

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Dec	18	14	24	23	16	\$501
Dec	11	19	35	18	13	\$462
Dec	4	12	22	18	9	\$479
Nov	27	12	21	11	16	\$483

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: Jan. 1- I Am Resolved

God has graciously given us a new year. What will you do with it? The beginning of a new year offers us an opportunity to begin some good habits in our journey of life. These habits can help us to draw close to God and please Him.

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	Nahum 1-3
Monday	Hab. 1-3
Tuesday	Zeph 1-3
Wednesday	Hag. 1-2
Thursday	Zech. 1-5
Friday	Zech. 6-10
Saturday	Zech. 11-14

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



December 25, 2011

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Gone Away

It seems to have become a trend recently in many places in the U.S. It occurred again recently – this time in Tillman's Corner, near Mobile, AL. A stranger walked in the Sears Essentials retail store and asked for the manager. He wanted to pay off some layaway bills for some families – some families that he didn't even know!

According to Webster's Dictionary, a layaway is a purchasing agreement by which a retailer agrees to hold merchandise secured by a deposit until

the price is paid in full by the customer. Many families use the layaway agreement to secure items that they want to buy (Christmas gifts, for example) and pay for them over time.

Sears General Manager Lauren Henderson allowed the generous stranger to go through the layaway department to determine the items for which he would like to pay. He walked through the aisles in the layaway department, selecting anything and everything that included a children's item. (Continued inside)

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 still recuperating at home. James Mason is still being checked by the doctor. Billy Pruitt, brother-in-law of Larry Jernigan continues to be very sick. Please pray for the family of Timmy Carter who died last week. He was the father of Brooke Carter, niece of Donna Gordon and Wanda Miller. Please pray for Dale Hull, a former Freed-Hardeman schoolmate and friend of Ken Thomas. He is in Baptist Hospital having had an aggressively malignant tumor removed from his brain. He will begin chemo and radiation therapy after the first of the year. Remember Lisa Keen in your prayers.

Welcome back to Andy Miller, returned after a tour of duty in Afghanistan. It will be good to see him again. Sadly, this will also mean that the family will be returning to California for a while, but fortunately a house has already been procured there.

Mission News from Jim Waldron

An Indian preacher, Sing Tarang, converted from a denomination in 2010, has gone back to teach some of those people. He helped convert a pastor, Ahimon Nayak, and several of the former members of Narak's congregation. On Nov. 30, brother Nayak called reporting there were 10 others to be baptized and grounded in truth by more experienced preachers.

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 (now stateside) 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!

Gone Away, continued

In all, layaway items for 18 different families were selected. The total debt owed amounted to \$2,600. The anonymous stranger (who desires to remain anonymous) paid for the debt in cash and said, "Merry Christmas."

The 18 families were contacted and told that the bill for their layaway items had been paid and the items were ready for pickup. There was a lot of disbelief, but the disbelief was soon replaced by extreme gratitude.

Henderson stated that not much is known about the generous stranger – this "Secret Santa" as he has been called – except that he is a local businessman who wanted to teach his fifteen-year-old daughter about the meaning of the spirit of Christmas. *

The debts for these layaways have "gone away," thanks to the generosity of the kind stranger.

You and I have incurred a tremendous debt....

We owe God our love, loyalty, and our very lives but we have failed to give Him what He deserves. We sin and we fall short of His glory (Romans 3:23), have become indebted to Him, and none of us has the resources to pay the debt that we owe to Him.

But God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to pay for the debt of our

sin. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

The blood that Jesus shed in His atoning death removes the debt of those who will: place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

When we accept God's forgiveness on His terms, we are able to sing with conviction and confidence:

"He paid a debt He did not owe
I owed a debt I could not pay
I needed someone, to wash my sins away.
And NOW I sing a brand new song,
"Amazing Grace."
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay."

Jesus would like for the debt for YOUR sin to "go away" and it WILL – IF – you will allow Him to pay YOUR debt by accepting His offer on His terms.

Won't YOU?

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* Information gleaned from "Secret Santa Helps Pay Christmas Layaway Bills" by Lauren Vargas. Published: December 21, 2011 on www.wkrg.com

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