

**Beech Grove News**

Sister Trail was able to at Bible study Wednesday night. Her determination is inspiring.

Sister Ida Rose was involved in a serious “chain” accident on I- 24 Friday afternoon. At first the report got out that she had been killed, but later it was learned that she was flown to Erlanger by Life Flight. She is in very serious condition, but by late Saturday afternoon there was some hope that she might be able to pull through. She is in Surgical intensive care. Family and friends have been very much present and supportive, and several of our members have already been to Chattanooga to give encouragement. Continue to PRAY HARD!

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. Bring someone with you.

	Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Contribution	Wednesday
8/14	19	32	20	\$617	20
8/21	22	37	27	\$568	19
8/28	?	?	?	?	?
Goals	25	40	30		25

**Gospel Meetings and Area Activities**


TODAY - HILLSBORO in Coffee County at 2:30 pm  
Aug. 28-31 Raus with Winford Claibaorne, 7:30 PM  
Pleasant Knoll with Vernon Joines M-W at 7:00

“Attitude” - Continued from page 1 - - What difficult time are you going through right now? Can you do something to change it? If you can, don't wait another day-make the needed changes. If you can't change the circumstance, however, change your attitude - you'll discover that circumstances won't have the last word.

Paul said, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:11-13).

# Beech Grove Church of Christ

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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  
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## Visitors

Always  
Welcome

## August 28, 2005

### Attitude

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world," he announced. Then he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed. "Strike One!" he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down, he swung again and missed. "Strike Two!" he cried.

The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more, "'I'm the greatest hitter in the world!'" Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. "'Strike Three! Wow!'" the boy exclaimed. "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!"

Your attitude determines how circumstances impact your life. The little boy's circumstances hadn't changed, but his optimistic attitude prompted him to give an encouraging meaning to what had happened.

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## Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

**Bible Questions August 28**

### **“Looking at Negatives”**

- 1. Who will think it unusual that the new convert to Christ does not run with them?**
- 2. Who had siblings that could not speak in a peaceful way to him?**
- 3. Who would not go with the Israelites to the promised land because of their stubbornness?**
- 4. In what short section of five verses are people advised NOT to do four things? (There may be more than one place, but I know of at least one in which the form for each is “\_\_\_\_\_not”).**
- 5. Find verses in both New and Old Testaments that tell God’s people NOT to walk as certain others.**
- 6. What kind of activity on the part of humans was said to be prerequisite to the Lord’s guidance, prosperity, and, and a comparison to a watersource that fails not?**
- 7. Whose hospitality included an admonition not to stay in the roadway?**

**Answers for August 21**

**This week’s questions were all about birds.**

- 1. What was sent by the Lord to bring birds from the sea to feed hungry people.**

**Answer: A wind**

**Numbers 11:31** And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round

about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.<sup>32</sup> And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

**Psalms 78:23** Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, <sup>24</sup> And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.<sup>25</sup> Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full. {Man...: or, Every one did eat the bread of the mighty}<sup>26</sup> **He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.** {to blow: Heb. to go}<sup>27</sup> **He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:** {feathered...: Heb. fowl of wing}<sup>28</sup> **And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.**

<sup>29</sup> So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;<sup>30</sup> They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths, <sup>31</sup> The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel. {smote...: Heb. made to bow}<sup>32</sup> {Chosen...: or, young men}<sup>32</sup> For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works

- 2. What bird builds its nest at high elevation?**

**Answer: The Eagle.** The last two passages listed in the answer are used to motivate humility and to condemn a "high and mighty attitude". God can bring us off our "perch!"

**Job 39:27** Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?

**Jeremiah 49:16** Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, **O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle,** I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord.

**Obadiah 1:4** Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

- 3. What bird’s flight illustrates the flight of riches?**

**Answer: Eagle**

**Proverbs 23:4** Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. <sup>5</sup> Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? **for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.**

- 4. What two birds were said to nest in the temple?**

**Answer: Sparrow and swallow**

**Psalms 84: 1** How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! <sup>2</sup> My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. <sup>3</sup> Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah

- 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.)**

**Answer: Sparrows**

**Matthew 10:29** Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

**Luke 12:6** Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

As a mathematician, I wonder if there was a "going rate" on sparrows in New Testament times, with discounts for quantity purchases. Comparison of these two verses might suggest that.

- 6. In a passage describing the desolation of Edom, its wasteland would be inhabited by four bird that are named in a single verse. What birds are named?**

**Answer: great owl, raven, screech owl and desert owl**

**Isaiah 34:9** Edom's streams will be turned into pitch, her dust into burning sulfur; her land will become blazing pitch! <sup>10</sup> It will not be quenched night and day; its smoke will rise forever. From generation to generation it will lie desolate; no one will ever pass through it again. <sup>11</sup> The desert owl and screech owl will possess it; the great owl and the raven will nest there. God will stretch out over Edom the measuring line of chaos and the plumb line of desolation.

- 7. What bird (without human wisdom) is mentioned as flying south?**

**Answer: hawk**

**Job 39:26** Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?