

Opportunities to Serve:

| Sunday | Feb 5 | Feb 12 | Feb 19 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Song leader (SS) | T J Waldron | Ken Thomas | Wayne Gannon |
| Announcements | T.J. Waldron | T.J. Waldron | T.J. Waldron |
| Song leader (Wor) | Tim Waldron | Wayne Gannon | Tim Waldron |
| Scripture reading | Wayne Gannon | Tim Waldron | Ken Thomas |
| Opening prayer | James Mason | Junior Conner | Joe Green |
| Table service (center) | Tim Waldron | Tim Waldron | Tim Waldron |
| (center) | Cole Gordon | Cole Gordon | Cole Gordon |
| (outside) | T. J. Waldron | T. J. Waldron | T. J. Waldron |
| (outside) | Daniel Gordon | Daniel Gordon | Daniel Gordon |
| Closing Prayer | Lee Rose | Andy Miller | Nick Graham |

Beech Grove News

Remember in prayer: Laura Singleton, Iva Rose, and others who have been sick or shut in. Also remember their husbands during this time. Paula Conner, daughter-in-law of Junior has been in Manchester Hospital with pneumonia and a blood clot.

“Team Win?” from front page)

massive association of typical Americans that love football like it is a religion. The question remains, “Will your team win?”

In reality, there is a choice in this life between two roads; two “teams,” so to speak. You are either on the world’s side or on God’s side. James wrote, “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (Jam 4:4 ESV). In life you are either for God or against him. Take some time to reflect about where your true loyalties in life lie, and ask yourself, “Will my team win?”

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Friday Night Singing Feb. 10 at Antioch, Hwy. 231, Castalian Springs (N. of Lebanon)

Freed-Hardeman Lectureships this week.

Reminder of Bible Learning Opportunities

Depending on your equipment, you have many opportunities to see and hear the Bible being taught. *Search TV* with Mack Lyon is one of the most influential programs in the nation. James Watkins *Preaching the Bible* is widespread in this area. On satellite dishes you may be able to get 7 day a week programming on Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN), and that is also available over the internet. There are also many radio broadcasts in the area. If you have a favorite program, list it and we’ll try to let others know about it.

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 |
| 01/22 | 19 | 35 | 27 | \$645 | 17 |
| 01/29 | 21 | 38 | 29 | \$589 | 22 |
| Goals | 25 | 45 | 36 | | 35 |

* Denotes a previous goal met

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February 5, 2006

Will Your Team Win?

Joshua L. Pappas

Today is Super Bowl Sunday. This is one of the most widely beloved days in American cultural life. People from all walks of life, some not even football fans, assemble over bowls of chips and dip around the television to cheer for their favorite team. Some are excited that the team they have followed for as long as they can remember is finally in the big game. Others are disappointed at what was for their team a terrible season, or a heartbreaking last game in the play-offs. However, most fans eagerly or reluctantly choose one of the teams in the game and cheer them on. What about you? Will your team win? Whether they win or lose, I hope you will not miss the assembling of ourselves together for the sake of a game.

Ultimately, as a preacher, I am entirely unconcerned with what team wins the big game, or even what team gets there, but this time of year lends itself to being used as an illustration for a real good point. Everybody is on some kind of team in life. Will your team win? Are you on the “get rich and live large team”? Is your team in life some clique, or social group that you so love to be a part of? Perhaps your team is the (Continued on back page)

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**



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 5

1. Who, along with family members, was stoned and burned after he confessed he had sinned?
2. Whose praying, weeping, and confessing was followed by crying of an assembled multitude?
3. Where are confessing and covering sins contrasted?
4. Who prayed and confessed on behalf of his people when he realized (by reading books) that their God-appointed captivity was almost over?
5. Who baptized people when they confessed their sins?
6. Who was afraid of being put out of the synagogue if they confessed what Christ had done for their son?
7. Who believed in Christ but would not admit it because they knew it would cause them to lose favor with men?
8. Find at least 2 verses that teach that everyone will eventually confess the lordship of Jesus.

