

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture John 1:1-5  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Johnny Anderson  
 (S) \*Joe Collilns  
 (N) Matthew Young  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (N) Frank Reynolds  
 (S) Eugene Wilcher  
 (S) David Chilton  
 (S) Phillip Smith  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Dennis Gann  
 Reading Willie Newby  
 Scripture Luke 2:41-50  
 Lord's Table \*Kelly Thaxton  
 \*Larry Flatt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Billy Gilbert

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer John Biddle  
 Reading Tom McColloch  
 Invitation Danny Duncan  
 Dismiss Lemmie Bratten

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. John & Pearl Biddle  
 P.M. Don & Susie Griffith

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Hazel Bennett

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

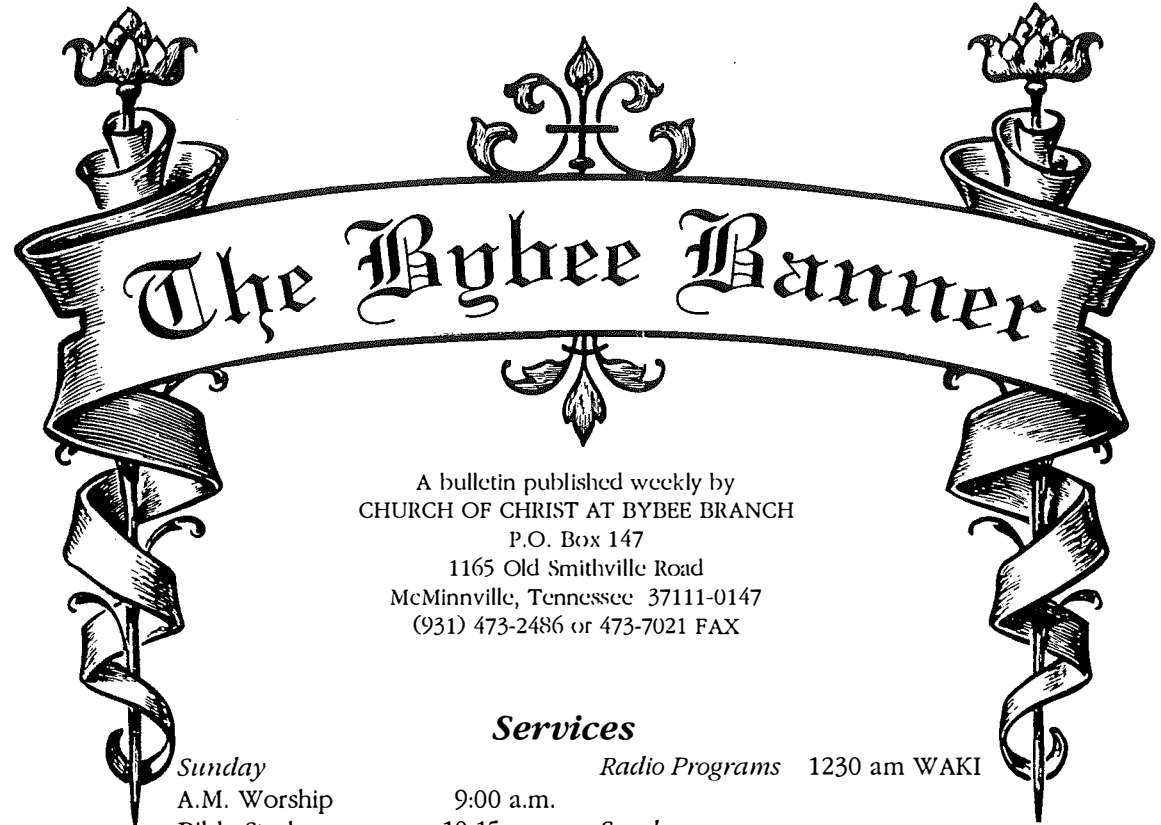
**Pantry Item:** Diapers

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 282  
 Bible Study ..... 232  
 P.M. Worship ..... 210  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 131  
 Contribution ..... \$4,712

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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Carmen Cagle  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Anna Bennett  
Emily & Olivia Newby

### In The Hospital:

Zada Sain-Columbia Hermitage Hospital

## Communion List

There is one more month available for those who wish to prepare the communion for 1998. If you could assist with this, your help will be appreciated.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Jesus, He Is The Son of God  
P.M. .... In The Wrong Place

## Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of Nancy Crouch. Her funeral was this past Sunday.

