

## Beech Grove News

Remember all those who are dealing with health problems. Ken's father Richard Thomas is in Livingston Regional Hospital due to pneumonia, and seems to be improved. No recent report has been submitted for sister Rose, but hopefully she is still progressing at Kindred Hospital, Chattanooga. Several members have coughs and sniffles.

### Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	
Wed.					
9/11	23	28	23	\$534	34*
9/18	23	31	20	\$517	32
9/25	21	34	24	\$620	23
10/2	24	33	25	\$529	15
10/9	16	31	22		25
<b>Goals</b>	25	40	30		<b>35</b>

### Workers list for October

**Announce:** Junior Conner/Joe Green

At the **Lord's Table**

**Center:** Joe Green and Nick Graham

**Sides:** Daniel Green and Brian Dennis

### Sunday A.M. Prayers

	Opening	Closing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Waldron	James Mason
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jr. Conner	Joe Green

(From p. 1 - Leaves and Christians)

Consider these words of Jesus: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned"

(John 15:4-6, NKJV).

Jesus' image of a withered branch cast into the fire is similar to that of a leaf that has dropped from the tree. The cause in both cases is the same: the source of nourishment has been cut off. Without the life-giving sap, life cannot continue.

In the case of a tree and its leaves, it's the tree that makes the decision to withdraw the nourishment. But that's not how it works with Christians and their life-enabling vine. When Jesus urges Christians to "abide in me," he shows that it's our decision to remain connected or to be severed. God never withdraws the "sap" (the blood of Christ) unless we have first demonstrated our disinterest in it. When that happens, death is sure to follow.

There is good news in this analogy! As long as we choose to cling to the vine (Jesus), nourishment will constantly course through our spiritual veins. "Abide in me," Jesus invites. To accept that invitation means more than occasional visits to worship. Walking daily with my Lord is my challenge -- and my privilege!

# Beech Grove Church of Christ

meeting at Beech Grove, TN since 1875

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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  
Beech Grove, TN 37018

### Visitors

**Always  
Welcome**

**October 16, 2005**

Why Leaves (And Christians) Fall  
by Tim Hall

Now is the time of year when streams of tourists travel to forests and mountains in search of beautiful fall colors. Stands of multicolored deciduous trees are indeed a breathtaking sight. But it's a short-lived sight. Soon after leaves reach their peak of color, they fall to the earth and return to the elements. In a word, death follows beauty.

We take for granted this seasonal change that occurs every year. But what really happens to make leaves fall? In the simplest terms, leaves change color and dry up because the tree withdraws its sap from them. The process is triggered by the shortening length of daylight as winter approaches. It's a mechanism that ensures the tree's survival during winter. For a leaf, though, it's a tragic event. As the sap retreats into the trunk and roots of the tree, the life of the leaf ebbs out.

There is no record of Jesus discussing fall colors while he taught on earth. He did, however, discuss the general principles of life for grapevines, a major agricultural pursuit of the day. What he said about vines also bears on the life and vitality of Christians.

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# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

## Questions for October 16 (Who was it?)

1. Who offered 50% of his possessions for those in poverty?
2. Who hated the fact that he was alive so much that he wished the very date did not exist.
3. What person wanted to be immersed by someone who came to him for immersion?
4. What spokesman for God claimed to have a background in agriculture rather than a genealogical background as a prophet?
5. Whose harlotry and behavior as a witch prevented peace in a nation?
6. Whose animal was so badly mistreated that a vocal complaint was made against the owner?
7. Who said words that caused a tree to shrivel?

## Answers for week of October 9 (Family Ties)

1. Who was born right after the death of his uncle, father, and grandfather?  
**Answer:** (found in 1 Samuel 4:1 ff.) **Ichabod**, the child that was born after the death of Grandpa - Eli (verse 18) ; Father - Phineas (verse 11); Uncle - Hophni (verse 11). The mother also died (verse 20) 1 Samuel 4: 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. . . . 10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. 11 And the ark of God was taken; and **the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain**. . . . 15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. 16 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son? 17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a

great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. 18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. 19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast borne a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. 22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

2. When two women claimed the same child, who decided who the real mother was?

**Answer: King Solomon** (1 Ki 3:16-27)  
{22} And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. {23} Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. {24} And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. {25} And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. {26} Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. {27} Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

3. Whose mother made coats for him yearly, though he did not live with her at the time?

**Answer: Samuel's mother (Hannah)** – (1 Sam 2:18-19) "But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. {19} Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice."

4. Where are grandchildren extolled?

**Answer: (Prov 17:6) Children's children are the crown of old men;** and the glory of children are their fathers.  
(Just for a smile) This is brief but it does agree with why some

grandparents think so much of their role that they express regret for not jumping directly to being grandparents instead of taking all that effort being parents! :)

5. Whose children were spared death but their fathers were executed for killing a king?

**Answer:** There are variants of names in parallel accounts. It is not my purpose to reconcile these, but often different names are applied to the same people. I gave credit for either reference.

1. **Zabad** the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and **Jehozabad** the son of Shimrith a Moabitess (2 Chron 24:26)

2. **Jozachar** the son of Shimeath, and **Jehozabad** the son of Shomer (2 Kings 12:21). 2 Kings 14:6 & 2 Chr. 25:3-4 says their children were spared.

**King who was killed: Joash or Jehoash** – 2 Kings 12:18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem. 19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

**Killers: Jozachar and Jehozabad**

2 Kings 12 : 20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla. 21 For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

**Killers: Zabad and Jehozabad**

2 Chron. 24:24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. 25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him

not in the sepulchres of the kings. 26 And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess. 27 . . . And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

**Children spared:** 2 Kings 14:1 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. . . . 5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father. **6 But the children of the murderers he slew not:** according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

2 Chr 25:3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he **slew his servants that had killed the king his father. 4 But he slew not their children,** but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

6. Why did the son of Barachel get angry?

**Answer: Because Job justified himself rather than God.**  
Job 32:2 - Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of **Barachel** the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

7. What king of Judah was grandson of Zechariah?

**Answer : Hezekiah** - 2 Kings:18:1 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

2 Chr 28:27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead. . . . 2 Chronicles 29: 1 Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.