	71
Contribution	\$621	\$	\$548	\$

opportunity to succeed where formerly he failed. When a Christian has a genuine love for the lost, and has the necessary knowledge of God's Word, enthusiasm is the first fruit. The early Christians were exhorted that "with purpose of heart they should cleave unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23). Many church members have a knowledge of God without zeal. Zeal is a natural reaction to enthusiasm. Remember, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." (Pro. 11:30) By W A Martin, Scurry TX

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## Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

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Laura Singleton and William Miller are still on our shut-in list. Laura is at home and William is at NHC. Melissa Dickerson seems to be improving. Tara Green needs our prayers as she deals with her brain tumor. Jessie Pearl Green went to her blood doctor this week. Carley Mitchell, 7 month old great-niece of Audrey and Tim Carter, got out of Vanderbilt ( e-coli infection) but had a relapse and went to MTMC.



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 do as we do, feel free to ask.

**Rejoicing news:** Matt Brandon, grandson of Charlene, came from Ohio to visit her just in time for our gospel meeting. After showing great interest in the messages, he called Ken to ask some questions and to study the Bible. Friday night he obeyed the gospel, being immersed into Christ for remission of sins. He plans to be here for a while longer, and we pray that his conversion will touch the hearts of others, not only here but in Ohio.

Assignments	August 3	August 10
<b>Song leader (SS)</b>	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
<b>Announcements</b>	Joe Green	Junior Conner
<b>Songleader-Worship</b>	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
<b>Scripture reading</b>	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
<b>Opening prayer</b>	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
<b>Table service (center)</b>	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	Andy Miller	Wayne Gannon
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Mason	Lee Rose