

Assignments	December 24	December 31
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader - Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Ken Lewis
Opening prayer	Mason Fisher	Joe Green
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Junior Conner
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	Ken Lewis
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Steve Miller's father, William Miller, was in ICU at MTMC at last report. Ken Lewis did not have back surgery as was scheduled. It will be postponed. His blood was too thick, and he actually had some blood removed to help relieve the problem. He is feeling better. Remember the Masons, the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Conners and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Why Study the Bible?

It is God's Word. We have it because "men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Peter 1:21).

It is truth that reveals the mind of God. Jesus said, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

It is the source of faith in Jesus Christ. John gave his purpose for writing his gospel as, "...these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (John 20:31).

It is the standard of right and wrong. It is by the practice of the Word that we have our "...senses trained to discern good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14).

It is nourishment to bring spiritual growth. Peter admonished, "Long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation" (1 Peter 2:2).

It is a sufficient guide for daily living. It provides everything a man needs to make him "adequately equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16).

It gives us hope. No matter how desperate our situation or how dark the future appears, through perseverance and encouragement of the Scriptures we "... have hope" (Romans 15:4).

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Ben Renegar and his wife have gone to mission work in India.. Please keep them in your prayers.

Youth Activities

Bible Bowl Genesis 14-17

Woodbury, Jan. 7, 2:00 PM

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
11/26	26	32	24	\$650.01	21
12/03	18	32	27	\$623.81	18
12/10	22	34	20	\$525	21
12/17	21	28	24	\$585.50	21
Goals	35	45	36		35

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December 24, 2006

Schedule Change This Sunday and Next

Happy Holidays

Sunday Evening Services will be moved forward to 4 PM. Hopefully this will help people have more time to spend with their families in the evening.

Guest Speaker Next Sunday

Keith Coleman of Smyrna

Brother Coleman is an experienced preacher, having done mission work in Germany for several years. He also worked with Georgia Christian School years ago when I first met him. After he moved to Tennessee he worked with several congregations teaching and preaching. He also is a licensed realtor and actually was the agent through whom we bought our house in Murfreesboro.

He will teach the adult class and speak at the morning and evening services. I am sure you will appreciate his teaching and preaching in my absence. We will be with relatives in Georgia. *Ken Thomas*



Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 4 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of December 24, 2006

1. Paul once asked (1 Cor 15:30) "And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?" An Old Testament character made a statement about a strong desire to drink from a certain well, and a small group of his soldiers jeopardized their lives to bring him some of that water? He poured it out instead of drinking it. Why?
2. Who rose up to take a night-time ride in and out of Jerusalem to to survey damage? (Even the few who knew he had arisen did not know about the instructions from God that motivated the ride.)
3. Who was given water only after they had finished pitching?
4. What grower of grapes refused a royal offer to buy (or trade for) his property, and was falsely accused of blasphemy before being killed by stoning?
5. What did Miriam, sister of Moses, have in common with King Uzziah and Naaman? I cannot think of another named woman in the Bible who shared this characteristic with them, but if you find someone, please name them too!
6. What prophet of God used mockery to emphasize the weakness of the heathen god Baal?
7. What "tax collector" was sent by an unpopular king to his subjects and was put to death by stoning?

Answers for week of December 17, 2006

1. Which congregation heard the gospel presented "cleanly" and with boldness, without any effort to deceive or use guile?
Answer: The church in Thessalonica. The persecutions in Philippi had not deterred the brave preaching at Thessalonica.
- Persecution in Philippi** - - (Acts 16:22-24) "And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. {23} And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: {24} Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks."

Leaving Philippi and going toward Thessalonica - - (Acts 16:40 - 17:1-4) {40} And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed. {1} Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: {2} And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, {3} Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. {4} And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few."

1 Thessalonians 2:1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: 2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. 3 For **our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:** 4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. 5 For **neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness;** God is witness:

2. Where do you find Jerusalem described as a breast-feeding mother?
Answer: (Isa 66:10-13) "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: {11} **That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.** {12} For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. {13} As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

3. The New Testament sometimes refers to the church as being the "body of Christ", and He is the head of the body. There is a specific passage that tells how a person gets into the "body". How do we enter the body?
Answer: By baptism
(1 Cor 12:12-14) "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being

many, are one body: so also is Christ. {13} For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. {14} For the body is not one member, but many."

4. What lights in the sky are specifically said to be "ordained"? And in this context what do you think the word "ordained" means?

Answer: The moon and stars.
Psalm 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the **moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;** 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

In common modern usage ordain means to appoint or create for a specific purpose or work. Literally, the Hebrew word used here means "to stand up, be perpendicular". In this context the most probable meanings seem to be "set up, prepare, establish".

The author here could be talking about the beauty of the lights of the night, but if by chance he had any idea of the magnitude of the moon and all of the stars (many larger than the sun) he would be even more impressed with the power of God's handiwork. . . or should I say "finger play"?

5. What writer of scripture declared that his knowledge of Jesus was not only visual and auditory, but also tactile?

Answer: John. He is included in the "we" that saw, heard, and touched the body of the resurrected Christ. While others did the same as recorded by those who were with them, according to scripture **John also WROTE about his experience.**

(1 John 1:1-3) "That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen** with our eyes, which we have **looked upon**, and our **hands have handled**, of the Word of life; {2} (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; {3} That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

It must have been such a marvel to him to think that he had actually touched the Son of God, when in the OT the Jews believed that one would die if God appeared. Uzzah died when he touched the ark of the covenant.

John seems amazed that they had "touched [the Lord] with our hands."

6. We sometimes hear of the vanquished "licking the boots" of a victor. According to a prophet, what were people of the world going to lick?

Answer: Dust (One sign of showing subservience common to the East was prostration at the feet of those in power) Isaiah 49:1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. . .23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: **they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet;** and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Mic 7:16 **The nations** shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay [their] hand upon [their] mouth, their ears shall be deaf. 17 **They shall lick the dust like a serpent**, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee. 18 Who [is] a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth [in] mercy. 19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, [and] the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old. Compare also Psa 72:9 -- "They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and **his enemies shall lick the dust."**

7.. What leader complained that he felt like God had made him to be like a FATHER nursing a child?

Answer: Moses
Numbers 11::10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased. 11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? 12 **Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child**, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?"