

Beech Grove News

Please remember J. C. Rogers in prayer (pancreatic cancer). Sister Singleton Manchester Health Care Center, Sister Rose at NHC, Sister Mason at home sick.

Opportunities to serve:

Sunday	Jan 22	Jan 29	Feb 5
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron	T J Waldron
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Ken Thomas	T.J. Waldron
Song leader (Wor)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Nick Graham	Andy Miller	Wayne Gannon
Opening prayer	Joe Green	Junior Conner	James Mason
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green	T. J. Waldron
(outside)	Brian Dennis	Brian Dennis	Daniel Gordon
Closing Prayer	Tim Waldron	Joe Green	Lee Rose

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
12/25	18	44*	23	\$819	27
01/01	21	33	35*	\$431	20
01/08	18	31	33*	\$600	23
01/15	19	35	19	\$585	27

Singing - Friday 7 PM until - LaVergne

There are **two home Bible studies being conducted** using the "tried and true" Visualized Bible Studies by Jule Miller. If you know someone who might want to get a better understanding of the timeline of Bible history, with an emphasis on the need to obey God, **please talk to Ken about it and he will help you set up a study.**

"Will to Carry On"(Cont. From front)

no matter what you are facing in life, there is Someone who CARES and who can RELATE to what we are going through.

That Someone is JESUS...

"Therefore, in all things He [Jesus] had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17). Jesus was "made like us," therefore

He knows what we go through AND He is able to provide that GRACE and MERCY to help us in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). But even more, Jesus was "made like us" to give us HOPE for better things to come. The basis of that hope is that Jesus DIED for our sins on the cross so that we might have forgiveness of sins. He was BURIED, but He ROSE again on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:1-3). HIS resurrection provides promise of our OWN resurrection when Jesus returns (1 Corinthians 15:20ff).

Because of JESUS, our whole outlook changes! He gives us HOPE and the WILL to carry on! YOU can share in that hope if you will trust and obey Him: believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), repenting of sin (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Hope is maintained for the one who continues to follow Jesus for the rest of his life (1 John 1:7).

Do YOU have that Hope?

God bless you!

David A. Sargent, Creekwood Church in Mobile
* Bob Greene, "From One Sufferer To Another, Chicago Tribune, Aug, 1987

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The Will to Carry On

Douglas Maurer, 15, of Creve Coeur, Missouri, had been feeling badly for several days. His temperature was ranging between 103 and 105 degrees, and he was suffering from severe flu-like symptoms. Finally, his mother took him to the hospital in St. Louis. Douglas Maurer was diagnosed as having leukemia. The doctors told him in frank terms about his disease. They said that for the next three years, he would have to undergo chemotherapy. They didn't sugarcoat the side effects. They told Douglas he would go bald and that his body would most likely bloat. Upon learning this, he went into a deep depression.

His aunt called a floral shop to send Douglas an arrangement of flowers. She told the clerk that it was for her teenage nephew who has leukemia. When the flowers arrived at the hospital, they were beautiful. Douglas read the card from his aunt. Then he saw a second card. It said:

" Douglas – I took your order. I work at Brix florist. I had leukemia when I was 7 years old. I'm 22 years old now. Good luck! My heart goes out to you. Sincerely, Laura Bradley."

His face lit up. His whole outlook changed. It's remarkable! Douglas Maurer was in a hospital filled with millions of dollars worth of the most sophisticated medical equipment. He was being treated by expert doctors and nurses with medical training totaling in the hundreds of years. But it was a salesclerk in a flower shop, a woman making \$170 a week, who – by taking the time to care, and by being willing to go with what her heart told her to do – gave Douglas HOPE and the WILL to carry on. *

It is encouraging and comforting to know that (Cont. Back)

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 January 22

1. Where is a lady described as wise, kind, strong and honorable?
2. What city was referred to as the lady of kingdoms, but was perverted by thinking its evil deeds were invisible to others?
3. Whose wife tried to help her sons gain prominent places in the kingdom of Christ?
4. What woman is remembered for generosity even though she was poor?
5. What tearful woman became the symbol of mothers who have lost their children?
6. What widow's sin was punished by immediate death?
7. Whose foreign wife had a house built by her husband so she would not live in "the city of David"?

Answers for week of Jan. 15 "Window(s)"

Some people say they use "Windows" on their computers. The Bible is full of windows and we will find some of them this week.

1. Who shot an arrow through a window?

Answer: Joash, king of Israel. (See vs. 14 and 17) (2 Ki 13:14-19 KJV) "Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And **Joash the king of Israel** came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. {15} And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows. {16} And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. {17} And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then **Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot.** And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. {18} And he said, Take the

arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. {19} And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice."

Further study shows us that the number of time arrows were hit on the ground actually did foreshadow the three attacks on Syria. Compare 2 Kings 13:2.. "Three times did Joash smite him, and recovered the cities of Israel. "

2. Who escaped through a window?

Answer 1: Joshua's two spies

Joshua 2:1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. . . .15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

Answer 2: David - 1 Samuel 19:12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

Answer 3: Paul- 2 Corinthians 11: 32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: 33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

It is interesting that the window is mentioned in Paul's personal account, but not mentioned in Luke's telling of it. Acts 9:23 - And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: 24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

3. Who was thrown to death from a window?

Answer: Jezebel - 2 Kings 9:30-33 -30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, **Jezebel** heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and **looked out at a window.** 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.**

4. Who fell from a window to death but later lived?

Answer: Eutychus. (Acts 20:5-12) "These going before tarried for us at Troas. {6} And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. {7} 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. {12} And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted."

5. What birds sang in windows?

Answer: Cormorant and bittern.

These are translated differently in various translations, but for uniformity we will post the KJV as our official answer. It seems that these birds would inhabit a deserted, destroyed city, Nineveh, singing in the windows of deserted buildings.

(Some translations show pelican, screech owl, desert owl, etc. The idea is still the same, the birds have invaded the place.)

CORMORANT -A bird forbidden as food - Le 11:17; De 14:17; Isa 34:11; Zep 2:14

BITTERN -A species of heron - Isa 14:23; 34:11; Zep 2:14

(Zep 2:13-15 KJV) And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness. {14} And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: **both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows;** desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work. {15} This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside

me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

6. Who climbs through windows?

Answer # 1: **Who --Thieves, What -- locusts**

This passage describes an invasion of locusts, invading like an army.

Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; 2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. 3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. 6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. 7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. 9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; **they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.**

Another answer, not based on KJV. **Death..** Jeremiah 9:20 (NIV) Now, O women, hear the word of the Lord ; open your ears to the words of his mouth. Teach your daughters how to wail; teach one another a lament. 21 Death has climbed in through our windows and has entered our fortresses;

7. Who observed romance from a window?

Answer: Abimelech king of the Philistines

Genesis 26:8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.