

Attendance and Contribution						
Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Sept	12	16	27	18	11	\$685
Sept	5	7	17	19	13	\$370
Aug	29	10	16	19	11	\$580
Aug	22	11	17	15	11	\$285

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

**Bible Reading Schedule Week of Sept. 19-26**

Isa 30:12-48:12; Gal 5:1-Eph. 4:32; Psa. 63:1-69:18; Prov. 23:22-24:6

	Sun	Mon	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Isaiah	30:12-33:9	33:10-36:22	37:1-38:22	39:1-41:16	41:17-43:13	43:14-45:10	45:11-48:11	48:12-50:11
Gal/Eph	5:1-12	5:13-26	6:1-18	Eph 1	2	3	4:1-16	4:17-32
Psalms	63	64	65	66	67	68:1-18	68:19-35	69:1-18
Prov. 23/24	23:22	23:23	23:24	23:25-28	23:29-35	24:1-2	24:3-4	24:5-6

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



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**Columnist Advocates Compromise as "Bridge" by John Henson**

A newspaper columnist believes he has found a way to "bridge the gap" between atheists and people who believe in God. What he advocates is a "spirituality" that refuses to accept God and spirit. He wants a compromise.

In the September 13 issue of "USA Today," Chris Mooney said he may have found common ground between atheists and theists, he calls polar extremists.

"Spirituality is something everyone can have, even atheists. In its most expansive sense, it could simply be taken to refer to any individual's particular quest to discover that which is held sacred."

Mooney goes on to define "sacred" as just about anything: rocks, trees, wood, houses can all be sacred. Anything that produces a feeling of "awe and wonder," he said can become sacred to us.

An atheist may find the laughter of a child a spiritual experience, just as long as what is felt is not associated with "supernaturalism."

Mooney does not understand what the word "sacred" means. Just by a dictionary definition, the word means: "devoted or dedicated to a deity or to some religious

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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  
 Church of Christ at Columbia, MS

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## Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

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**Sick list - members, relatives and friends:** Sandra Toops (Kristin's, mom) has been moved to a nursing home in Shelbyville. Charlene Brandon continues to need our prayers as she recovers. Ann Conner was sick when she and Junior came back from their tour of the country. James Mason is still wearing his protective boot. Laura Singleton remains shut-in. The Roses were unable to get out last Wednesday. Garland Brown is taking treatments for his cancer and seems to be responding to them.

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## Gospel Meeting Report

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On Friday night the conference center was comfortably full with almost 300 people from many congregations including some from outside the county. Singing and preaching were excellent. A good turnout from Beech Grove congregation attended, and we appreciate the bus being brought.

## 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
- Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan. Adam Thomas in N.C.
- People suffering from disasters caused by nature and weather

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### Gospel Meetings:

Minerva Drive/Murfreesboro, Jerrie Barber, Sept. 19-22, 7 PM.  
Murfreesboro (1154 Park Ave.), Lloyd Gale, Sept 24-26, 7 PM  
Arlington/McMinnville, Ken Butterworth, 7 PM, Sept. 19-22

## “Compromise” (from front)

purpose; consecrated. Entitled to veneration or religious respect by association with divinity or divine things; holy. ."/1

Who has defined "sacred" for Mooney? The atheists have They are the ones who agree that their notion of spirituality is based on a better-felt-than-told experience. Mooney says spirituality "does not require science and faith to be logically compatible, for instance. Nor does it require that we believe in anything we cannot prove."

Therefore, Mooney's idea of spirituality, defined by the atheists, is just about any subjective feeling they wish to have.

Mooney's spirituality does not mesh with the truth First, advocating that rocks, trees, wood or houses could be sacred has been known for centuries as pantheism. Named after the mythological Greek god, "Pan," it is the well-known new-age tenant that everything is God.

Mooney (to please his atheist friends) takes any reference to a divine being out of consideration. So, Mooney's spiritualism becomes palatable for just about anyone.

This kind of "spirituality" does not require divinity or faith, Mooney says. Faith has to be removed from Mooney's idea of spirituality because faith means belief in God conjoined to obedience to the true deity.

This feel-good, garden variety, take-what-you-want kind of spirituality doesn't require proof, one of the building blocks of faith ( Hebrews 11:1). Perhaps Mooney would like to defend the proposition, "I know God does not exist." I will be glad to meet him and prove God does exist. Ah, but our friend doesn't believe in proof.

Mooney says such a landmark bridge between those who believe in God and atheism will "not immediately vanish." This is the only statement to which I can heartily agree. The reason why it won't vanish is because atheism is absolutely untrue and irrational.

Thinking and sensible human beings won't accept it. Just as Dr. A.G.N. Flew repudiated atheism when it was proven to him that God does exist, Mooney believes atheism and theism are different sides of the same coin. He shows how little he understands faith in God and the irrationality of atheism.

Christians do not deny spirituality, but we do deny the kind Mooney describes. What Mooney suggests isn't spirituality; it is a compromise that can never be accepted.

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1/http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/sacred

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