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### Beech Grove News

Sister Trail is still recovering from her accident at home, with constant care from the family.. Brother Mason reports progress in overcoming his vertigo.

We have been blessed by having several visitors lately. We are encouraged by this, and hope that those who live close by will make this there regular place of worship.

Our attendance goals are going to be reached soon if we keep working at it. In fact, all it takes is for all our members to show up at the same time. Our goal for Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday is only 25. Many churches in the area have services at 9, so surely we could all get here by 10 for Bible classes. As a reminder we have goals of 30 for Sunday night and 40 for Sunday morning worship. Please come and bring someone with you.

Our record this past week was 19 BS, 32 MW, 20 EW and 19 Wed. Contr. \$617

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#### Gospel Meetings and Area Activities.

Central in McMinnville August 21-24 with Jim Gammon preaching. 7:00 M-W

Green Hill in Mt. Juliet Aug. 21-24 with James Watkins preaching.

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(Cont. From front) Commenting on this marvelous act, Alan Smith states: "De Vincenzo's attitude is reminiscent of the spirit that God has shown toward us! Despite mankind taking God's goodness for granted, despite our repeated failures, God was willing to give not just a token amount, but the ultimate sacrifice of His Son. And He did so,

NOT reluctantly or with resentment, but willingly and gladly - knowing that while most would only show DISDAIN for his gift, some would respond in OBEDIENCE motivated by FAITH and LOVE."

"For when we were STILL without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His OWN love toward us, in that while we were STILL SINNERS, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8)

The bad news is that we ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) and are thereby condemned (Romans 6:23).

The Good news (the Gospel) is that even though He knew many would reject His offer, God sent His Son to pay the price for our SIN (Ephesians 1:7). To accept His ACCEPT of salvation, we must believe in Christ (Acts 16:31), turn from our sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), be baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38), AND live faithfully to the God who loves us despite our sins (1 John 1:7-9).

The BEST NEWS is when you and I come to receive that Gift on His terms.

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

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### Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

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### Visitors

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### August 21, 2005

### The Best News

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The following story is told in "The Best of Bits and Pieces":

Robert De Vincenzo, the great Argentine golfer, once won a tournament and, after receiving the check and smiling for the cameras, he went to the clubhouse and prepared to leave. Some time later, he walked alone to his car in the parking lot and was approached by a young woman. She congratulated him on his victory and then told him that her child was seriously ill and near death. She did not know how she could pay the doctor's bills and hospital expenses.

De Vincenzo was touched by her story, and he took out a pen and endorsed his winning check for payment to the woman. "Make some good days for the baby," he said as he pressed the check into her hand.

The next week he was having lunch in a country club when a Professional Golf Association official came to his table. "Some of the boys in the parking lot last week told me you met a young woman there after you won that tournament." De Vincenzo nodded.

"Well," said the official, "I have news for you. She's a phony! She has no sick baby. She's not even married. She fleeced you, my friend."

"You mean there is NO baby who is dying??" said De Vincenzo.

"That's right," said the official.

"Well, that's the BEST NEWS I've heard ALL week," De Vincenzo said.\*

What a beautiful spirit!

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## Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

### Bible Questions August 21 (Birds)

1. What was sent by the Lord to bring birds from the sea to feed hungry people.
2. What bird builds its nest at high elevation?
3. What bird's flight illustrates the flight of riches?
4. What two birds were said to nest in the temple?
5. If bought in pairs these birds cost "two for a farthing", but in larger quantity the cost is 2/5 farthings each. (Find two references to verify this.)
6. In a passage describing the desolation of Edom, its wasteland would be inhabited by four birds that are named in a single verse. What birds are named?
7. What bird (without human wisdom) is mentioned as flying south?

#### Answers for August 14

1. Who should be on the guest list when people are invited to eat with us? Why?  
**Answer - Poor, maimed, lame, and blind people.**  
Luke 14:12-14 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But **when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:** 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Why? Because your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors will invite you back. That will be your only reward. If you invite those who cannot repay you, you will be rewarded at the resurrection of the godly. Also correct: **Strangers.** . . . Hebrews 13:2 says that by showing hospitality to strangers, some have entertained angels unawares.

2. What kind of person listens to false lips and a naughty tongue?

**Answer: A wicked liar.** All lying is wickedness, but not all wicked people are necessarily liars. The passage warns us not to join in the evil of willingly hearing or speaking false words or evil speaking (whether vulgar, profane, or harmful). If it is wrong to listen it is also wrong to speak in this way.

Proverbs 17:4 **A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.**

3. Where is the campsite of the angel of the Lord?

**Answer: Around those that fear the Lord**  
Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 **The angel of the LORD encampeth round about**

**them that fear him, and delivereth them.**

Obviously heaven seems to be the usual dwelling place of angels, but I thought it interesting to picture the protective angel "camping around" God-fearing people to deliver them from their troubles. Verse 4 mentions the fearful, and verse 6 mentions the poor man who is saved from his troubles. So the angel camps around those who need deliverance from fear and poverty, but who have proper "fear" of God.

4. What kind of people have elevated eyes, and teeth like blades that cut?

**Answer: A generation of people who curse their father, fail to bless their mother, are self-righteous, still in their sins and take advantage of the poor and needy.** What caught my eye was the reference to the teeth as swords and knives. This haughty generation has as its aim to destroy the poor and needy by oppression of them.

Proverbs 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, **O how lofty are their eyes!** and their eyelids are lifted up. 14 There is a generation, whose **teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives,** to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

5. What man delivered a city from a siege by wisdom, but was forgotten by all.

**Answer - poor wise man**

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

This wisdom have I seen also under the sun,

and it seemed great unto me: 14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: 15 Now there was found in it **a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.** 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. 17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

6. Who spoke out against those who beat people and grind faces?

**Answer - The Lord God of hosts spoke out against those who beat people and ground the faces of the poor.**

Isaiah 3:13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. 14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. 15 **What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.**

7. Who will be mercilessly judged?

**Answer - There will be no mercy for those who have not been merciful to others.**

James 2:13 For he shall have **judgment without mercy,** that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.