

Attendance and Contribution						
Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Nov	7	7	21	19	11	\$528
Oct	31	8	18	19	16	\$482
Oct	24	11	16	18	16	\$445
Oct	17	10	19	21	13	\$651

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

**Bible Reading Schedule Week of Nov. 14-Nov 21**

Ezek. 29-43; Heb.11:32-James 5 ; Ps. 112-119:16 ; Prov. 27:17-28:7

	Sun	Mon	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Ezekiel	29-30	31-32	33-34	35-36	37-38	39-40:27	40:28 41:26	42-43
Hebrews/ James	11:32- 12:13	12:14- 29	13	James 1:1-16	1:19-2:17	2:18-3:18	4	5
Psalms	112	113- 114	115	116	117	118:1-18	118: 19-29	119:1-16
Prov.27/28	27:17	27: 18-20	27: 21-22	27: 23-27	28:1	28:2	28:3-5	28:6-7

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



**November 14, 2010**

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**Righteous Nation  
by Stan Mitchell**

"The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will,"( Proverbs 21:1, ESV).

In the early 1980's, Zimbabwe suffered a debilitating drought. I remember one evening watching the nation's parliament on television debating the measures they should take to alleviate the suffering.

One speaker, Anglican bishop Dube, to his credit, stood and suggested that they should pray for rain. I'll never forget what happened next. The entire house of parliament broke up in helpless, knee slapping laughter.

I wondered that night how long God would permit his being mocked before he responded.

I love the Wise Man's declaration that no matter how great and how powerful a nation's leader thinks he is, he is actually being led wherever God directs him. He's a pawn in the hand of the Almighty!

I am grateful that politicians in America invoke God's name more often than they do in many countries in the world, but I wonder if legislation in this country reflects the principles of a nation that wants to please God.

In ancient days God demanded that Israel live under his rule and control. I have just one question for you. When did God quit caring that nations be righteous?

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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

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## Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

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**Sick list - members, relatives and friends:** Sandra Toops (Kristin's, mom), Glen Oaks Convalescent Center in Shelbyville. Wayne Toops had to go to the hospital this week. Laura Singleton is at home. Leon Trail was in MTMC this week and was not doing well. Garland Brown is in Centennial Hospital.

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### Prayer list . . . Pray for

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- Beechgrove, to hear the gospel.
  - Christians who teach the gospel around the world.
  - 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.
  - The unemployed and underemployed.
  - Leaders of nations and local leaders.
  - School teachers and students
  - Garland Brown, Elizabeth Walker
  - Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan. Adam Thomas in N.C.
  - People suffering from disasters caused by nature and weather
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## How Will We Survive The Loss of Our Loved One?

Richard Mansel

A loved one dies and our world crumbles. We are certain we will never endure the horrors around us. Will there be any more hope?

Life, though, has another plan. The day of visitation comes and our loved ones and friends line up to offer condolences. Family members from afar gather around us and tears briefly turn to laughter at joyous reunions and happy memories. Momentarily, we feel sane again.

The funeral arrives and part of our heart enters the earth. Afterward, we stagger home, numb and less than whole. Time becomes a blur as we mechanically address kind words and the food and hugs of strangers.

We feel lost. However, life has

other ideas. The day crawls forward, the fitful night arrives and the next morning blossoms. Days and nights follow and we feel guilty for still being here.

Yet, gravity moves us forward after a tragic loss. We face new days & challenges filled with moments of sadness. The inexorable inevitability of time helps us heal. Be grateful for it. Without it, grief would swallow us whole. Time heals because it saves.

We assemble our mementos as our shrine to reflect upon as we continue our existence. Eventually, we find patterns in our new lives. We still feel that we are less than whole and we accept this new reality and we put one foot in front of the other.

When Jesus faced the grief of the cross, he turned to prayer and his friends. He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch" ( Mark 14:34, NKJV).

We learn three points from this passage. First, grief is destructive without prayer ( Philippians 4:6). When we lay our sorrow on God's shoulders, we have less to carry and can maintain our forward progress.

Second, sorrow is natural to man. We will all face it, even Jesus. Therefore, he understands our grief and pain ( John 11:17-37).

Third, sorrow is less fearsome in a crowd. We know God will never forsake us ( Hebrews 13:5), and we need our loved ones around us. Even if they sit in silence, their presence warms our heart and makes our pain easier to bear ( Job 2:11-13).

Grief will devour us, if we do not move forward. Even if we move slowly, we are advancing and that is all that matters.

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The article above was written shortly after Richard's loss of his own mother to death.  
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