



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## Filled

Special meals are usually big meals. More dishes than we could possibly taste tempt us. Meats, vegetables, casseroles, breads and plenty of carbohydrates promise a feast. Variety makes decisions difficult. Some of us go for seconds, and a few are observed to return three times. And the inevitable desserts draw the sweet tooth, even when the stomach complains.

Afterwards, we come away filled.

The Lord's supper is a special meal, and a big meal, not because of the quantity of food, but because we come to the table already filled.

Our joy is full, because Jesus has spoken to us (John 15:11; Acts 2:28).

Because we have hungered, Jesus has promised that we would be satisfied with righteousness (Matthew 5:6).

Paul says we are full with the goodness of God, filled with all knowledge (Romans 15:14).

James writes that with the wisdom from above, Christians are full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:17).

John tells us that "from [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace" (John 1:16 ESV).

Paul also prayed that the Ephesians might realize their full potential, that they might "be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19).

Physically, it would be sin to sit down and eat a meal after we are already gorged.

Spiritually, it is our blessing to gather round the table and eat the bread and drink the cup, because we we have already been filled with the presence and purpose and plenitude of God.

That makes the Lord's supper the biggest and most special meal of all.

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## Sunday Schedule

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday: Bible Classes</b>	<b>7 PM</b>

## Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart  
Restoration Radio  
Jim Waldron  
Manuelito Children's Home



# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of September 14

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1. Who claimed to have no wealth, but through Jesus gave a man power to walk?
2. What preacher went to get someone to come back in after he (that "someone") had suddenly left the room and interrupted the preacher's sermon?
3. Who is not qualified to help a blind person find his way?
4. Who was told to bury an accursed woman because she was descended from royalty?
5. When is it not acceptable to practice traditional activities?
6. Who claimed to have avoided eating forbidden foods all his life?
7. Who claimed that he had never done anything that he thought was wrong at the time he did it, thus maintaining a pure conscience?

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## Answers for week of September 7

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### “Who?”

1. Who offered 50% of his possessions for those in poverty?

**Answer: Zacchaeus** (Luke 19:8) not only offered half his goods to the poor, but promised to quadruple anything he had taken by means of false accusation (fraud.)

Luke 19:1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they

allmurmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold

2. Who hated the fact that he was alive so much that he wished the very date of his birth did not exist?

**Answer: Job.** (Job 3:1-9) "After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. 2 And Job spake, and said, 3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. 4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. 5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. 7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. 8} Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. 9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:" . . . Job 7:15-16 So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. 16 I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity.

Another possible answer, because of my poor wording of the question, is Jonah

Jonah 4:8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

Also consider Jeremiah's similar lament:

Jeremiah 20:14 - Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

3. What person wanted to be immersed by someone who came to him for immersion?

**Answer: John ( the baptizer).** Matthew 3:13-17. (By the way, the literal meaning of "baptism" is a dipping, plunging, immersion. Notice that in Matthew 3 Jesus came "up out of the water") John recognized Jesus' superior character. John had been baptizing multitudes

for remission of sins.

Mark 1:4 - "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins."

John was surprised that the sinless Jesus would come to be baptized. As I see it, this reaction can be compared to Peter's when he asked the Lord to "depart from me, I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). Jesus insists that John allow the baptism to "fulfill all righteousness." Jesus did not need baptism for forgiveness, but he expressed the need to be baptized to be "right." How different from those who refuse to obey the Lord's command!

Matthew 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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4. What spokesman for God claimed to have a background in agriculture rather than a genealogical background as a prophet?

**Answer: Amos** (Amos 7:14)

Amaziah, the priest, wanted Amos to go away because he was had a disturbing message that was (as we say today) politically incorrect! In this powerful passage, Amos lets Amaziah know that he had not always been a prophet, and he had not grown up in a prophet's home, but was simply a shepherd and farmer when GOD called him to be a prophet.

Amos 7:12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: 13 But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court. 14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a

gatherer of sycomore fruit: 15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

There were other unnamed prophets who made the same claim, but it seems that they were false prophets, and not really speaking truly on behalf of God. Zech. 13:4-5 - And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive: 5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

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5. Whose harlotry and behavior as a witch prevented peace in a nation?

**Answer: Jezebel** (2Kings 9:22)

2 Kings 9:21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? 23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

Another answer . . .but the question is better matched by an individual's name: The City of Ninevah (Nah.3:4)

Nahum 1 :1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. . . Nahum 3:1 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; . . .4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

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6. Whose animal was so badly mistreated that a vocal complaint was made against him?

**Answer: The prophet, Balaam's** . Numbers 22:28 ff.

Num. 22: 21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. . .27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she

fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. 28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. on which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, Nay. . .31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

7. Who said words that caused a tree to shrivel?

**Answer: Jesus.**

(Mat 21:19-21) "And when he [Jesus, see verses 16 - 18] saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. {20} And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! {21} Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done."

11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve. 12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: 13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. 14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. 15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have

made it a den of thieves. 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. 19 And when even was come, he went out of the city. 20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

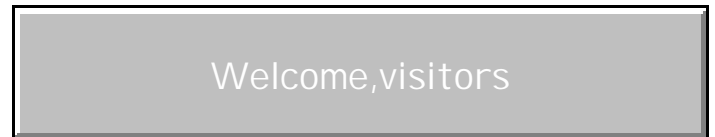
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## Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

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Military connections: Andy Miller family, Drew and Adam Thomas. New convert: Matt Brandon. Laura Singleton is at the Manchester Medical Center room 313. William Miller is at NHC. Francis Cartright, Nancy Harvey's mother, is back in Alive Hospice care. Nancy Harvey has blown out her knee and is scheduled to see a surgeon Monday. She expects to have a knee replacement.

Our youth will participate in the Bible Bowl again this year. The course of study is Luke, and the first test will be on chapters 1-4 the first Sunday in October.



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.

Last week: BS 14 MW 28 EW 22 Wed 16 Cont. \$510

Assignments	September 14	September 21
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)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	Ken Thomas	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Junior Conner