

Attendance and Contribution						
Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Sept	19	7	16	20	8	\$460
Sept	12	16	27	18	11	\$685
Sept	5	7	17	19	13	\$370
Aug	29	10	16	19	11	\$580

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

Bible Reading Schedule Week of Sept. 26 Oct. 3

Isa 48:12-Jer. 2:30; Eph. 4:17-Phil. 4:33; Psa. 69-75; Prov. 24:5-20

	Sun	Mon	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Isaiah/ Jeremiah	48:12- 50:11	51:1 53:12	54:1 57:14	57:15 59:21	60:1 62:5	62:6 65:25	66:1-24	Jer. 1:1-2:30
Eph/Phil	Eph.4: 17-32	5	6	Phil. 1:1-26	1:27-2:18	2:19-3:3	3:4-21	4:1-33
Psalms	69: 1-18	69: 19-36	70	71	72	73	74	75
Prov. 24	24:5-6	7	8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-20

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



September 26, 2010

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Speak Seldom and Be Wise
 By Stan Mitchell (September 23, 2010)

My grandfather, Ross Taylor, was a rancher in northeastern Oklahoma. He loved his horses and cattle, and he liked nothing better than to be in the saddle, riding across the wooded, hilly country between Vinita and Bartlesville.

He spoke about as many words as the cattle he tended. However, his wife, my grandmother, chattered endlessly. But when granddad did say something, everyone listened. Even grandma. We asked her why. She said, "Well, he took a long time thinking before he said it!"

"Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips he is deemed intelligent," (Proverbs 17:28, ESV).

Author Sam Levinson once said: "It's so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say, and don't say it!" Or, as a modern proverb puts it: "It is better to be silent and let people wonder if you are a fool than to open your mouth, and remove all doubt."

Be wise. Be quiet. Speak when it matters, and only after you have thought it through.

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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

Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

Sick list - members, relatives and friends: Sandra Toops (Kristin's, mom) is in Glen Oaks Convalescent Center in Shelbyville. Laura Singleton remains shut-in.

James Mason was invited to take part in the honor flight, a program for veterans to be able to fly to Washington D.C. to see significant memorials, etc and then return - all in one day, yesterday. We hope he had a great trip.

Prayer list . . . Pray for

- Beechgrove, to hear the gospel and obey.
- Christians who teach the gospel around the world.
- Our 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.
- Garland Brown, Bill Bouldin, Elizabeth

Walker

- Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan. Adam Thomas in N.C.
- People suffering from disasters caused by nature and weather

Gospel Meetings:

West Riverside/McMinnville, James Watkins, Sept. 26-29, 7 PM weeknights.
Morrison, Tom Holland, Sept 26-29, weeknights at 7 PM
Cowan, Freddie Clayton, Sept. 26-30, 7 PM weeknights

Illegal Immigration by Joe Slater

Among hot-button political issues, illegal immigration certainly ranks toward the top. I am not naive enough to think I have all the answers, nor am I interested in discussing the political aspects in this article.

I do find some interesting similarities, however, between this subject and a current controversy within the Lord's body.

Some American citizens espouse an "open borders" policy. Most of them would modify their position to keep out narco-terrorists and others who would overtly harm us.

But short of that, they do not believe that anyone should be denied entrance into the country. They insist that illegal immigrants are hard-working, law-abiding folks, despite the fact that crossing the border illegally prevents any accurate application of the description "law-abiding." Those advocating open borders paste the label "anti-immigrant" on fellow-citizens who oppose their view.

This reminds me of some of my brethren who insist that anyone with some sort of faith in Jesus is a brother or sister in Christ, a fellow-citizen of Messiah's kingdom. They know better than to extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to atheists or others who would blatantly deny Christ. However, we are too narrow, intolerant, and exclusive, they complain, when we contend that only those who have believed and obeyed the gospel of Christ are actually to be recognized as Christians (Acts 2:37-38,47).

After all, some who have been sprinkled for baptism or prayed the sinner's prayer for salvation, or have otherwise deviated from the pattern in the New Testament, are good, hard-working, devout people. They obey New Testament teaching in numerous other ways. Sometimes they might work harder than most who have obeyed the gospel!

Other Americans maintain that those wishing to become citizens must comply with the lawful process Just so, we find brethren

within the church who, like myself, stand firmly on the proposition that one wishing to be a citizen in Messiah's Kingdom must believe and obey the gospel of Christ (Acts 22:16).

We love and admire many good things about people in the denominational world. We do not wish to keep them from citizenship. Indeed, we fervently pray they will obey the gospel; we tearfully plead with them to do so without delay! (Acts 17:30).

But we have neither the desire nor the ability to modify the word of the Lord. We would be cruel, indeed, to pretend that someone is saved when, in fact, that person is still lost in sin.

Unlike becoming an American citizen, entrance into Messiah's Kingdom involves no waiting in line, filling out endless paperwork, or obtaining approval from some bureaucrat. We can confess Christ this very moment and be immersed in water for the remission of your sins (Romans 6:1-4). We will enter into a saved relationship with God, and the Lord will add us to His church.

Why not come to Him now?