



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## Toxic Clean-Up

By Stan Mitchell

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” ( [Matthew 5:8](#), ESV).

What in the world had made him say that? Byron shook his head to free his thoughts. He hadn't used profanity since he was a teenage boy, eager to show off how tough he was.

But back there in the conference room, with his colleagues gathered round, he had allowed the words to slip out.

How had this happened? He was a father of two girls, a church member, a cub scout leader. Like a bad horror movie on Friday 13, he felt as if something had possessed him!

He thought about the weekend he had just spent, playing golf with some rather rough friends; and the movie he had watched Sunday night with the profanity splattered throughout like mud on a windshield on a rainy night.

And it dawned on him that he had been hearing this sort of verbal trash all weekend.

He remembered the lesson last week at church. The preacher had quoted [Romans 12:2](#) which spoken of “the renewal of the mind.” “Minds can degrade,” the preacher had declared, “just like metal in the water, it can corrode and rust.”

Yes, Byron reflected. That's what had happened to his mind. It had degraded.

The one thing worse than a vacant mind, he reflected, is one filled with filthy thoughts. Satan had used his vacant mind as a dumping ground. His thoughts had been impure, leading to impure actions.

Time for a toxic thought clean-up, he reflected.

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### Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM
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### 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 20

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1. What preacher was falsely accused of many things, but confessed to alleged heresy in worship?
2. Who was accused before a governor by an eloquent speaker, but in his defense insisted that he should be able to face his accusers personally?
3. What accusers of a godly man were killed by the wild beasts by which they had expected that the accused would die?
4. Whose enemies were attempting to use a handicapped person's lack of manual dexterity in order to accuse him in regard to a day of rest?
5. Who did not give answer when he was accused?
6. Who warned military men against making false accusations?
7. Who shouldn't be accused without verification from others?
8. By what power do Christians defeat the one who accuses them before God?

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## Answers for week of September 13

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1. From what (or whom) do heaven and earth run away?

Answer: the face of Him who sits on the great white throne (indication from verse 12 is that this is God)

Revelation 20:11-12 - And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead

were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

2. The joy of the righteous over the punishment by God of the wicked is described in terms of "foot-washing" in an Old Testament passage. What substance is used for the foot-washing?

**Answer: Blood**

Ps. 58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. 11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

This is gruesome but graphic in showing the triumph of right over wrong.

3. What Israeli king was told that his wealth, spouses, and offspring all belonged to an enemy king, and he agreed? (He did refuse to allow a search of his home by the enemy!)

**Answer: Ahab king of Israel**

1 Kings 20:1 And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. 2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, **Thus saith Benhadad, 3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. 4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.** 5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; 6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away. 7 Then the king of

Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for **he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.** 8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent. 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

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4. What child was renamed by his father after the mother had died during the birth, and what was her name for him?

**Answer: Benjamin (son of my right hand), Benoni (son of my sorrow).** Rachel named him due to her pain and agony in labor. Jacob named him in an effort to show how special the child would be.

Gen. 35:16 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that **she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.** 19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. 20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

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5. How many stone containers were used in Jesus' first miracle?

**Answer: Six (6)**

John 2:6 And there were set there **six waterpots of stone**, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they

bare it. 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. 11 This **beginning of miracles did Jesus** in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

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6. What beautiful orphan became queen? (Two names!)

**Answer: Esther (Hadasseh)** Est 2:7 And he brought up **Hadassah, that is, Esther**, his uncle's daughter: for **she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful**; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter. . . Esther 2:17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

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7. Who were Bigthan and Teresh?

**Answer: Two of King Ahasuerus' chamberlains who plotted against him, and were exposed by Mordecai.**

Est 2:21-23 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, **two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door**, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. {22} And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. {23} And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

### Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Sept	13	28	27	23	11	\$542
Sept	6	12	20	17	6	\$562
Aug	30	14	21	13	14	\$742
Aug	23	15	25	19	16	\$612

### Beech Grove News

#### **Rejoicing News: Mrs. Anna Curl was baptized into Christ last Sunday night.**

Our newest member may still have to fight her breathing problems and carry her oxygen tank, but we are encouraged by her willingness to give her life to Jesus Christ and become a “new creature”, a babe in Christ. She had been studying with us in her home as well as attending services here with Maria Curl and at Wartrace with her daughter Diane Sadler. She had taken the initiative to see the last four Visualized Bible Studies on her own after seeing the first one with Ken Thomas and Maria. (Anna is the grandmother of Joey Curl, Maria’s husband.) This is an example how that one person may plant the seed (Word of God), others may water, but God gives the increase. (1 Cor 3:6-7) “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.”

Sister Curl lives at Wartrace on Main Street. Let us all encourage her and welcome her.

Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune.

James Mason has been in MTMC room 421 suffering with colitis. He seemed better after treatment but was still running a fever Saturday and will have to remain in the hospital a while. (He did not have a colonoscopy done.) Despite not feeling well

herself, Doris has been with him through much of his hospital stay. Wanda Miller was out sick Wednesday night. She has learned that she has the H1N1 virus and has started the medication for it. Nancy Harvey has gotten some relief after getting shots for her back pain.

Last Sunday we met our goal for attendance in Sunday School. We actually had more in class than in the worship assembly because Charlene Brandon returned home sick. (She was able to be here Wednesday night.)

**Welcome again to Paul Parsley** who is filling in for Ken this morning. Paul is a member at New Union but has been preaching by appointment and held a meeting this past year.

Ken will return tonight, but this morning he is participating in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Green Hill congregation in Mt. Juliet. Ken preached there in the early eighties, and former preachers have been asked to return for an afternoon fellowship and history of the congregation.

#### **Programs to Watch and Share with Others**

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY

Sundays @ 7:00 am on WUXP-TV 30

Sundays @ 10:00 am on WHTN-TV 39

Mack Lyon, speaker [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30

James Watkins, speaker

Assignments	September 20	September 27
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Wayne Gannon
(center)	Steve Miller	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		