#### Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Aug	8	10	16	17	13	\$450
Aug	1	14	19	20	16	\$630
July	25	23	32	?	?	\$626
July	18	11	15	20	13	\$411

## 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

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

Bible Reading Schedule Week of Aug. 15-22 Neh 9:22-Job 7:21: 1 Cor. 9:19-14:40: Ps. 34:1-37:40: Pr. 21:13-27

	Sun	Mon	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Neh./Est Job	N9:22- 10:39	11:1 12:26	12:27 13:31	Est. 1:1-3:15	4:1-7:10	8: 1-10:3	Job 1:1-3:26	4:1-7:21
1 Cor	9:19- 10:13	10: 14-33	11: 1-16	11: 17-34	12: 1-26	12:27 13:13	14:1-17	14: 18-40
Psalms	34: 1-10	34: 11-22	35: 1-16	35: 17-28	36:1-12	37: 1-11	37: 12-29	37:30-40
Prov. 21	21:13	14-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27

This schedule will get you through the Bible in a year.

Remember - the Sunday evening lesson is based on the previous week's reading.



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#### Nothing But the Cross by Jeff A. Jenkins

It was a coastal city with more than one half a million people living in it. History says that sailors would frequent the city hawking their goods searching for fame and fortune.

When visiting the city they would find prostitutes on the street who would come down from the acroCorinth seeking "customers."

While touring the ancient ruins several years ago our guide said that these "temple prostitutes" would write on their dusty sandals the words, "follow me." Those two words would then be "inscribed" on the streets to lead the men up to the mountain.

The Apostle Paul came to Corinth with an altogether (Continued)

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

# **Beech Grove News Prayer Requests**

Sick list - members, relatives and friends: Remember our Beech Grove members who have chronic pain. Remember Laura Singleton in her weak health. Also Mrs. Toops, Kristin's, mom. Charlene Brandon has made progress recovering from her stroke (no update). Steve Miller's mother, Jane Miller, had a fall this week., but her heart is better. Brother Mason's sister in Oregon is seriously ill with cancer.

### Prayer list . . . Pray for

- •The Beechgrove community, to hear the gospel.
- •Christians who teach the gospel around the world.
- •Our 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.
- •Tim Waldron eye problems.
- •Garland Brown, Bill Bouldin, Elizabeth Walker, Norma Harrell

- •Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan. Adam Thomas is home on leave.
- •People suffering from disasters caused by nature and weather

(Nothing but the Cross, continued from front page)

different message. His message was focused. It was singular. During his eighteen to twenty month stay he proclaimed the message of salvation.

The heart of his message is written in 1 Corinthians 2:1-2: "And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom...For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Nothing but the Cross. That was the heart of everything Paul taught. The centrality of the Cross needs to become a reality in the life of every Christian. We should sing more about the Cross, we should teach more about the Cross, we should think more about the Cross.

When we meet together around the Table as God's gathered people, the Cross becomes central to our worship. Paul reminded the Corinthians and all of us that when we partake of the Lord's Supper we are to proclaiming the message of the Cross until Jesus comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

For a short time in our busy lives we need to block out everything in the world around us

that would distract us and focus completely on the Cross. Thinking about the Cross will instill within us a desire to live better lives every day.

Dear Father, help us to focus more on the Cross of our Savior. Help us to know only, "Jesus Christ and him crucified." Help us dear God, to carry the message of salvation with us always. Help us to center all of our life around Jesus and the Cross.

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## How Do We Use the Lord's Name? by Joe Slater

In this day of email, text messaging, and Twitter, nearly everything goes by an acronym. Acronyms are abbreviations where each letter stands for a word, such as FBI, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Using acronyms saves time and space, making our electronic communications more efficient. However, latecomers to cyberspace and wireless may become frustrated when they have no clue what LOL means (laughing out loud).

They may have a low opinion of acronyms as they wonder what IMO (in my opinion) and IOW (in other words) stand for. Acronyms can be annoying!

The aggravation of most acronyms vanishes once we understand their meanings. However, one common acronym is irritating when you do know its meaning and that is OMG! (Oh my God!)

Reverent men such as David, who were actually

crying out to God, use the expression, "O my God" repeatedly in the Old Testament. "Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God" (Psalm 3:7). Even Jesus cried out to the Father from the cross: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46, quoting Psalm 22:1).

However, are those who use OMG!, whether in an acronym, or spelled out, or verbally, actually intending to call upon God in a respectful way? No, they are abusing God's name as an expression of shock or surprise. If something wonderful has happened, "OMG! That's great!" If a disaster occurs, "OMG! That's awful!"

Jesus taught us to revere God's name. "Hallowed be Your name" (Matthew 6:9). Hallowed is the same word as sanctified or holy. God's name is special, and must not be used lightly or carelessly.

Exclaiming "Oh my God!" when we are not calling upon him, but merely expressing our shock, anger, or amazement, is disrespectful and borders on blasphemy. We can do better, and our God deserves better.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy name! ( Psalm 103:1)

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