Sympathy also to the family of Pete Harvey (brother of our Pauline Watson). His funeral was this past Saturday

Sympathy to the family of Olus Myers (aunt of our Bill Biles). Her funeral was Sunday afternoon at Highs.

Sympathy to the family of Connie Byars (sister-in-law of our Betty Lane). Her funeral was Monday in Hampton, VA.

## Girls Lock-in

There will be a lock-in this Friday (January 2) night for girls in grades 5-9. If you have questions see Sonia Vandagriff or Lynette Maynard

## Singing

West Riverside will host their annual singing this Wednesday evening from 8:30-10:30.

## Visitation Program

The new visitation program will begin this coming Sunday. Teams 1-5 meet in homes and teams 6-7 will meet in Room 1 at building. The teams are as follows:

### First Sunday

Team 1 Bob & Ada Mayfield* Ronnie & Cindy Rogers Dana Roller Linda Cantrell Chuck & Mattie Medley Danny & Cynthia Duncan Judy Payne	Team 4 Larry & Jane Flatt* Angie Caldwell Lou Leatherwood Willie & Donna Newby Jeff & Mary Flatt Thurman & Hazel Bennett
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### Second Sunday

Team 2 Phillip & Teri Smith* Steve & Sharla Hillis Lemmie & Brenda Bratten Don & Susie Griffith Dawn Wanamaker	Team 3 Steve & Carol Boyd* Denice Reynolds Ryan & Tammy McKinney Rodney & Patsy Reynolds Stanley & Sherry Graves Debbie Glenn
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### Third Sunday

Team 5 Tony & Corretta Lawrence* Johnny & Donna Anderson Doug Hendrixson Missy Biles Lisa Chilton Kristi Patterson Don & Judy Sullivan Lisa Bennett Doris Smith	Team 6 (Meet in Room 1) John & Pearl Biddle* Glenda Solomon Helen Morgan Joe & Marsha Collins Georgia Womack Teresa Atnip Billy & Junetta Gilbert W.C. & Nelma Chilton Woodrow & Mildred Glenn Clyde Christian
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### Fourth Sunday

Team 7 (Meet in Room 1) Kurt & Stephanie Maynard* Lucille Newby Bernice Fults Chris & Merideth Jones Edna Smith Dot Foster	Mildred Bumbalough Ken & Nona Martin Tim & Cindy Fisher Becky & Lynette Maynard Jackie & Sherry Pelham Mary Davis
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If you have any questions, please see W.C. Chilton who is now directing the visitation program.

## January 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH Jason Vandagriff Teri Smith	TOM & PAM McCOLLOCH	
				1	2	3
Leonard Clemons Danny Duncan	BUELL & FLOSSIE WARREN Jacob Griffin	Katherine Bennett Pat Boles		Eunice Simpson Sarah Pennington Dora Mullican	Paula Prater Patsy Reynolds	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Lisa Chilton	Dot Hennessee Ethan Duncan Stephanie Maynard	Kristi Patterson			
Bible Bowl at East End 2:00 p.m.						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
JOHN & PEARL BIDDLE Scarlett Griffith Janie Griffin Lynn Gann	Lena Mai Gribble	Pam McColloch	TONY & CORRETTA LAWRENCE		Susie Griffith	RODNEY & PATSY REYNOLDS Bobby Cantrell Tom McColloch Jeff Templeton
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Missy Biles		Nora Lee Griffith MARTY & SHARON BOLES Leah Pack	Robert Mullican David Chilton	Shannon Griffin		Ronnie Prince
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Bob Mayfield  
 Scripture John 1:14-17  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Dale Bennett  
 (S) \*W.C. Chilton  
 (N) Edgar Webb  
 (N) Jeff Bond  
 (N) Steve Wilcher  
 (S) Winfrey Hennessee  
 (S) Micah Lawrence  
 (S) David McColloch  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Scripture Luke 19:10  
 Lord's Table \*Ken Lee  
 \*Don Sullivan  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Allen Hughes

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
 Reading Jason Vandagriff  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Marty Boles Family  
 P.M. Doug & Wanda Hendrixson

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Ronnie Prince

**Attend Nursery:** Melba Bonner

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** Baby Juices

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 313  
 Bible Study ..... 254  
 P.M. Worship ..... 241  
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 Contribution ..... \$3,729

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 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Carmen Cagle  
 Robbie Vandagriff  
 Zada Sain  
 Jeff Templeton  
 Pearl Biddle

### In The Hospital:

Charlotte Plott-St. Thomas for tests

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... "Full of Grace and Truth"  
 P.M. .... Three Tragic Losses

## Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl for this month will be hosted by the East End congregation Sunday afternoon, January 10. We will meet there (no bus) at 1:50 p.m.

