### Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{W}$	Wed	Cont
Feb	27					\$664.30
Feb	20					\$338.66
Feb	6	14	20	20	Snow	\$494

### Programs to Watch and Share

#### **SEARCH**

Sundays @ 7:00 am WUXP-TV 30 Sundays @10:00 am WHTN-TV 39 Mack Lyon, speaker www.searchtv.org

PREACHING THE GOSPEL
Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30
James Watkins, speaker

New programming from Focus Press is on FOX - 17 out of Nashville, Sunday morning at 6:30. "Think About It" is hosted by Brad Harrub and Joe Wells.

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

Bible readings for the week:

### **Numbers 16-36**

reading.

Sunday	Num 16-18			
Monday	Num 19-21			
Tuesday	Num 22-24			
Wednesday	y Num 25-26			
Thursday	Num 27-29			
Friday	Num 30-32			
Saturday	Num 33-36			
Remember	r - the Sunday evening			
lesson is based on the previous week's				



## **Church of Christ at Beech Grove**

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#### Awesome!

A little girl in Livingston reacted to news of my father's death... "Awesome!". When asked to explain she said, "He had so much fun down here, just think how much fun he's having up there." Oh, sure, it was not much fun to drink pureed meals lovingly prepared by my sister, Kay, and it wasn't fun not to be able to drive anymore. But Richard Alexander Thomas, Jr. had a zest for life that was refreshing, especially for one who was 95 years old.

The fill-in doctor told him his condition was grave and he might need to contact a preacher he liked. When Ken Williams came by the hospital, he

reached out his hand to Daddy and Daddy pulled his hand back. He said, "I don't like any preachers!" The doctor had asked him what he wanted done in case his heart stopped during medical procedures. "I want you to get it started again", was his reply. When asked if he thought he'd live to be 100, he asked folks why they were limiting him. And he always responded to talk about retirement with the same unchanging reply, "I'll retire when I expire."

When the state quarters came out, he set a goal to live long enough to collect them all. Then it was the territories. And on Saturday before he died he said he had wanted to collect all the national park quarters. (Continued inside)

Sunday Sche	dule	Mission Works & Evangelism	
Bible Classes	10 AM	House to House/ Heart to Heart	
Worship	11 AM	Restoration Radio	
Worship	6 PM	Jim Waldron	
		Manuelito Children's Home	
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM	Church of Christ at Columbia, MS	

# **Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests**

Ann and Junior Conner have moved temporarily to Apartment 3102, 220 Indian Lake Drive, 37128. This is the area off Shelbyville Highway, just south of Warrior Drive and Riverdale Church of Christ. We know the fire loss of their house was traumatic, but hopefully in a few months their house will be better than it was and their furnishings will be restored.

A note of thanks was sent to the congregation from the Singleton family. Continue to pray for them.

The Thomas family thanks the Beechgrove congregation for every expression of love and kindness in response to the death of Richard Thomas in Livingston. The flowers were beautiful, and the visits and cards were deeply appreciated.

### Prayer list . . . Pray for

- •Beechgrove, to hear the gospel.
- •Christians who teach the gospel around the world.
- •Mission work at home and abroad
- •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 and underemployed.
- •Leaders of nations and local leaders.
- •School teachers and students
- •Garland Brown, Elizabeth Walker
- •Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan.

Adam Thomas in N.C.

- •People suffering from disasters caused by nature and weather
- •Those who are having domestic problems and are tempted to give up.

Our fellowship meal is scheduled for next Sunday.

### **East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions**

37th Annual Lectures
"Strengthening The Hands of The
Disciples"
Sun.-Wed. March 6 - March 9

Complete schedules http://www.etspm.org/lectureships/2011.pdf

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### **Awesome (continued)**

I reminded him that there is a place far more wonderful than a national park!.

During his last week alive he made numerous calls to friends all over the country. It seemed that he had a sense that he needed to make contact one more time.

He had made his living in advertising sales, at one time covering 25 rural mountainous counties, and that before the interstates were built. Many friends over a wide area came to pay respects, not to mention church friends from area congregations.

Our family loves to sing when we get together, and it seemed that the congregational singing had a healing effect on wounded hearts. The funeral was uplifting, and the peaceful way in which

Daddy just "went to sleep" gave us all a sense of well-being. The apostle Paul stated it well when he said that Christians do not sorrow as those that have no hope (1 Th 4:13)

(2 Cor 1:3-4) Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; {4} Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.



### **Christ's Gift to Me**

A something in me lifts me above the clay, The commonplace, the drab, the ugly clay, And makes me claim a kinship to each farthest star,

A something that transforms the earthly gray Into a gleaming, white, translucent way That leads to Heaven's gates thrust wide ajar.

That something first was present on the morn A tiny babe in Bethlehem was born.

Richard A. Thomas, Jr.

### Persecution in India: An excerpt from a report

. . . Koteswara, his family and a church were persecuted for over a year by a radical extremist Hindu group called R.S.S.

One of the three temples is practically next door to their home where Koteswara conducts services on his porch. The Hindus regularly blasted vulgar blasphemies at them when they were worshiping, they cut their water lines, they banned anyone in town from allowing them to buy food, and they came to their worship services and screamed in his face to intimidate him.

They also advertised that drugs were put into the wine for the Lord's Supper and that their women were being forced through drugs to convert to Christianity.

Koteswara finally persuaded the political man of the village to work with the only authority in the town to intervene. They covertly investigated for six months and found that the church was being terribly harassed. One individual who the Hindus brought in from another town to cause trouble for the church was jailed for 12 days and the authorities demanded peaceful relations. While the investigation was ongoing, brother Koteswara was working.

Through all of these trials he continued to teach the message of Christ as our redeemer to anyone he could get to listen. He baptized a man from one of the extremists' families, then that man's wife and children. He has baptized some of the persecutors' wives as well.

(By Tim Arnold in Brotherhood News)