

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
May	2	14	26	6	12	\$449
Apr	25	20	26	18	14	\$497
Apr	18	16	27	23	14	\$533
Apr	11	25	31	19	13	\$586

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

Bible Reading Schedule Week of May 9 - 16

1 Sa. 5:1- 19:24; John 6:1 8:59; Ps. 106:13-112:10; Pr. 14:32-15:14

	Sun	Mon	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Sam.	5:1-7:17	8 & 9	10 & 11	12 & 13	14	15 & 16	17:1-18:4	18:5-19:24
John	6:1-21	6:22-42	6:43-71	7:1-30	7:31-53	8:1-20	8:21-30	8:31-59
Psalms	106:13-21	106:32-48	107	108	109	110	111	112
Prov.	14:32-33	14:34-35	15:1-3	15:4	15:5-7	15:8-10	15:11	15:12-14

This schedule will get you through the Bible in a year, and will give you four different parts of the Bible for a variety each day. **Remember** - the Sunday evening lesson is based on the previous week's reading.



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Justice by Michael E. Brooks

"Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight" (Proverbs 11:1 NKJV).

I had rarely worried about the accuracy of scales before beginning foreign mission campaigns. In the U.S., we have become so accustomed to federal standards and inspection that most consumers have pretty much developed a blind trust in the scales and other measuring devices used in merchandising.

Oh, we are perfectly aware that

some seek to defraud, and we will occasionally check to see if the weights or volumes of a transaction seem to be what they should be, but it is not something that most people worry unduly about.

In other countries, the government is much less active in protecting consumers. Standards may not exist. Systems of checking and protection may be scarce, and even if legally provided for, the enforcement is often lax. Not infrequently, the enforcers themselves perpetrate or assist in fraud.

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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
 Jimmie Cox, Columbia, MS

Beech Grove News / Prayer Requests

Sick list - members, relatives and friends: Ken Thomas is receiving treatment for leg pain and seems improved. Kristin's mom Sandra Toops, went to the Heritage Hospital (Shelbyville) with pneumonia, and is out of ICU as of Saturday. Laura Singleton at home. Norma Harrell had stroke and is at her daughter's. Remember all our Beech Grove members who have chronic pain.

Prayer list . . . Reminders

- Military personnel: Andy Miller in Okinawa, Japan. Adam Thomas in the current operations in Afghanistan.
- Earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile, and those supplying aid.
- Those suffering severe weather and extreme temperatures, flood victims
- Those who have lost loved ones to death.
- The Beechgrove community, to hear the gospel.
- Christians who teach the gospel around the world.
- 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
- Our mission work at home and abroad
- Tim Waldron - heart and eye problems.
- Garland Brown
- Bill Bouldin
- Elizabeth Walker

Several Christians, primarily those working in the medical field, are planning a trip to Chile to help with those who were displaced by their February earthquake. Many Chileans have become sick and weather has become colder there. Ken and Judy's son Tim has been asked to go, and he is trying to raise funds and get a passport. Angel Thomas, John's wife) is also planning to go. The church at Mt. Juliet supplies a part of their travel expense, but they have to raise the rest. If any of you would like to help, it would be welcomed, and if you know of others in other congregations who would help, please talk to them about it. Time is short. Any amount will help.

The following was received this week - looks like a good line-up.

Proposed Studies for Beech Grove
July 25-29, 2010 Charles Williams
Sunday Bible Study "More Than Conquerors"
Sunday A.M. "Consider Your Garments"
Sunday P.M. "Ascension of Jesus"
Monday "Want to Go Home?"
Tuesday "Rebellion"
Wednesday "What Will I Leave Behind?"
Thursday "Tears"

"Justice" continued

In South Asia, when we go into the markets to make purchases, in almost every case the local person making the purchase will take merchandise out of its packaging, visually inspect it, and turn it on, or plug it in to see if it actually works.

If work is contracted for, as in the repair of a vehicle, whenever feasible someone is left on site to watch the workers and ensure that the repair is done legitimately and that no substitutions are made and nothing in the vehicle is taken or damaged. In spite of all this caution, we occasionally find that we have been cheated.

No characteristic is more necessary to social interaction than trust. Trust requires truthfulness or honesty. The Biblical concept involved is that of justice. When scales are honest and instruments of measurement are reliable justice is assured.

Another way to express justice is as equity. When punishment or recompense is equal to the wrong done, justice has been achieved. From the positive perspective, when reward matches effort, that is just. We speak of "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay." In this context, honesty is synonymous with justice.

Given the above realities, it is not surprising that the Bible insists upon honesty and truthfulness as absolute

necessities for the righteous person.

From the ninth commandment ("You shall not bear false witness" Exodus 20:16) to the verdict that "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone" (Revelation 21:8), the Holy Spirit is adamant in his insistence that only truth be spoken and only honesty be practiced.

I have long been impressed with the Old Testament use of the word "Abomination." I am convinced that this term describes those things which are inherently offensive to God.

No doubt this is at least in part because they are totally opposed to his nature. Our God is "a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is he" (Deuteronomy 32:4). He cannot lie (Titus 1:2). Dishonesty is foreign to his nature, and offensive to him in every way.

It is therefore no surprise that the dishonest scales of the fraudulent merchant are hated. Governments may fail to protect their people. Officials may conspire to cheat and rob. But God is a God of justice. He is true, and supports truth. He will protect the innocent and punish the wicked. He is just.

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