

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Jan	8	17	25	17	13	\$444
Jan	1	16	24	20	9	\$475
Dec	25	3	17	15	19	\$485
Dec	18	14	24	23	16	\$501

Programs to Watch and Share

SEARCH for the Lord's Way

Sundays @ 7:00 am WUXP-TV 30
Mack Lyon, Phil Sanders, speakers

www.searchtv.org

Topic: Jan. 22- Not Too Hard

The Bible is the best-selling book of all time and comes today in hundreds of languages. Some think the Bible is too hard to understand, but the common man has read the Bible for centuries and understood its timeless message.

Good News Today

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV 30
Jim Dearman, speaker

"Think About It"

Brad Harrub and Joe Wells
FOX - 17, Sunday 6:30 am

Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN)

<http://intermedia.encompass-m.com/Go spelBroadcastingNetwork/2.aspx>

Assignments	January
Song leader (SS)	Junior Conner
Announcements	Ken Thomas
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Steve Miller
Table service (center)	Ken Thomas
(center)	Junior Conner
(outside)	Tim Waldron
(outside)	Cole Gordon
Closing Prayer	Mason and Rose

Bible readings for this week:

Sunday	Rom 5-6
Monday	Gen 8-11
Tuesday	Josh 11-15
Wednesday	Ps 6-8
Thursday	Job 5-6
Friday	Isa 12-17
Saturday	Matt 5-7

New schedules for the year have been printed. **Remember** - the Sunday evening lesson is based on the previous week's reading.



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Do You Have a Goal?

Do you have a goal for the coming year? Is it a worthy goal? One that you will be proud of as the year comes to a close? Let me offer a suggestion — follow the example of the apostle Paul. "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

I need to press on because of the difference between the "IS" and the "OUGHT." I must learn that sinless perfection does not exist except in the person of Christ. He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." For the rest of us, "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves."

Perhaps no enemy of the soul is more

fatal than perfectionism. It keeps us in the valley of guilt and torment as long as we continue to strive for the impossible. Absolute perfection is a mark of Deity, not humanity. We will always be needing to come "unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16).

The New Testament idea of perfection is maturity. The Greek word means "of full age; of full growth; of full development." It involves a process that is continuous, for we are always maturing. No Christian ever reaches the summit beyond which spiritual progress is impossible.

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Sunday Schedule

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

Mission Works & Evangelism

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

Prayer list . . . Pray for

- Beechgrove, to hear the gospel.
- Christians who teach the gospel
- People who are studying the Bible with us and other faithful teachers.
- Mission work at home and abroad
- Our elderly members who have difficulty getting around, but continue to be good examples of faithfulness.
- The effectiveness of our direct mailing of HtH/HtH.
- Those tempted by Satan to forsake the Lord, His church, and godly living.
- The lukewarm
- The sick and injured
- Widows and orphans
- Those who are bereaved.
- The unemployed, underemployed.
- Leaders of nations, local leaders.
- School teachers and students
- Elizabeth Walker, Blvd. Terrace NH
- Military personnel: Andy Miller (now stateside) and Adam Thomas, Afghanistan
- Civilians in war zones.
- People suffering from disasters caused by nature and weather.
- Those who are having domestic problems and are tempted to give up.
- Pray for those who know the truth, that they would have as much zeal for truth as those who believe and propagate false teachings!

News for Beech Grove

Brother Lee Rose has been hospitalized this week, and the current diagnosis is pointing to a problem in his liver that is affecting kidney function as well. He was moved from 467 to an intensive care unit at MTMC and was there Saturday. Brent and Brad have been attentive to caring for him and Iva during this time. Continue to remember Marie Crowell as she recuperates as well as Lisa Keen who has had knee surgery. Charlene Turnbo has had bronchitis this week but called to say she hopes to be with us this week. Ken Thomas' sinus problem seems better.

Today we have a baby shower scheduled after worship, and we will share food and fun together to celebrate the upcoming birth of a new baby girl to Andy and Brandy Miller. Andy has made it back safely and we want to celebrate that fact also. Men and women of the congregation are urged to attend (in the house next door).

“. . . GOAL” (continued)

With Paul we must confess that we have not yet obtained, “or am already perfect.” We are “saved sinners” who will need divine forgiveness as long as we live. Permit me therefore to suggest a good theme song for the coming year: “I’m pressing on the upward way, New heights I’m gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound, ‘Lord plant my feet on higher ground.’ ”

John Gipson, Windsong Church of Christ

Evangelism, by Stan Mitchell

I have always been fascinated with David's state of mind when he committed adultery with Bathsheba and tried to hide his actions by murdering her husband, Uriah the Hittite. It's not as if David, brought up in Jesse's godly household, the man "after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14), was unaware that adultery and murder were wrong.

Yet right up to the day of Nathan the prophet's message, and that memorable ending to the sermon: "Thou art the man!" (2 Samuel 12:7), David seems to have maintained the fiction that he had been living uprightly.

How cold he do that? What mental trick had he been playing on himself to hide the obvious, that he had done things that were profoundly wrong in God's sight?

There was some pretty stunning self-deception going on here! If only this self-deception were all that unusual.

Yet when he writes Psalm 51, his attitude seems to have turned around completely. The man once in denial now expresses remorse in a confession as beautiful as it is unusual in human history. It's hard, after all, for humans to admit fault.

The broken and contrite David, in the midst of his profoundly heartfelt outpouring

of grief over his sin says something extraordinary:

"Then [that is, after God forgives him], I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you" (Psalm 51:13).

Which raises a great question: Is it a really good idea to have a sinner like David be an evangelist, the one to proclaim God's message to others?

And this question leads naturally to another: What other kind of evangelist is there?

The only gospel proclaimers I know of are ones who have made mistakes. This is, by the way, not a bad thing. An evangelist who knows he too has made mistakes will be patient and compassionate, not judgmental and harsh to those he seeks to save.

"Evangelism," D.T. Niles once said, "is just one beggar telling another beggar where to get food."

David was not a perfect evangelist. No one is. But he would from now on be humble and contrite in his proclamation, as he was in his living. Men who have sinned, preach to men who have sinned. You don't have to be perfect to preach a perfect savior; you have a perfect savior so you can preach!

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