



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

meeting at Beechgrove, TN since 1875

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## What You Can Do to Help Beech Grove "Shine"

Jesus taught us that his followers are to be like lights and to shine. We are also described a salt which needs to have "salt savour".

*(Mat 5:13-16) Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

There are some things that hurt our efforts to reach out to others, and some things that help.

- ◆ When we live purely, serve unselfishly, search for good and honest people to study with, and encourage others when they try to do right, we are letting our light shine.
- ◆ When we are careless in how we speak and live, when we act as if the needs of others are of no concern to us, when we ignore the fact that people are lost in sin, and when we do not seem to care when people are struggling to become what they need to be, we are putting our light "under a bushel".

We have been blessed with some visitors who are seeking the better way. Other visitors have come simply because of convenience. And some have come because of family or friendly ties. When we are all here to welcome them and encourage them, the light shines brighter. Please make the effort to be here when the doors are open, and open the door of encouragement to those who come to us.

In the words of the late Laurene Highfield: "While His love burns true and bright, we are walking in the light. He has shown us the road. **We His glory must reflect, lest our dimness and neglect keep some soul from its God.** The love of God, within the heart, will kindness and warmth impart. **The soul will glow like Jesus in His tender mercy, if the heart is made His dwelling place.** The love of God glows like a flame; thro' endless years it is the same. The love of God will never fail nor lose its glory till we see Him face to face."

Ken Thomas

### 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

by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of Sept. 28 (Places)

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1. At what location were the followers of Christ first called Christians?
2. In what city did Paul lodge with Justus?
3. What was the hometown of Crispus, and what was his position at the time he heard and obeyed the gospel?
4. Where had Paul cried regularly as he preached for three years, and when he left them the elders were in tears?
5. At one place the people of the place (and the writer of the account) tearfully begged Paul not to go to the Jerusalem. Where was this, and with whom was Paul staying? (2 parts)
6. In what city did a man see Jesus in heaven as he was executed by an angry mob?
7. Christian friends planned for Paul to stay with a mature Christian in Jerusalem after they could not persuade him not to go there. Who was the host and where was he from?

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## Answers for week of September 21

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**Theme: planting seed by means of sowing**

1. In scripture we read many references to planting seed by means of sowing. Find places in the Bible where other "planting" or scattering is used to describe a part of the process of being born.

**Answer:** The scriptures I am looking for have to do with the role of "seed" in a pregnancy which results in physical birth. Any of these would suffice.

**(Lev 12:2)** Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have **conceived seed**, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

**(Lev. 15:16-18, 32) seed of copulation**

**(Num 5:28 )** And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall **conceive seed**.

**(Heb 11:11)** Through faith also Sara herself

received strength to **conceive seed**, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

The role of the father in a childbirth, properly referred to as begettal, illustrates the fact that through the Word of God we are born (literally 'begotten') again. Peter uses this physical event of begettal (by corruptible seed) to describe the beginnings of the spiritual new birth via incorruptible seed. Being **born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible**, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (1Pet.1:23)

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2. Find places in the Bible where other "planting" or scattering is used to describe a part of the process of being baptized in the new birth.

**Answer: Romans 6** (Some versions use "united" instead of "planted", but the KJV wording is the one we use for these questions.)

Rom. 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For **if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Col. 2:12 is similar to Rom. 6, but the reference to planting is not as clearly stated there as it is in Romans.

Here is a passage that speaks of the word of God being the incorruptible seed as it is involved in the "new birth". (That "seed" when planted produces faith, and obedient faith prompts one to be "planted" in the grave of baptism.)

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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3. Find places in the Bible where other "planting" or scattering is used to describe preaching the gospel

and reaping material support (not in a parable)

**Answer: Those who sow spiritual things should be able to reap carnal things.**

**(1 Cor 9:9-14 )** For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? 10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. 11 **If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?** 12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? 14 Even so hath **the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

Similar idea: (Rom 15:27 ) It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For **if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.**

**4.** Find places in the Bible where other "planting" or scattering is used to describe committing sin, wickedness.

**Answers: Job 4:8-** Even as I have seen, they that **plow iniquity, and sow wickedness**, reap the same. **Gal 6:7-8** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 **For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption;** but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

**Hosea 10:12** Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. 13 **Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity;** ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

**5.** Find places in the Bible where other "planting" or scattering is used to describe planting of (spiritual) light for good people.

**Answer: See verse 11 in context of Psa 97:9-12.**

For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. 10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. 11 **Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.** 12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

**6.** Find places in the Bible where other "planting" or scattering is used to describe planting air movement as well as harvesting it in larger measure.

**Answer: Hosea 8:1** Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. 7 **For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind:** it hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

**7.** Where does planting or scattering describe what happens after we die?

**Answer: 1 Cor. 15:35** But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 36 Thou fool, **that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:** 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 **So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.** There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

## 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 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) - - W A Martin  
- W.A.Martin is a part time preacher for Scurry church of Christ, Scurry, TX (via Bulletin Gold)

### Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Laura Singleton, Manchester Medical Center room 313. William Miller is at NHC. Francis Cartright, Nancy Harvey's mother, is in Boulevard Terrace in Murfreesboro. Nancy has upper respiratory problems and has been quite sick. (No other updates available)

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 next Sunday at Mt. Leo, McMinnville

Ken and Judy's grandson, Adam Thomas, has completed Marine boot camp and after a brief visit home to TN will be going to Camp Geiger, NC for additional training.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing for Coffee County is at Beech Grove today at 2:30. Those who would like to eat together after the morning service are welcome to join us at "the house".**

Welcome, visitors

Last week: BS MW EW Wed Cont.\$

Assignments	September 28	October 5
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Joe Green	James Mason
Table service (center)	Wayne Gannon	Steve Miller
(center)	Ken Thomas	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Junior Conner	Joe Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose