

	November 26	December 3
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader - Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Mason Fisher
(center)	Nick Graham	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Ken Lewis
Closing Prayer	Mason Fisher	Junior Conner

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Nothing new has been reported since last week. Remember the Masons, the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Conners and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions

Youth Activities

Bible Bowl Gen. 10-13

Main Street, **Next Sunday**, Dec. 3, 2:00 PM

This Saturday December 2 the youth will be giving out gift baskets to several in the community, and will also be singing for the people they visit. The whole congregation is invited to gather for fellowship about 5:30 PM

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
10/22	21	34	61	\$710.50	23
10/29	16	30	30	\$665.34	16
11/05	12	26	25	\$523	26
11/12	17	28	23	\$676	25
11/19	15	26	13*	\$627	22
Goals	35	45	36		35

* Does not include those who were at TABS

(Because...Continued from front)

Then there was a man who was an elder of the church in New Orleans. He owned a chain of restaurants, and at one time he was president of thirty-three different business and civic organizations. Yet, he never missed one service of the church. He was always there. Why?

Because he wanted to be just like the well-known obstetrician in Nashville, TN, who as also an elder in the church, yet even with his extremely busy schedule and patient emergencies, he missed only three services in thirty-six years. Why did he always make arrangements to be present to worship God? Because he wanted to.

In the late 1950's there was a popular prime-time television show called the "Miss Patti Page Show." It came on every Wednesday night. There was one couple, during that time, who never got to see the show because they were at Bible study. They were Patti's parents. Even though they loved Patti very much, they felt it more important to keep the kingdom first. Why were they always at Bible study and never missing services to watch their daughter's show? Because they wanted to be there.

Whether we realize it or not, ninety-nine percent of all the things we do in life is because we want to. Too many have become overwhelmed with carelessness, neglect, absence, attitude, and worldliness. If you would boil them all down to the main reason as to why, the answer would be, because they "wanted to."

"Choose you this day whom ye serve" (Josh. 24:15)
Ferman Carpenter

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Because They Want To



Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 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

Mr. Cal Ripkin, shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles, was honored September 7, 1995, because he was the first man in baseball history to play in 2,131 consecutive games. When asked why he was always there and never missed a game, he said it was because he wanted to be there. It wasn't that he never got mad at the coach, or the umpire, or the fans, or the other players. It wasn't because he always felt just perfect or never had a personal problem. It wasn't because the weather was never too hot, or too rainy, or too windy. He was always there because he wanted to be there.

There was a lady from Augusta, GA who had not missed Bible class or worship for forty-four years. That's 2,28 Sundays! Why do you think she was always there? Do you think she never had company that came in at the last minute or never was too tired to come? Do you think she never had a headache or a cold or indigestion or nervous spells? Do you think she never wanted to sleep late on Sundays, or never had her feelings hurt by the preacher or elders or some member? Of course she did! But she didn't believe that was a reason to "forsake the assembly." She came because she wanted to, and she knew it was right. (Continued on back)



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of November 26, 2006

1. What animal is said to "take hold" with its hands? (I found one. There may be others.)
2. In the New Testament breaking of bread refers to eating or partaking in communion (depending on context), but in at least one Old Testament passage it is used to describe a shortage of food brought on by God. Find the passage and explain its meaning.
3. A wine cup of precious metal in God's hand is used to describe a city that had caused "madness" in the earth. What is the name of the city?
4. How many "winds of heaven" are mentioned in the Bible? And if possible, state what is meant by winds of heaven?
5. What king died in "a good old age"?
6. What character in the book of Genesis was promised that he would die in a "good old age" and according to scripture he did so? To get this one you need to find two verses, the one with the promise and the one with the fulfillment.
7. Name another man who "died in a good old age."

Answers for week of November 19, 2006

All from Psalms

1. What smokes when touched by God?

Answer: Hills, mountains

Psalm 104:31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the **LORD** shall rejoice in his works. 32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: **he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.** 33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 144:4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away. 5. Bow thy heavens, **O LORD**, and come down: **touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.** 6. Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

2. What animal is specifically described as having been created by God to play in the sea?

Answer: Leviathan

Here is a good internet link for a discussion of this creature--
<http://www.christiancourier.com/questions/leviathanQuestion.htm>

Psa 104:25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. 26 There go the ships: **there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.**

3. Who appointed a descendant of Jacob to instruct senators how to be wise?

Answer: God "sent" Joseph to Egypt, and Pharaoh appointed him to be a ruler, one who would teach his senators wisdom.

Psa 105:7 He is the **LORD our God**: his judgments are in all the earth. . . .17 He **sent** a man before them, even **Joseph**, who was

sold for a servant: 18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: 19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. 20 The **king** sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. 21 He **made him lord of his house**, and ruler of all his substance: 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and **teach his senators wisdom.**

4. Why were the Egyptians were happy to see their slaves leave their country.

Answer: Because of fear. The Egyptians were terrorized by the plagues, a terror that was prolonged by Pharaoh's hardened heart. When the slaves left Egypt the Egyptians loaded the them with enough gold and silver jewelry to build the tabernacle in the wilderness. See Exo 11:2 and 12:35-36 and related cross references. Psalms 105: 38 **Egypt was glad** when they departed: for the **fear of them fell upon them**

5. Who worshipped Canaanite deities by sacrificing their children?

Answer: The Israelites

Psalm 106:7 Our **fathers** understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea. . . . 34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: 35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. 36 **And they served their idols**: which were a snare unto them. 37 Yea,

they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, 38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

6. When are afflicted fools delivered from destruction?

Answer: When they cry out unto the Lord. **Psalm 107: 17 Fools** because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, **are afflicted.** 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. 19 **Then they cry unto the LORD** in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and **delivered them from their destructions.**

7. Whose name is described as being reverend?

Answer: The Lord.

Isn't it interesting that some religious leaders proudly take the adjective that describes the reverence that belongs to God's name and apply it to themselves??

Psalm 111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. 2 The works of **the LORD** are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. . . .9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: **holy and reverend is his name.**