

Attendance and Contribution						
Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Dec	5	10	22	11	11	\$291
Nov	28	14	22	21	14	\$522
Nov	21	13	20	24	15	\$506
Nov	14	8	16	24	13	\$391

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

**Bible Reading Schedule Week of Dec 12-19**

Amos through Zephaniah, Revelation 3:7-10:11, Ps. 131-138; Prov.29:23-30:14

	Sun	Mon	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Amos - Zephaniah	Amos 7-9	Obad. 1:1-21	Jonah 1-4	Micah 1-4	Micah 5-7	Nahum 1-3	Habak. 1-3	Zeph 1-3
Rev	3:7-22	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Psalms	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138
Prov. 29 and 30	29: 23	29: 24-25	29: 26-27	30: 1-4	30: 5-6	30: 7-9	30: 10	30: 11-14

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



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**Listeners Bear a Burden Too  
by Stan Mitchell**

"A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed forever" ( Proverbs 21:28, NIV).

You know the story about the lady who apologized to her preacher for spreading some juicy piece of gossip. He tore a hole in a pillow, and allowed the goose feathers to fly away in the wind.

The point of the story was that retrieving a piece of gossip was as impossible as retrieving all those feathers, scattered across the plains. But I know how to stop gossip.

We love to hear gossip. And especially if the gossip is racy, if it brings the rich and famous down to our level. Somehow we feel affirmed if a film star's beauty was, well, cosmetically enhanced.

We reason that all it would take for us to be as stunning is a nip here, and a tuck there. In my

case, only minor surgery would be necessary, right? But I know the secret to stopping gossip, dead in its tracks.

It takes two to gossip, a speaker, and a willing listener. Gossip is what no one claims to like, but everyone enjoys. It seems that though we don't believe everything we hear, that doesn't stop us from repeating it.

Is it really true that "that church" didn't do so and so, or is the speaker really seeking an excuse for not being faithful? Is it really true that that "horrible man" did those things to his wife, or is she simply trying to get back at him?

The best way to stop gossip, dead in its tracks, is to stop listening. While it is certainly true that the gossip is wrong to spread rumors, it is also true that the listener enables gossip to spread. He is the wind that spreads the feathers to places far and wide!

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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) is back at home. Laura Singleton is at home. Ann Conner's brother-in-law, Joe Nichols passed away this week and was buried Saturday. He was a Bible teacher at Woodbury. The messages were delivered by his sons-in-law. Ann is having great difficulty walking.

Today is the day for our scheduled fellowship and December birthday recognition. We hope the weather will cooperate enough for us to have it.

Next Sunday Ken and Judy will be with relatives in Georgia. Paul Parsley will be filling in for Ken at both services.

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### Prayer list . . . Pray for

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- 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

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### Have You Not Heard? By Tim Hall

Reading the Bible is so simple. Why should we take time to do it?

Sometimes I shake my head in disbelief as I consider what happened to ancient Israel. These people were the beneficiaries of incredible blessings from God. But still they turned away from the Lord to serve idols. How could such a thing happen?

Isaiah helps us understand the problem. In chapter 40, the prophet exhorted the people with these words: "... Lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'" (Isaiah 40:9)

"Be not afraid," he wrote. But why would the people of God be afraid?

The land of Israel was constantly harassed by enemy nations. Located in a strategic spot just north of Egypt, Israel was envied by many. God had given Abraham's descendants a fertile and prosperous land, and other people wanted it. That's why Israel was afraid.

But should they have been afraid? Isaiah speaks to that question in verses 28 and 29:

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength."

His message to Israel was simple: God gave you this land, and he is able to defend it from your enemies. Why don't you believe this, Israel? Have you not heard?

That's precisely our problem most of the time. When worry or fear grips our hearts we should ask ourselves, "Have we not heard? Have we not known?" God's promises are extended to his people today just as they were extended

to Israel.

For too many, however, those promises are shrouded in darkness. They haven't been to the Word in a very long time. They've forgotten the power of the One who called them.

Bible reading sounds like the most mundane activity in the world. When we have so many exciting activities from which to choose, why should we make time to read such an old Book?

Sadly, most don't make the time. And as a result, they haven't known and they haven't heard about God's power and might. Their failure to read and meditate on God's word is exactly the reason why their lives are filled with fear and worry.

What strength comes to those who spend time reading their Bibles! We are reminded of God's past actions and comforted by his promises of help, both in the present and in the future.

"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).