



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## AN ENCOURAGING WORD

### Optimism

by Paula Harrington

It was a few minutes past three when the first grader came barreling into the elementary school office. He took a seat on the bench and patiently waited for his mother to arrive.

"How was your day?" the Principal asked, coming into the room. The rosy cheeked child grinned and happily replied, "It was great except for the bad parts!"

I recently asked some friends who they thought was the most optimistic person in the Bible. They replied with some of the standouts. Folks like Caleb, Steven, Barnabas, Abraham, Mary the mother of Jesus, Paul and Job were mentioned.

What wonderful examples of faith and positive attitudes in times of troubles. However, I'd like to invite you to think of others in the Bible who had positive attitudes.

The people in Noah's time were certain the flood wasn't coming (Luke 17:27). They continued in their sins despite Noah's preaching and were certain that he was mistaken. One could wonder how many days of rain it took before their optimism began to waver.

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### Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

### Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart  
 Restoration Radio  
 Jim Waldron  
 Manuelito Children's Home



# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of August 30

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### "Car parts and Bible words"

(The answers will not actually be "car parts, but Bible words which have the same names as the parts of a car.)

1. With what car part was Paul bound?
2. What quietening car part names an item of woman's attire.
3. What word (rolling car part) describes a woman's headdress?
4. What car part describes what Josiah did to Sodomite's houses?  
You will have to think "out of the box"!
5. What car part (British) was part of priestly garb?
6. What car part is used to describe the place of God's presence?
7. What motor component is also a word for a kind of jewelry adornment as well as a part of the ark of the covenant for carrying?

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### Answers for week of August 23

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#### More Wax Questions

Remember: wax is sometimes used as a verb, referring to growth. At other times it refers to a substance.

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#### 1. Who waxed feeble?

**Answer : she that hath many children** (In Hannah's prayer. . .)

1 Samuel 2:5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born

seven; and **she that hath many children is waxed feeble.**

Compare also Jeremiah 6:24; 49:24; 50:43

#### 2. Who waxed wanton?

**Answer: Young widows**

1 Timothy 5:11 But the **younger widows** refuse: for when they have **begun to wax wanton against Christ**, they will marry;

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#### 3. Who waxed worse and worse?

Answer: Evil, seducers.

2 Timothy 3:13 But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse**, deceiving, and being deceived.

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#### 4. Who waxes lean?

Answer: Jacob (would fall on hard times) -  
- (Isaiah 17:4)

Isaiah 17: 1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. 3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts. 4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of **Jacob** shall be made thin, and the **fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.**

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#### 5. What will melt like wax?

**1. The heart in the person in Psalm 22** (refers to Christ) -

Psalm 22:14-I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: **my heart is like wax; it is melted** in the midst of my bowels.

**2. Wicked before the presence of God**

Psalm 68:2 - As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: **as wax melteth** before the

fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

### 3. The hills at the presence of the Lord

Psalm 97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Micah 1:4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

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### 6. What kind of "redeeming" is related to "waxing"?

**Answer: For one who is waxen poor, the family can redeem his goods.**

A. Redeeming property for a relative who has waxed (grown) poor and had to "sell" his property. In my understanding, under the law of Moses there was not to be an absolute sale of family property.

Leviticus 25: 24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. 25 **If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.** 26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it 27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.

**B. The redeemer of Abraham** stated that the house of Jacob would not be ashamed or pale of face.

Isaiah 29:22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, **Jacob** shall not now be ashamed, **neither shall his face now wax pale.**

One respondent observed:

"Looks to me like this means that we should be looking out for our brothers (and sisters) instead of just paying lip service. It is easy to say "call me if you need anything". It is right to go and see what is needed and do it without them having to ask."

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### 7. What waxed sore?

**Answer: Famine in Egypt.**

Genesis 41:56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and **the famine waxed sore** in the land of Egypt.

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### (Encouraging, continued from 1)

The workers at the tower of Babel were confident that they were going to build a tower that reached to Heaven (Genesis 11). How assured they were of their goal and cheerful that they were going to make a name for themselves.

Did the folks in Jericho laugh as the Israelites marched around their fortified city (Joshua 6)? The city dwellers thought they were safe and secure while the marchers wasted their time. Those walls were sturdy. They would never fall.

Those at Calvary were convinced that the deceiver would not return. They even went as far as to secure the tomb lest his disciples steal his body and start a rumor (Matthew 27:63). They were sure that this would be the end of the one called Christ.

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## Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Aug	23	15	25	19	16	\$612
Aug	16	19	24	23	15	\$723
Aug	9	6	24	23	13	\$430
Aug	2	12	24	11	6	\$541

### Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune.

Jessie Pearl Green was back in the hospital this week. A call from Lee Rose reported that she said she was better, but she is having problems with blood sugar.

Ken Thomas has been out of town all week (and Judy has also gone to Livingston after work several evenings) helping his father and sister in Livingston. Ken was on his way to Beech Grove Wednesday night but realized that he was not going to make it on time. Thanks to those who filled in.

On Friday and Saturday the Thomases were able to visit with his 85 year-old Aunt Mary Jane who had flown down with her daughter from Virginia to see "Brother". The whole crew also got to visit Ken's 90 year-old Aunt Edna who lives in Livingston.

Beginning tomorrow, Ken Thomas will be teaching math classes part-time for Motlow at the Smyrna campus, and also Vol State at two locations.

### (Encouraging, continued from 3)

Too many times we suffer from a misguided optimism. We see nothing wrong with flirting with the world, neglecting Scripture, and trying to fool God. We're positive that

we can keep our sins hidden. Completely self-assured, we continue in our lifestyle thinking that we are on the way to Heaven.

A Christian's hope must originate at the cross. Only there will we find true optimism; powerful enough to see us through the struggles and heartaches of this life and prepare us for that great day when we will come face to face with Jesus.

This week, put your positive attitude into action. Let it strengthen you during the bad times and sustain you during the good. And more than that, let it be an instrument in leading others to Christ.

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### Programs to Watch and Share with Others

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Sundays @ 7:00 am on WUXP-TV 30

Sundays @ 10:00 am on WHTN-TV 39

Mack Lyon, speaker

[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30

James Watkins, speaker

(ptgwjw @ aol.com)

Assignments	August 30	September 6
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Steve Miller	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		