There will be a study session at the home of Don & Judy Sullivan this Saturday evening from 6:00-9:00. Everyone is asked to bring \$2.00 for pizza. Everything else will be provided.

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of James Mitchell (uncle to our Ada Mayfield and Debbie Glenn). He passed away Monday in Henrietta, TX.

## Quotable Quotes

"When we die, we leave behind all that we have, and take with us all that we are."

"It is when we forget ourselves that we do things that are remembered."

"In overcoming an enemy, nothing is more effective than the weapon of love."

## Shut-ins

*This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Minnie Cooper  
 Robert (Doc) Mullican  
 Houston Stiles  
 Carol Sue Taylor  
 Belle Young

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
 Edith Morrow  
 Flossie Smartt  
 Flora Smith

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch  
 Minnie Lane

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
 Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
 Rozelle Goodman  
 Joe Maxwell  
 Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
 Bessie Parker  
 June Slatton  
 Irene Simpson  
 Bertha Stewart  
 Magdalene Taylor

*"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27, NKJV).*

## Islam and Christianity Compared

Christianity and Islam are two major religions in our world today. Many of the teachings of these religions contradict. We know they cannot both be right. If Christianity is right, then Islam is wrong and vice-versa. Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Christianity is based upon the Bible. We can prove the Bible is true. The Bible was written by about forty different writers over a period of about 1,600 years. Many of these writers did not know each other, yet there are no contradictions in the Bible. Even though the Bible is not a science book, it has many scientific facts in it. The Bible teaches us the earth is round (Isaiah 40:22; Proverbs 8:27). It also teaches us we cannot count all the stars (Jeremiah 33:22). There are about 1,000 prophecies listed in the Bible which were all fulfilled. Many of them were prophecies concerning the Messiah.

The Bible is the source of truth. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth" (John 17:17). It cannot be destroyed. Peter wrote, Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.... But the word of the Lord endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you" (1 Peter 1:22,23,25). Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

The Bible teaches us Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. We can prove this is true. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles to prove His words were true, died on the cross, was buried, and rose from the dead (Matthew 1:22,23; Hebrews 4:14,15; Mark 15:16-28,42-47; Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-19). Islam denies that Jesus is the Christ. Islam denies the resurrection of Christ. It teaches that Jesus was a prophet, but not the greatest prophet. It teaches Jesus was a great man, but He was not the Son of God. Jesus taught people He was the Son of God. If He was not, He was a false prophet and a liar!

The Bible reveals God's eternal plan to save man through the church (Ephesians 3:10,11). Salvation is in Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:11,12; Ephesians 1:3). Those who are saved are in the body, the church (Ephesians 5:23; 4:4). Islam denies the way to be saved is through the church of the Bible.

Islam teaches that Mohammed was the final spokesman for God, but the Bible says Jesus is (Hebrews 1:1-3). Mohammed was only a man who died and awaits the resurrection. Jesus died and rose again never to die again (Revelation 1:18).

There are many religions in the world which claim to be from God. Islam is one of those religions. This religion cannot be from God because its teachings contradict the Bible, which is the Word of God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

~John M. Grubb~  
 via the Internet

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Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Tim Fisher  
 Scripture John 1:35-43  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Boyd  
 (S) \*Chuck Boles  
 (N) Tommy Crouch  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (N) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 (S) Lynn Gann  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading Brandon McGinness  
 Scripture Joshua 8:1  
 Lord's Table \*Eddie Palmer  
 \*Dennis Gann  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Don Griffith  
 Reading Jeff Templeton  
 Invitation Willie Newby  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ken & Nona Martin  
 P.M. Jeff Flatt Family

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Ronnie Rogers & Rodney Maynard

**Attend Nursery:** Brenda Bratten

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** Baby Cereal

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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Carmen Cagle  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Zada Sain  
Charlotte Plott  
Hazel Bennett

### In The Hospital:

Harold Mitchell-Riverpark-(following surgery)  
Mary Davis-Riverpark  
Minnie Cooper-Riverpark

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... "Follow Me"  
P.M. .... The God Of A Second Chance

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Nona Foster (sister of our Dora Mullican). Her funeral was this past Friday.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Alene Scarbrough. Her funeral was Monday. Sister Scarbrough attended here at Bybee Branch for several years before moving to East End to attend with her family.

