

Assignments	January 28	February 4
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader - Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Ken Lewis	T. J. Waldron
Opening prayer	Joe Green	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Wayne Gannon	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Nick Graham
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
(outside)	Ken Lewis	Ken Lewis
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Junior Conner

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Wanda Miller has had some relief from her back pain Sister Doris Mason was still sick this week, but has improved. William Miller was still in MTMC this week. Richard Thomas, Ken's daddy, is in Livingston Regional Hospital with pneumonia, but is improved. Yvonne Griffith, Judy's cousin who visits here occasionally, will have knee surgery Tuesday at Shelbyville. Remember the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Conners and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Junior Conner in the death of his cousin, Gary Daniels, in Indiana.

Bible Bowl Next Sunday

February Bible Bowl - New Union - Genesis 18-21

Friday Night Singings

Feb.2 - Bethel, 25087 Hwy 127, Dunlap, TN
Feb.9 - Antioch (US Hwy 231, N. of Lebanon,

("Love to Sing?" Continued from front)

James writes, "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms." James 5:13. We sing when we are happy. We sing also to teach and edify. Paul says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col 3:16.

I've been blessed to have been around many people who really loved to sing, especially to sing praises to God. It is such a delight to hear wonderfully strong and encouraging singing during the worship services. It is also encouraging to be a part of special times set aside to focus on this important aspect of our worship. I hope you love to sing. But even if you don't love to sing, I pray that you will see that God wants your voices to be used in praise to Him and in teaching and admonishing others.

(Article written by Mike Baker, Lewisburg, TN)

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
12/31	21	33	24	\$523.82	19
01/07	21	35	27	\$607.31	21
01/14	23	44	14	\$710.00	20
01/21	20	34	19	\$624.00	16
Goals	35	45	36		35

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January 28, 2007

Do You Love To Sing?



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

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

Singing has long been a part of our praise to God. The Psalms are full of references to singing praises to our Creator.

Just a casual reading of several passages will give a person a sense of how important singing is in our worship to God. Notice the following passage.

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and His strength! Seek His face evermore!" Ps 105:1-4.

I know that not everyone enjoys singing. It is not at all uncommon to notice people at any congregation who do not engage in singing. Perhaps they feel their voices would not blend well with others. Perhaps they just don't enjoy singing. But I hope that their purpose in not singing is not because of a lack of love and praise to God.

Sing Today at 2:30

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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 28, 2006

1. In what two consecutive chapters (not verses!) is the Lord described as blotting out the wrong-doings of His people?
2. What message about the kingly rule of God was announced by people with "high altitude feet"?
3. According to one reporter someone's assets had been seriously under-reported by at least 50%. Who was the reporter who announced a more accurate account?
4. If those who suffer poverty oppress others who are impoverished, to what kind of weather are they compared?
5. What project had 3600 supervisors (overseers) appointed?
6. What specific kind of rock is named in scripture as the source of water for Israel in the days of Moses?
7. What are the conditions that enable one to rest sweetly while asleep? (I found at least three references that combine to make a good answer.)

Answers for week of January 21, 2007

1. During Jesus' time where did scribes and Pharisees "sit"?
Answer: In Moses' seat. (They took it on themselves to be "lawgivers"). As a symbol of their alleged "authority" they chose literally to sit in the "chief seats" as verse 6 mentions.
(Mat 23 KJV) "Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, {2} Saying, **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:** {3} All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. {4} For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. {5} But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, {6} And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

{7} And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. {8} But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. {9} And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. {10} Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. {11} But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. {12} And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. {13} But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

2. At what social event did people from the streets replace farmers and merchants who had disdained their own invitation?

Answer: The marriage feast for the king's son - a parable told by Jesus -
Matthew 22:1-10 - especially vs. 4-5.

Compare Luke 14:16 and following.
Matthew 22:1-10 (KJV) 1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto **a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,** 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, **one to his farm, another to his merchandise:**

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those **servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.**

3. The Bible teaches that faith can be grounded in at least two sources. What kind of teaching causes faith to stand in the wisdom of men, and what kind produces God-based faith? There are two questions to be answered here, but they are both found in the same chapter.

Answer:1) Preaching enticing words of human wisdom tends to cause people to place confidence in human

wisdom, but 2) the preaching of Christ and the crucifixion is able to produce faith grounded in the power of God.

(1 Cor 2:1-5) "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. {2} For I determined not to know any thing among you, save **Jesus Christ, and him crucified.** (3) And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. {4} And **my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom,** but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: {5} **That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."**

4. Jews sent investigators to determine John's identity. Who were they, and what sect of the Jews were they associated with?

Answer: Priests and Levites of the Pharisee sect
John 1:19-24 "And this is the record of John, when the **Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?** {20} And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. {21} And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. {22} Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? {23} He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. {24} And **they which were sent were of the Pharisees."**

5. Worms and viruses seem to be taking over the internet at present. What source of shade was destroyed by a worm?

Answer: Gourd
Jonah was angry that the enemy, the people of Ninevah, had repented, and that God had not executed punishment on them. Angry Jonah was shaded briefly, but God's worm destroyed his shade. A strong wind and brutal sun helped Jonah to understand the fleeting nature of material blessings. And he was also given a lesson in the value of human life.

(Jonah 4:4-11) "Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry? {5} So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. {6} **And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it**

might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. {7} **But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.** {8} And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. {9} And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death. {10} Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: {11} And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?"

6. What city's name ends with the name of its builder, an Ephraimite woman?

Answer: Uzzensherah 1 Chr. 7:24
1 Chronicles 7 22 And **Ephraim** their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. 24 (And **his daughter was Sherah, who built Bethhoron the nether, and the upper, and Uzzensherah.**)

7. That same Ephraimite woman is credited with building another city with "upper and nether" parts, but these cities are also credited to a king of Israel. Which king?

Answer: Solomon 2 Chr. 8:5
2Ch 8:1 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house, 2 That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3 And Solomon went to Hamathzobah, and prevailed against it. 4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. 5 Also **he built Bethhoron the upper, and Bethhoron the nether,** fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

The two Bethorons are about three miles apart. There is no conflict here with the fact that Bethoron is an ancient name mentioned in Joshua. There is evidence that Solomon, having received back certain cities from Hiram (Hiram), simply put them into good repair, fortifying them and revamping them for his own use.