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“The Great Communion of 2009”

The language of the scripture uses the words “communion” and “fellowship” to accentuate why there is a separation of the faithful from those who are not following the ways of God.

(2 Cor 6:14-17) “. . . for **what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?** {15} And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? {16} And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. {17} Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, . . .

Some in the church are encouraging an event that has been planned for today, October 4. It is called “The Great Communion” and is planned to bring churches of Christ, Christian Churches, and Disciples of Christ together in an ecumenical gathering. It will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Declaration and Address by Thomas Campbell. But ironically, several of the “celebrations” have scheduled choir music and

instrumental music as a part of the “fellowship” effort. Instrumental music is an unauthorized addition to worship, and all of the "Great" events in the world will not change that fact. In fact, it was the introduction of instrumental music into worship and the establishment of a Missionary Society that caused the division in the first place!

Most of the churches listed on the "Great Communion" web page as hosts are Christian Churches. But in our area, West End Church of Christ in Nashville is a notable exception. They plan to have a Unity Choir to join with two speakers who teach at Lipscomb. Nationally, other schools have announced that they will host the event, including Pepperdine, Abilene, and Greater Atlanta Christian School. Rochester, MI Church, a host, is closely aligned with Rochester College. It seems that some of the “brotherhood” schools have a pretty loose view of biblical fellowship!

I also noted that at some of the events, acappella and instrumental music will be alternated. . .as if the problem is just a taste in style of music. . .so " a little of what you like, and a little of what I like, and no one's conscience is abused!" Amazingly, some of the promoters try to shame (Continued, page 3)

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

Questions for week of October 4

1. What kind of branches were used to greet a king?
2. What skilled Naphthalite brassworker was the son of a Tyrian who had already died at the time Solomon acquired his services in helping build the temple?
3. What devoured the kind of trees that are identified with Lebanon?
4. Sticks made of three varieties of trees were peeled to affect livestock reproduction? Of what kind of wood were the sticks made?
5. What sinful city polluted by blood is in another place described as a place of healing balm? (Find both references.)
6. What prophet describes "hilltop idolatry" in the shade of three kinds of trees?
7. What kind of trees are named relating to that hilltop idol worship?

Answers for week of September 27

1. What writer depicted the peace of God's people by describing sheep sleeping safely in a forested area?

Answer Ezekiel

Ezekiel 34: 22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it. 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in

the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. . . . 30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. 31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

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2. In the city described by Ezekiel, how many gates were there?

Answer: Twelve. Three in each of four sides.

Ezekiel 48:30 And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures. 31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. 32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. 33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. 34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

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3. What prophet described backsliding as something to be "healed"?

Answers: Actually there were two, Hosea and Jeremiah.

Jer 3:22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.

Hos 14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him

4. What prominent tribe (representing Israel) is depicted as a dishonest merchant (with deceitful scales) who was rich?

Answer: Ephraim

Hosea 11:1-3 - When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. 2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. 3 I taught Ephraim also to go [walk ESV], taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. . . . Hos 12:7 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress. 8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.

5. In Zechariah's time, what was the name of the ninth month?

Answer: Chisleu, spelled Chislev or Kislev in some translations

Zechariah 7:1 - And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu;

6. Who, along with other men, were sent to pray during Chisleu?

Answer: Sherezer and Regemmelech.

Zec 7:1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu; 2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD . . .

7. Capernaum is a seacoast town near which two tribal areas and on what sea?

Answer: Zabulon and Nephthalim, on the Sea of Galilee.

Matthew 4:12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; 13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: 14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

“The Great Communion” continued

those who do not heed THEIR call for an event, and to try to put the onus of guilt on those who did not depart into the divisive additions when they were introduced.

I have received e-mails from a man who, at one time, I really thought was working to solve the problem of division. He has visited many congregations attending many events. He has visited here in the past., but it seems clear that he feels that the "acappella brothers" are the ones who really have no clue about biblical authority. To him, RPW is the real problem. RPW is an acronym which refers to the regulative principle of worship, in which it is believed that God has put regulations on our worship. (Hasn't He? See John 8:23-24.)

Some churches may be swept into the "peace at any price" movement, but to cry "Peace" when there is no peace is the tactic of those who have strayed from the Lord's way. (Jer 6:14-16) They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, **Peace, peace; when there is no peace.** 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. 16 Thus saith the LORD, **Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.** But they said, We will not walk therein.

As for me and my house, we will try to stay in the path that the Lord has given us.

Kenneth L. Thomas

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Sept	27	13	18	19	13	\$701
Sept	20	12	16	23	8	\$515
Sept	13	28	27	23	11	\$542
Sept	6	12	20	17	6	\$562

Beech Grove News / Prayer Requests

Pray for those in the military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune. Pray for those suffering due to typhoons, earthquakes, and flooding in the world.

James Mason fell Wednesday evening and was unable to be at church. **Wanda and Steve Miller** were able to be at Bible study Wednesday night. **Laura Singleton** is back in Harton hospital, this time with double pneumonia.

Anna Curl had surgery this week at MTMC. to remove her colon. She knew it was risky but necessary. We are saddened that she passed away on Saturday night. It was only three Sundays ago that she put on Christ in baptism. While we mourn losing her as a part of the congregation, we rejoice that she has the hope of eternal life with a greater congregation that will praise God throughout eternity.

A memorial contribution in memory of **Jessie Pearl Green** was made to Beech Grove congregation by **Mrs. Johnnie H. Keele** of Manchester.

Thank You Note: Dear friends,

Thank you for the surprise get-together. It was certainly a surprise for me. I thank and love you all.

I knew we were going to have dinner, but not a birthday celebration. Thank you for being loving friends. Remember to always do the right things, live a fruitful life, and

have a good time. This life will soon be over, and we'll be gone.

Love for all of you.

Iva and Lee Rose

Area Event: Gospel Meeting Oct. 11 - 14 at East Main in Murfreesboro. Billy Smith is the speaker. M-W services will be at 7 P.M.

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

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30

James Watkins, speaker

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
 When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
 Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about,
 When he might have won had he stuck it out.
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
 You may succeed with another blow.
 Success is failure turned inside out,
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far,
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
 It's when things seem worse, that you must not quit.

- copied (seen in Horse Cave, KY bulletin)

Assignments	October 4	October 11
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Ken Thomas
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	James Mason	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Steve Miller	Joe Green
(center)	Joe Green	Ken Thomas
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	Cole Gordon	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		