## Bible Bowl

Our young people did it again! They came in first place along with the excellent young people from Ivy Bluff. Neither group missed any on the test. New Hope and Woodbury came in second missing only one. New Union and Rome came in third missing only two. It is great to be a part of a program where so many young people put in so much effort to study and learn God's word.

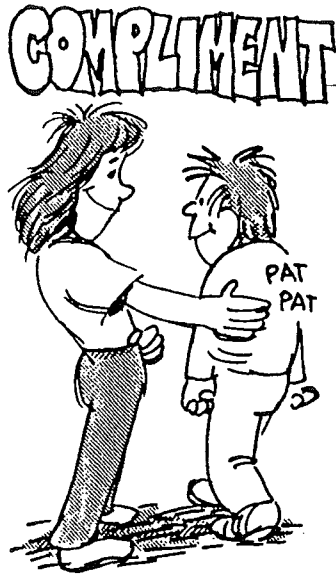
Next month the Bible Bowl will be at Mt. Leo and will cover Luke. 17-20.

## Congratulations

We want to extend congratulations to one of our own for a great accomplishment. Cindy Rogers was selected as the Jaycee "Outstanding Young Woman of the Year."

## Soup & Sandwich Meal

There will be a "soup and sandwich" fellowship following the evening services on Sunday, February 1. There will be more details given later.



How long has it been since you have complimented someone on doing a good job? We certainly do not want to be those who "flatter with the lips" and do not mean what we say (Pr. 20:19; 26:28; 28:23; 29:5). However, never underestimate how valuable a word of encouragement is to someone who is striving to do good. "A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!" (Proverbs 15:23, NKJV). Just think of all of those who are working for the Lord: the elders, the Bible class teachers, the song leaders; the bus drivers, etc., etc., etc. Give them a pat on the back!

## Am I A Legalist?

Recently a preacher remarked during his sermon that those who are conservative are legalists! Well, I consider myself to be very conservative so I was curious concerning this category that I obviously fit into. Since "legalist" or "legalism" is not found in the Bible I had to go to a dictionary for the definition. Legalism is thus defined: "strict or literal adherence to a law, moral or religious code" (The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language). Given this definition, there are those in the Bible who fit into this category.

**God was a legalist.** After creating man, God told him that he was forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and that "in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). That was strict! God expected obedience from man. God's strictness is again seen when Nadab and Abihu "offered a strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them. . . ." (Leviticus 10: 1,2). On another occasion God told Moses to speak to **the rock** and water would come forth (Numbers 20:8). Instead, he struck the rock and was denied entrance into Canaan. God required strict adherence to His instructions. Many other examples could be cited.

**Christ was a legalist.** In Mark 16:16 Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Strict adherence to the words of our Lord is required if one is to become a Christian. Some would call us legalists when we impart the Lord's teaching on marriage, divorce, and remarriage in Matthew 19:9. I am aware that some say that non-Christians are not amenable to this law. However, "whosoever" means whosoever and the Lord expects strict adherence to His law. Jesus also said, "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words hath one that judgeth him, the word that I have spoken, the same shall **judge** him in the last day" (John 12:48). Friend, that tells me that I had better give strict adherence to the words of Christ.

**Paul was a legalist.** There are many among us who have digressed and no longer hold to the truth. So it was in Paul's day as well. He instructed Timothy to "charge some that they teach no other doctrine" (I Timothy 1:3). He declared, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9). He admonished, "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them" (Romans 16:17). Paul taught strict adherence to the doctrine of Christ.

Yes, I suppose I am a legalist in the sense that I strive to preach only what the Word of God authorizes me to preach and I refuse to compromise. Thus, if I am accused of being a legalist, I say, "Thank you for the compliment. I like the company I'm in!"

