

Beech Grove News

Sister **Iva Rose** is in the intermediate care wing of Erlanger Hospital , 975 E. 3rd St., Chattanooga, TN 37403. Lee talked to her this week on the phone and she understood and responded. Evidence is that she is getting better, but she had a rough Saturday.

Record of our attendance:

Look at this past Wednesday's attendance. 34! We had equaled our previous goal, 25, but we broke it "big time" this past Wednesday. Let's continue increasing our loyalty to the Lord and His church here. The new goal for Wednesday is 35. I think we may break through on some of the other services. We have been really close. Lets keep things moving upward. Bring a friend.

	Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Contribution	Wednesday
8/21	22	37	27	\$568	19
8/28	20	36	25	\$594	25
9/4	19	37	23 ?	\$513	22
9/11	23	28	23	\$534	34
Goals	25	40	30		35* New

Gospel Meeting: Marlin Connelly will be at **Minerva Drive**, Murfreesboro, through Wednesday. 7:00 weeknights.

Singing: Next Sunday, September 25, 2:30 PM. **Lumley Stand**

Daniel Green walked down the aisle this past Sunday morning to express his faith in Christ. His confession of Jesus as the Son of God vocally was followed by his immersion into Christ and the church for the forgiveness of sins. Daniel is a young man with great potential for serving the Lord, and we know that this church and his family will encourage him in his spiritual growth. God bless you, Daniel.

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Mike's article points out just how great are the combined resources of Christians when their hearts are moved to compassion. Oh, how I wish we had the same zeal to pour our resources into getting the gospel to the lost.

This congregation will be sending funds for assisting the continuing needs of the victims of the weather along the Gulf Coast. Please give generously when

Beech Grove Church of Christ

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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

This came from the preacher at Lewisburg, Mike Baker:

"Just received this in a bulletin today from Rivergate in Madison, TN."

"From last week's preacher's meeting in Nashville about 30 congregations were represented and were asked to give updates on how much relief was being done. Almost \$700,000 had been contributed, (\$285,000 by one congregation alone) and several had already sent their own truckloads of aid to these areas and some were sending people to help with the cleaning and clearing of these areas."

"What a wonderful thing it is to realize just how much good is taking place and how generous our brothers and sisters are in this time of need. Other bulletins I receive from churches away from Nashville have listed amounts of \$14,000 and \$18,000 contributions towards relief efforts. From here we sent about 70,000 pounds of supplies on two different trips a week ago. About \$4,000 was contributed in addition to the supplies that were contributed."

"This is the type of good news that I wish we were being subjected to on a regular basis. One of my dreams is to one day provide a way for news of converts, new congregation starts, mission reports, restorations, etc to all be reported so all of us can have the opportunity to rejoice at the good that is happening." (Continued on back page)



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Bible Questions September 18, 2005

Matthew 27:33 says "Golgotha" means, place of a skull. But could you go the other way? Find the proper names, places, or Bible phrases that have the following meanings:

1. King of peace
2. Sorcerer
3. Sent
4. Confusion
5. Burning
6. Red
7. Be opened
8. Son of encouragement

Answers for September 11

1. Who returned OUT OF Egypt due to a death, and who was told to return TO Egypt because of a death? (Two different people)

Answer: Moses and Joseph

Moses was told to return to Egypt and Joseph to bring Jesus out of Egypt for the same reason: that those that sought their lives had died.

Moses :Ex. 2:15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. . . Ex. 4:19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, **Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead** which sought thy life.

Joseph (and Jesus and Mary) : Mat 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: 15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. . . 19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and **go into the land of Israel: for they are**

dead which sought the young child's life. 21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Other approaches: (1) Gen. 49:29-- 33 Jacob returned OUT and Gen. 50:6-14--Joseph returned TO. (2) Remaining Jews went to Egypt when Gedaliah, whom Nebuchadnezzar had made their governor, was killed by Ishmael and his men. (2 Ki 25:22-26)

(See how much we learned?? The first answer was my choice, "my" researchers found other good answers.)

2. Find three Old Testament passages that say we will return to the earth of which we are made.

Answer: There are many. A few samples - - Gen. 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. **Ps. 146:4** His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. **Eccl. 3:20; 12:7** Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. **Job 34:15** All flesh shall perish together, and **man shall turn again unto dust. Isa. 26:19** Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. **Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Job 7:20, 21; Job 10:9** Remember, I beseech thee, that **thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? Job 20:11; 21:26; 34:15; Ps. 22:15; 22:29; 104:29; Dan. 12:2** And many of them that **sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3. Who could return to his own land, but only after the death of the high priest?

Answer: a "manslayer" - one who killed another person accidentally. In order to protect his life he had to flee from the family member of the deceased person. He was allowed to enter a city of refuge, and could stay there safely if he could prove that the slaying was not planned or intentional. However, he was also a prisoner, for the "avenger of blood" could still take the slayer's life if he set foot out of the city before the current high priest died.

Numbers 35:25- And the congregation shall deliver **the slayer** out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and **he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest**, which was anointed with the holy oil. . . 28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but **after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.**

Joshua 20:6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and **until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.**

4. When the sinner abandons wickedness and returns to the Lord, what blessings are his?

Answer: he has "mercy and pardon." (Also, the passage in Ezekiel mentions "life" as an attendant blessing.) Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 7 Let the **wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

(Ezek 18:23) Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should **return from his ways, and live?** 24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

5. What saying of God (in the Old Testament) has gone from his mouth and won't return? It is regarding the use of two parts of the human body that are used in honoring God. Find the Old Testament reference and two related New Testament references.

Answer: God has affirmed that all **knees will bow** and all **tongues confess (swear)**, and the promise is

is sure as the fact that God lives. Here are the passages:

Isaiah 45:23: I have sworn by myself, **the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

6. In what passage does God invite the redeemed to return from a "dense vapor" of sin?

Answer: (Isa 44:21-22 KJV) Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. {22} I have blotted out, as a **thick cloud**, thy **transgressions**, and, as a cloud, thy sins: **return** unto me; for I have **redeemed** thee.

7. What kind of people are described as returning during nocturnal hours, making canine-like noises and also making circuits around urban areas?

Answer: workers of iniquity, wicked transgressors Psa 59:1-6: To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. {2} Deliver me from the **workers of iniquity**, and save me from bloody men. {3} For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD. {4} They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold. {5} Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any **wicked transgressors**. Selah. {6} They **return at evening:** they make a **noise like a dog**, and **go round about the city.**