

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Sep	11	11	34	23	11	\$455
Sep	4	11	20	20	11	\$664
Aug	28	11	25	22	14	\$606
Aug	21	9	18	21	13	\$490

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](http://www.searchtv.org)

**Topic- Sept. 25 - Christian Baptism II**

In this program we'll inductively explore what the Bible teaches about Christian baptism from the epistles. We'll also answer some of the misunderstandings people have about the New Testament teaching on baptism.

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

Bible readings for this week:

**Ps. 104-118; Pr. 21-26; James, 1 Peter**

Sunday	James 1-5
Monday	Psa 104-106
Tuesday	Psa 107-111
Wednesday	Prov 21-23
Thursday	1 Pet 1-5
Friday	Psa 112-118
Saturday	Prov 24-26

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



**Church of Christ at Beech Grove**

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**Another Look At The Ant**

Mike Riley

From my childhood days, I've always been fascinated by God's little amazing creatures called the ant (Proverbs 6:6-8). They scurry to and fro each day just like clock work (like they were preprogrammed), gathering food stock to be stored for the winter, so they can survive. Solomon uses the ant to applaud hard work and industry versus the lazy individual who could work, but doesn't see the need to do so. Eventually, these

individuals will find out the hard way, that being lazy is not going to feed their face, and they will end up in a state of poverty (Proverbs 6:9-11).

There's another wonder to behold when observing the ant. The ant is one of the greatest engineers known to man.

One writer observed the ant's engineering skills thusly:

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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

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## Prayer list . . . Pray for

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- 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!

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## Beech Grove News

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Ann Conner is in St. Thomas Hospital awaiting bypass surgery. She apparently had a heart attack last week, but did not go to the hospital immediately. After she got there it was determined that she would need surgery. She was supposed to have had surgery Friday, but due to an extra long time in another surgery that morning, the surgeon decided to postpone until Monday. As of now, noon is the expected time.

Lisa Keen is still battling health issues and needs our prayers. Also remember the Masons and the Roses as they deal with chronic pain and problems that cause it. Charlene Brandon is able occasionally to get to church, but she is still weak.

Ken Thomas has had intermittent back pains when he changes from sitting to standing and back and will probably go to get it checked this week.

We had a good turnout last week, and most stayed for the fellowship.

## Another Look At The Ant, continued

“Every ant colony is an architectural feat that displays ants’ engineering prowess. Every chamber and connecting corridor that leads to another vault is carefully and calculatedly executed. All the rooms are set at the correct depth and scale and all corridors are the paradigms of efficiency. Each tunnel is set at the optimum angle and is almost perfectly straight. This means that the worker ants expend the least amount of energy possible as they transport food and raw materials into the colony.

Perhaps even more mind-boggling is their air conditioning system. Ants construct their colonies in such a way as to funnel out poisonous carbon dioxide and bring in its place fresh, clean air.

The colony is incredibly organized and works in a hierarchy in that ants are born at the very bottom and work their way upwards somewhat like a pyramid. The colony themselves or ‘nests’ are sometimes up to ten feet deep and each room or chamber is devoted to separate functions” (source). Also see video 1 and video 2.

As I mentioned in the first paragraph of this article, the ant has seemingly been preprogrammed to accomplish a certain purpose in life, and they diligently go about accomplishing that very purpose.

A question. Who programmed these little creatures to be so industrious, with all of their engineering skills? Folks, there can only be one logical answer. The Great Designer designed and programmed them to fulfill their purpose and existence in life.

The Great Designer created mankind as His crowning creative achievement (Genesis 1:26-31). However, the major difference between us and the ant, is that He gave mankind the ability to “choose” (free will) whether or not to fulfill His purpose for our lives (Joshua 24:14-15); cf. Isaiah 43:7; Psalm 86:9; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 5:14-16).

The question is, are we “choosing” to willingly fulfill God’s purpose for our lives?

Let’s think about it!

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<http://mbriley.preachersfiles.com/2011/09/17/another-look-at-the-ant/>