

Beech Grove News

Remember all those who are dealing with health problems. Sister Rose continues to improve at Kindred Hospital, Chattanooga. Marie Crowell is still having a lot of pain, and had difficulty moving this week. She had to cancel her trip to Europe. Marie Singleton is doing better with her new medicines. Judy Thomas had a kidney stone and related infection this past week. She is improving at home. Brother Mason's brother had thyroid surgery this week. The uncle of Junior Conner has a diagnosis of terminal cancer in Tompkinsville, KY. Richard Thomas went home Saturday and is improved.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Co
10/2	24	33	25	\$529 15
10/9	16	31	22	\$612 25
10/16	22	31	25	\$614 26
10/23	22	31	17	\$450 18
Goals	25	40	30	35

Workers list for November

Announce: Andy Miller

At the Lord's Table

Center: Tim Waldron and Cole Gordon

Sides: T. J. Waldron and Daniel Gordon

Sunday A.M. Prayers

	Opening	Closing
1 st	Tim Waldron	Lee Rose
2 nd	Jr. Conner	Andy Miller
3 rd	James Mason	Nick Graham
4 th	Joe Green	T. J. Waldron

(Cricket Preached)

all stood up and watched the cricket run. He almost got stepped on when the song leader walked toward the microphone, and again we all laughed.

But then my laughing turned into amazement. Someone had gone forward. It was my dad! He wasn't a Christian and my

mom and I had been trying for years to get him to come to church with us, but he never would. And now the preacher was taking him back and baptizing him.

"Dad?" I asked later at home. "What made you want to be baptized today?"

"Didn't you hear the wonderful things the preacher was saying today?" Dad asked. "Didn't you hear how Jesus gave his life for us so that we could be saved?"

I hung my head in shame. The beautiful message of the Bible did not reach me that day because I was watching a cricket.

To this day I believe that the cricket was preaching to me. He was saying, "Watch me! Jesus isn't important, I'm more fun." Since then there have been many more crickets walk across the stage, babies crying, sneezes, coughs. A lot of things will tend to distract a person from worshiping God. But I learned my lesson. God is more important than anything. When I worship God all other thoughts are put out of my mind, so that I might concentrate on him and his wonderful blessings. I love the Christian life that I lead and I am thankful for the day the cricket preached.

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THE DAY THE CRICKET PREACHED

On one particular Sunday morning when I was young, I learned a lesson that I have never forgotten. It started out like any usual Sunday morning. As a teenager, I goofed around in class (as usual), I didn't listen to the teacher (as usual), and when worship time came, I sat down with my buddies to squirm through another worship service (as usual). I soon found out that this was no usual service.

As soon as the preacher got up to deliver the sermon, a cricket walked out on to the stage. It probably came from one of the cracks that were found almost anywhere in the old building. Everyone saw the cricket, at least the first three rows did. He looked like he was dazed, and stumbled near the edge of the pulpit. All of us guys were saying, "Jump! Jump!" and then snickering inside. But the cricket backed up and walked away. He walked the length of the pulpit area and our eyes followed his every step. We could see that he had come to the other edge so again we shouted to ourselves, "Jump! Jump!" But alas, the cricket did not jump. Time after time it walked back and forth. I didn't know if the sermon was any good, but the cricket was sure fun to watch. When the invitation song began, we

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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 30 (PLANTING)

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:

1. A part of the process of being born.
2. A part of the process of being baptized in the new birth.
3. Preaching the gospel and reaping material support (not in a parable)
4. Committing sin, wickedness.
5. Planting of (spiritual) light for good people.
6. Planting air movement as well as harvesting it in larger measure.
7. What happens after we die.

Answers for week of October 23

1. Who claimed to have no wealth, but through Jesus gave a man power to walk?
Answer: The apostle, Simon Peter (Acts 3:1-11 KJV) "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. {2} And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; {3} Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. {4} And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. {5} And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. {6} Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. {7} And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. {8} And he leaping

up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. {9} And all the people saw him walking and praising God: {10} And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. {11} And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering."

2. What preacher went to get someone to come back in after he had suddenly left the room and interrupted the sermon?

Answer: Paul, when Eutychus fell out of the 3rd story window.

(Acts 20:7-11 KJV) "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. {8} And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. {9} And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. {10} And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. {11} When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed."

3. Who is not qualified to help a blind person find his way?

Answer: Another blind person. Mt. 15:14, Lk. 6:39 The spiritual application is that if one would lead he must know how to find the right way. If we would teach we need to prepare ourselves or we will lead our hearers into error.

Matthew 15:12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? 13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly

Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

4. Who was told to bury an accursed woman because she was descended from royalty?

Answer: Two or three eunuchs loyal to Jehu were told to throw Jezebel down from a window. The conversation continues and Jehu seems to be directing the same men to bury her. By the time they went to her, there was little left to bury.

2 Kings 9:31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? 32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. 34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. 35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: 37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

5. When is it not acceptable to practice traditional activities?

Answer: When the tradition breaks God's commandments
Mark 7:8 For laying aside the commandment

of God, ye hold the tradition of men, [as] the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Matthew 15:1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Also applicable: (1 Sam 15:22 KJV) "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

6. Who claimed to have avoided eating forbidden foods all his life? Answer: The apostle Peter. He had just seen a vision telling him to rise, kill, and eat from a selection of unclean animals.

(Acts 10:13-14) "And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. {14} But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean."

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?

Answer: The Apostle Paul (Acts 23:1) "And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."