Answers for week of Jan. 29

1. **Who was accused of not feeding the hungry and refusing drink to the tired?**
Answer: Job is accused of these failures by Eliphaz, the Temanite. Eliphaz assumed that a righteous man would not have trouble like Job was having, so he made the accusations on the basis of Job's situation. Job 22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, 2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? 3 Is it any

pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect? 4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? 5 Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? 6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. **7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.**

Some contestants also offered "the goats" as an answer on the basis of what Jesus said in Matthew 25,

2. Who is near the broken-hearted?

Answer: The Lord.

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psa. 147: 2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. 3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Also accepted: **Jesus Christ.** To heal the broken hearted indicates nearness.

Luke 4:17: "And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to **heal the brokenhearted**

3. Whose bones are described as talking to the Lord, and what do they say?

Answer: David's bones, Psalm 35:10, David is faced by many foes, but he asks for and anticipates God's help. That help will make his soul express joy, and his "bones" shall ask rhetorically, "Lord, who is like thee. . .to deliver?" Marvin Murphy made this insightful comment: This chapter is a prayer of David. "All my bones" is like we might say, "Every fiber of my being cries out for justice."

(Psa 35:1-10) A Psalm of David. Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. {2} Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. . . {10} **All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?**

4. Find verses that describe things that God hates

and what he loves (in the same verses, no long passages).

Answer: God loves judgment (justice) and hates robbery. There are questions about the translation of burnt offering [iniquity] and I really don't know how to deal with the difference.

(Isa 61:8 KJV) For I the LORD **love judgment, I hate robbery** for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. (ASV) For I, Jehovah, **love justice, I hate robbery** with iniquity; and I will give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Other possibilities:

Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have **I loved**, but Esau have **I hated**.

Malachi 1:1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet **I loved Jacob**, 3 And **I hated Esau**, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

In a longer passage we learn **that God hates the lover of violence, but He loves righteousness.**

(Psa 11:5-7 KJV) The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that **loveth violence his soul hateth**. {6} Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. {7} For the **righteous LORD loveth righteousness**; his countenance doth behold the upright.

5. What happened to Judas of Galilee and his followers?

Answer: Judas perished and his followers were scattered. Acts 5:37 (see context, Acts 5:26-42)

The discussion of the fate of Judas and his followers was a part of a plea from Gamaliel to an angry, upset, Sanhedrin. The apostles had defied the order to cease speaking in the name of Jesus. Peter had declared that it was a matter of obedience to God rather than man. He restated his conviction about Jesus' resurrection, saying that he and others were eyewitnesses. This so upsets the council that Gamaliel asks the council to hear him, and asks the apostles to leave for a while during his address to the council. It is during this time

that he mentions examples of "rebels who perished" implying that the apostles will also come to naught if they have no basis for their position. His speech placated the council and saved the life of the apostles. It did not, however, keep them from being whipped and ordered not to speak in the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:37 After this man rose up **Judas of Galilee** in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: **he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.** 38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought

6. What did Theudas brag about?

Answer: He claimed to be "somebody" - probably an arrogant claim of his own importance. He obviously was convincing to the 400 who followed him until his death and their subsequent scattering. Acts 5: 34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; 35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. 36 For before these days rose up **Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody**; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

7. What New Testament prophet predicted a widespread famine?

Answer: Agabus Good and faithful Barnabas had encouraged faithfulness among the disciples and effectively enangelized so that many were "added" to the Lord. Saul (Paul) and Barnabas went to teach the church in Antioch, where the new name Christian was first used to describe the followers of Christ. During that time, prophets from Jerusalem came there, and Agabus, one of them, predicted a world wide shortage of food. When it happened, the Christians in many places moved quickly to relieve the needy. (See Acts 11:23-30) . {27} And in these days came **prophets** from Jerusalem unto Antioch. {28} And there stood up **one of them named Agabus**, and signified by the Spirit that there should be **great dearth throughout**

all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. {29} Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: {30} Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Other answers: “Jesus” in Mt. 24, and “John” in the Revelation.