

Beech Grove News

Sister **Iva Rose** was able to talk some this week. Thanks to Chris Herod of the LaVergne congregation for filling in last week while Ken was gone.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Contribution	Wednesday
9/11	23	28	23	\$534	34
9/18	23	31	20	\$517	32
9/25	21	34	24	\$620	23
10/2	24	33	25	\$529	15
Goals	25	40	30		35* New

Workers list for October

Announce: Junior Conner/Joe Green
At the Lord's Table

Center: Joe Green and Nick Graham
Sides: Daniel Green and Brian Dennis
Sunday A.M. Prayers

Opening

- 1st James Mason
- 2nd Ken Thomas
- 3rd Tim Waldron
- 4th Joe Green
- 5th Jr. Conner

Closing

- T.J. Waldron
- Wayne Gannon
- James Mason
- Tim Waldron
- Joe Green

Ken Thomas and **Wayne Gannon** returned from **Waycross, Georgia** after a gospel meeting with **City Boulevard Church of Christ**. Wayne led some of the singing. Several non-member prospects attended, and **Ronnie Crocker** has about 15 good prospects to follow up on. The smallest crowd was 51 and the largest was 77. Several visitors stayed to talk and enjoy refreshments which were provided after the services. Here are two pictures of the crowd:



Beech Grove Church of Christ

meeting at Beech Grove, TN since 1875

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October 9, 2005

Here are the words of a song which reminds us of the need to "say" timely things to our acquaintances concerning Christ:

What I Didn't Say

1. What they told me caught me by surprise
 And I'd hoped somehow they'd got it wrong
 You know how quick the bad news flies
 Like the years my friend it's been so long
 When they told me you'd chosen the darker path
 Well I'd wished for better news instead
 I thought of how I used to make you laugh,
 and a hundred things I wished I'd said

Chorus

And if I should ever cross your path,
 Or if you ever hear this song
 I would love the chance to tell you I was wrong
 Not so much for what I did; I was pretty well behaved
 But I'd ask your forgiveness for what I didn't say

2. It's not like I never had the chance;
 We had so many heart to hearts
 Somehow we were the best of friends,
 Though we came from worlds apart

I was raised to know the truth, and it kept me on that narrow path
 I never did explain it all to you. Now my friend I wish to God I had

3. Oh I used to think that I had some excuse, I'm kinda shy,
 and to tell the truth of God was for the more type "A"
 But now I've learned I can be bold;
 that power love and self-control
 Is the spirit that God gives
 to those who will obey

(From TCC website)



Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM
 Worship 11 AM
 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio
 Jim Waldron
 Manuelito Children's
 Home

Mail: P.O. Box 85
 Beech Grove, TN 37018

Visitors

**Always
 Welcome**



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of October 9 (Family Ties)

1. Who was born right after the death of his uncle, father, and grandfather?
2. When two women claimed the same child, who decided who the real mother was?
3. Whose mother made coats for him yearly, though he did not live with her at the time?
4. Where are grandchildren extolled?
5. Whose children were spared death but their fathers were executed for killing a king.
6. Why did the son of Barachel get angry?
7. What king of Judah was grandson of Zechariah?

Answers for week of Oct. 2

“If you snooze. . .”

1. Who gave a person a haircut while he dozed?

Answer: A man called by Delilah to cut Samson's hair.

Judges 16:16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; 17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. 18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath showed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

2. Who was asleep while having his clothes shortened?

Answer: Saul (maybe!) 1 Samuel 24:3-4 (See notes below)
1 Samuel 24:1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi. 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. 3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. 4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

This may be questionable. Long ago I got the idea that Saul was asleep, and later learned the innuendoes of "cover his feet". The text says Saul entered the cave where David and others were hiding. He had entered the cave in order to "cover his feet" (KJV), which most scholars believe is a veiled reference to excretion of bodily waste. Some translations actually translate the passage as a reference to Saul's lying down to sleep, but this is not clear in the KJV. What is difficult to me is how David would cut off any part of Saul's garment without Saul's noticing UNLESS Saul was asleep. Clarke's Commentary suggests that after Saul had relieved himself that he did sleep, and during that time David did the sneaky cutting trick.

3. Who, while asleep, had a body part removed to be used for another person?

Answer: Adam. Gen 2:18-25
Gen.2:{21} And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; {22} And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. {23} And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. {24} Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

4. In regard to sleep, what do Jesus and Jonah have in common?

Answer: They both went to sleep while sailing on a ship. A windstorm caused a great tempest in both cases, and fellow sailors came to awaken them. In Jonah's case, he was the cause of the storm sent by an angry God. After the sailors awakened him so he could pray to his God, it was determined that he was the culprit. His being thrown overboard (at his own suggestion) stopped the storm. In Jesus' case he was asked if he did not care that they perished, and he calmed the sea by his words, "Peace, be still." Then he rebuked the others for their lack of faith.

Jonah 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. . . .14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. 15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

Mark 4:37 “And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and

the sea obey him?” . . . See also Luke 8:23, Mat. 8:23;

5. Who was awakened by an earthquake, had suicidal thoughts, but before daylight served guests a meal?

Answer: The jailer in Philippi - Acts 16: 25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

6. Who cannot sleep unless they have done evil or have been a stumblingblock?

Answer: Wicked people (evil men) - Prov. 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. 15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. 16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

7. What child was wakened by the voice of God?

Answer: Samuel - 1 Sam. 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me.