~Jimmy Ferguson/The Key Word/Memphis, TN~

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 First Prayer Lemmie Bratten  
 Reading Kurt Maynard  
 Scripture John 2:13-17  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Jeff Flatt  
 (S) \*Ken Martin  
 (N) Bran Merritt  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (N) John Nussbaum  
 (S) Tyler Boyd  
 (S) Shannon Griffin  
 (S) Don Johnson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Jim Slatton  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Danny Duncan  
 \*Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon Thurman Bennett  
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Dale Bennett  
 Reading Don Sullivan  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Dana Roller & Lou-Shawna Scott  
 P.M. Winfrey & Dorothy Hennessee

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesity

**Attend Nursery:** Iona King

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

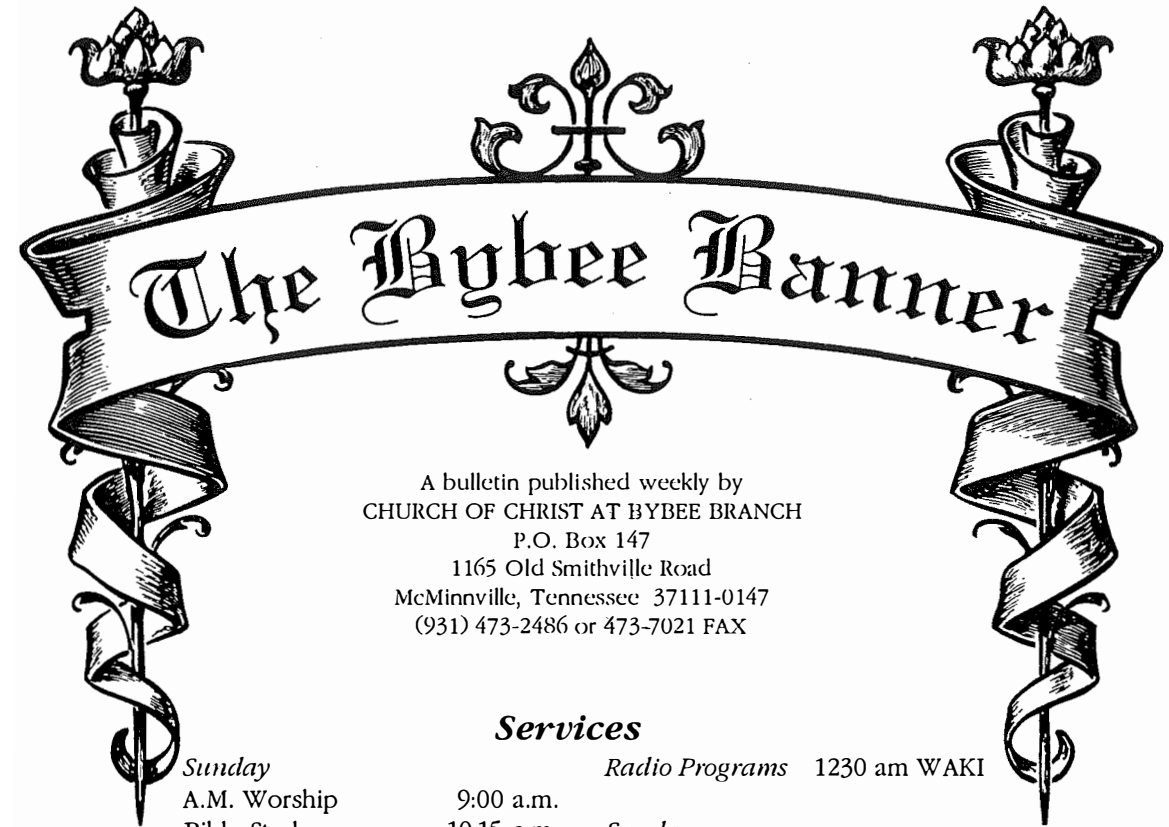
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## Sick

### At Home:

Carmen Cagle  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Zada Sain  
Harold Mitchell  
Mary Davis  
Mary Beth Atnip  
Sharla Hillis  
Nelma Chilton  
John Stenbridge

### In The Hospital:

Freda Womack-Centennial Medical Center  
(hopes to come home Tuesday following five  
by-passes).  
Minnie Cooper (Marsha Collins mother)-  
Riverpark with pneumonia.  
Minnie Kirby (Glenda Stevens mother)-Riverpark  
with broken hip.  
Irene Simpson-moved to NHC

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Flora Smith (aunt of our Essie Hillis and Bernice Fults). Her funeral was Monday at Highs.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Marjorie Hodges (niece of John Stenbridge). Her funeral was this past Sunday.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Zeal For God's House  
P.M. .... Update on Thailand Mission Work

## Baptism & Restoration

We rejoiced to see Shane Fisher baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening following services. Also, on Wednesday evening Gloria Henley came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation.

