

	September 3	September 10
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Mason Fisher	Junior Conner
Songleader - Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Junior Conner	Joe Green
(center)	Joe Green	Nick Graham
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	Cole Gordon	Ken Lewis
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Junior Conner

Coming Events

We are working on a visit by young men from the Mt. Juliet congregation. These young men have conducted services at their home congregation, but have also visited smaller congregations. We had thought they might be coming in September, but due to schedule conflicts, they are now working on the night service, October 22.

The Lord Needs You (Cont. from front page)

Jesus told the Twelve:

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that remains, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you" (John 15:16).

What Jesus says to the Twelve here is also true of every Christian. By his graciousness, he has made Man a part of his work to save others.

In this sense, then, it is appropriate to say, as Jesus did of the colt, that he needs us.

So when a mother is discouraged about her children, the Lord needs you to cheer her.

When a child is frustrated or sad or hungry in this world, the Lord needs you to care for him.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
08/06	24	35	32	\$642.01	17
08/13	14	22	22	\$444	23
08/20	15	26	26	\$801	15
08/27	17	37	26	\$538	25
Goals	35	45	36		35

* Denotes a goal met

When you meet someone who has yet to obey the divine commandment, the Lord needs you to teach that person.

When false teachings creep into the church, the Lord needs you to stand up and speak the truth clearly and lovingly.

When funds are in short supply to do the work, the Lord needs you to be generous.

When tempers flare and harsh words begin to fly, the Lord needs you to act as a peacemaker.

In the family, the Lord needs you to fulfill your role. In society, he needs you to be salt and light.

In the church, he needs you to be a pillar for truth and platform for peace.

To be coworkers with God, as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 6:1, is a humbling and glorious thought.

To have been chosen by him to go and bear fruit in this world as a part of his great mission leaves our heart in great awe, gives speed to our feet, and strength to our hands when we hear him say, "The Lord needs you."

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September 3, 2006

The Lord Needs You

by J. Randal Matheny



Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." (Luke 19:33,34 NET).

Jesus had sent two disciples into Bethany to get the colt for what we call today the triumphal entry. He told them where to find it and what to say to the owners: "The Lord needs it."

In one sense, the Lord needs nothing of ours nor of us. To an Israel addicted to formal religion he declared:

"I do not need to take a bull from your household or goats from your sheepfolds. For every wild animal in the forest belongs to me, as well as the cattle that graze on a thousand hills. I keep track of every bird in the hills, and the insects of the field are mine. Even if I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all it contains belong to me." (Psalm 50:9-12).

He wanted sincere worship from Israel, not because he needed it, but as adoration of the heart on the worshipers' part.

There is nothing I can do for God. He has no personal need that I can fulfill. As God he is self-sufficient and complete.

In another sense, however, the Lord has seen fit to use our lives and acts for his kingdom.

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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of Septembr 3, 2006

"Ties that Bind"

1. Where is the binding power of love compared to cords?
2. Who put forth a plan for rebellion and boasted that if the attacked king went into a city, the city would be pulled by cords into a river, with no stones left remaining?
3. In what situation were ropes cut to discard a lifeboat?
4. How was a red cord used to identify which of two twins had come forth first?
5. What color is the spinal cord of man in a figurative description of the body?
6. What two men were killed that had owned camels with gold chains around their necks?
7. How is a triple-rope used to describe the power of unity?
8. Where is the joy of motherhood celebrated and described as the lengthening of the ropes anchoring a tabernacle ?
9. Where is sadness described as the breaking of tent ropes?
10. What is the word used to pronounce calamity upon those who drag sin around as one might pull a cart with a rope ?

Answers for week of August 27, 2006

1. What man's death during the days of David was described as being the fall of a great man and a prince?

Answer: Abner 2 Samuel 3:30-39 (esp. verse 38)

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. 31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier. 32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. 33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? 34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him. 35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down. 36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. 37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. 38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? 39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

2. What prophet's fatal sickness was described as a fall? Answer:Elisha

1 Kings 19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. . . 2 Kings 13:14 - Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and

wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

3. The ruin of Jerusalem and the fall of Judah came because of their words and deeds that were against God. Just before you read of this, find how the children will behave toward their elders.

Answer:The children will behave proudly toward their elders. (Does this mean that youth rebellion is an ancient problem ??)

Is. 3:5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable. . . Isa 3:8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings [are] against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

4. Multiplied sin, lying, and departure from God had caused justice to be at a "distance". What had happened to "truth"?

Answer: It had "fallen in the street." It "failed"

Isaiah 59:12-15 - For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; 13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

NIVputs it this way: 14 So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. 15 Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

5. Where is the coming of the Holy Spirit spoken of in terms of "falling"?

A. When the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius and those with him as Peter was speaking to them about the good news of Jesus.

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. Acts 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

B. At Samaria Acts 8:15-16 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: {16} (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

C. Another possibility? Ezek 11:5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

It is interesting that in Acts 11:15, when Peter tried to explain what happened at Cornelius' house, he had to go back to "the beginning" (Acts 2, Pentecost) to find a like event. Obviously these two occasions were outstanding events that did not frequently happen.

6. From what do Christians fall when they try to follow the law of Moses as a means of justifying themselves?

Answer: They fall from grace

Ga 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

7. What city's fall is described in context of two horsemen and a chariot, and the breaking of idols?

Answer: Babylon

Isa 21:9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, [with] a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.