

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Dec	11	19	35	18	13	\$462
Dec	4	12	22	18	9	\$479
Nov	27	12	21	11	16	\$483
Nov	20	7	16	20	10	\$505

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: Dec. 25 - A Friend to Jesus

Throughout His life Jesus faced people who wanted to take His life or end His ministry. There are still many challenges to Him today. One of the best things we can do is to be a friend to Jesus. Will you?

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/GospelBroadcastingNetwork/2.aspx>

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

Bible readings for this week:

Sunday	Hos 10-14
Monday	Joel 1-3
Tuesday	Amos 1-4
Wednesday	Amos 5-9
Thursday	Ob. & Jonah
Friday	Micah 1-4
Saturday	Micah 5-7

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



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Learn How

Pablo Picasso is quoted as saying, "I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it."

Some Christians, out of fear or laziness or rebelliousness, refuse to get their hands dirty in the work of the Lord. One excuse heard: I don't know how.

One brother I worked with was reluctant to teach any of his non-Christian friends for fear of messing up and never having another chance to show them the Way.

He failed to see that, if he didn't make the effort, they'd certainly not arrive at a knowledge of the truth. To his credit, he

did learn how.

Remember what Jesus sent to tell John the Baptist?

So he answered them, "Go tell John what you have seen and heard: The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7:22 NET).

Just so, Jesus makes the tongue-tied learn to teach and preach, the timid find courage, the lazy find energy. But they must be always doing what they cannot do, in order to learn from the Lord how to do it

Randal Matheny in "Walking With God"

[.http://randalmatheny.com/2011/12/16/learn-how/#more-4531](http://randalmatheny.com/2011/12/16/learn-how/#more-4531)

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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

News for Beech Grove

Marie Crowell is home now. Ed Gannon, Wayne's brother, passed away Monday. He was buried Thursday. James Mason is still being checked by the doctor. Remember all of our members and friends who have medical difficulties. Billy Pruitt, brother-in-law of Larry Jernigan continues to be very sick.

Last week the congregation enjoyed having several visitors and a good crowd. Thanks to Matt Brown for preaching here.

Holiday Wishes

These are busy times for families, and we wish for all of you a safe and happy time. Some will be traveling, some will be staying close to home. For some it will be a time for rest and rejuvenation. For others it will be a time of chaos and frantic "trying to get everything done." May we all have a good and safe time, and continue to be "lights in the world" of sinful darkness.

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 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!

What Are "Disputable Matters?"

Kevin Cauley

Romans 14:1 in the NIV says, "Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters." The ESV reads, "As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions." The ASV says, "But him that is weak in faith receive ye, yet not for decision of scruples." The KJV renders the verse as follows: "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations." What are "disputable matters," "opinions," "scruples," or "doubtful disputations"?

Romans 14 is addressed to Gentiles who didn't understand Jewish customs regarding food, drink, and Jewish feast days (see verses 2, 3, and 6). While these things were commanded under the Old Testament law, they were abrogated in Christ and not obligatory for Gentiles (Acts 15:9-11, Ephesians 2:15). These Jewish customs became a problem for churches with Jews and Gentiles. Gentiles had no compunction not to practice Jewish customs and thought Christian Jews should feel the same. However, many Jews couldn't abandon these Jewish practices because it would offend their conscience. So, Paul gave instruction to the church at Rome not to divide over these matters.

Paul wrote, "Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him" (Romans 14:3). The Jew

needed to respect the right of the Gentile not to observe these things by not binding the Jewish customs upon the Gentile. The Gentile also needed to respect the Jew who desired to observe these things by not putting offensive things in front of him (such as pork). For them to do otherwise was to judge unrighteously. So Paul says, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant?" (verse 4). It is the Lord who judges such matters. "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living" (Romans 14:9) and it is to Him that we will all give account (verse 12). So Paul's conclusion in this regard is this, "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (Romans 14:13).

To sum up, Paul's discussion in Romans 14 concerned the observance or non-observance of Jewish customs. Under Christ, these were matters of personal observance since the law had been nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14). So, disputable matters are not matters of obligation, but matters of personal conscience. The principles in this passage ought not to be applied to matters of right and wrong.

From this study, we learn there is room for disagreement regarding matters of opinion in the Lord's church and we learn not to divide over such things. Today there are some among us who hold one opinion or another as a matter of personal conscience. Let us respect them and honor them as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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