## Soup & Sandwich Meal

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## Birthday Invitation

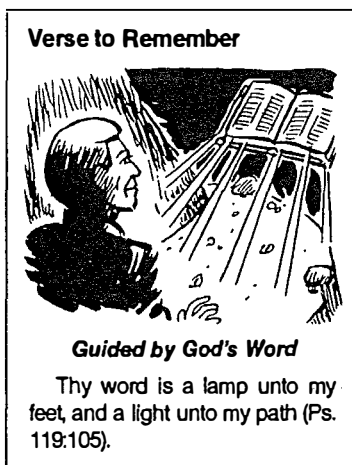
Most of us know that brother "Doc" Mullican is a resident of NHC Health Care. He will be celebrating his 70th birthday at a party on January 24, from 2-4 in the main dining room. You are asked not to bring a gift, only a card.

## Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting with Keith Mosher is scheduled for April 19-22. This event is not that far off. Plan now to invite your friends and neighbors to attend. As stated before we plan on this being an evangelistic meeting. We want to invite and encourage *non-christians* to come and hear the simple New Testament Gospel preached.

## Thailand Report

This Sunday evening brother Thurman Bennett will be giving a report on his recent trip to Thailand. He will have some video and overheads showing some of the details of the trip.



## Preacher, Priest Or Pastor?

It occurs to me that some among us have a false idea of the role of the minister in the local congregation.

Since the beginning of the Restoration Movement, urging a return to primitive New Testament Christianity, we have insisted that there is no clergy-laity distinction among members of Christ's church. The minister stands on exactly the same level as any other member of the congregation and performs his work under the direction of the elders or pastors.

The Roman Catholic idea of the "priest" of the congregation is a departure from the New Testament pattern. The Apostle Peter taught that ALL Christians are priests (1 Peter 2:5). As a minister of the gospel, I am a priest only in the sense that every other member of the congregation with which I labor is a priest.

Though we have insistently taught this truth throughout the years, there is evidence that, subconsciously at least, the desire to make our ministers "priests" in the Catholic sense, or "pastors" in the denominational sense, is expressing itself in our thinking.

For instance, I attended a service at a church of Christ recently where an elder referred publicly to the minister of the congregation as the "lay-preacher!" To use such a sectarian expression denotes tacit acceptance of the denominational clergy-laity distinction. Even those who have a very simple knowledge of New Testament Christianity should realize that such a term is foreign not only to the organization, but also to the spirit of Christ's church.

Then, too, this tendency to think of our minister as our priest in the Catholic sense expresses itself in our attitudes. Not infrequently we hear of some members who are upset because the minister has not been to visit in their home in a month or so, or because he may have failed to shake their hand at the morning service.

The fact that the minister may have failed to visit in their home or may have failed to shake their hand should not worry them any more than if ANY member of the congregation should have failed to visit them or shake their hand. The minister, unlike the Catholic priest, is not a mediator between the believer and God. His relationship to each member is exactly the same as that member's relationship to any other member of the congregation. Furthermore, the fact that he may have failed to visit in some member's home or have failed to shake some member's hand is not one bit more serious than the fact that that member may have failed to visit some other member or to shake that member's hand.

In fact, because the minister is expected to spend much of his time teaching the truth to the lost and erring, it obviously means that he cannot have a great deal of time to visit with "the faithful."

The local minister is not the member's priest; he is not their pastor. He is simply an evangelist working under the direction of the elders or pastors or bishops of the congregation. His work is summed up in Paul's instruction to the young preacher Timothy "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine. . . Do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:2, 5). By divine command, this is the task of every minister of the gospel. May God help us to fulfill it.

~copied from The Gospel Light, edited by Dan Jones, Cookeville, TN~



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
 Reading Harold McGinness  
 Scripture John 3:1-7  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Scott Griffith  
 (S) \*Kelly Thaxton  
 (N) Harley Northcutt  
 (N) Jason Vandagriff  
 (N) David McColloch  
 (S) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) Caleb Graves  
 (S) J.B. Gribble  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Joe Collins  
 Reading Bob Cantrell  
 Scripture Luke 4:31-37  
 Lord's Table \*Willie Newby  
 \*Ronnie Prince  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-0558) Johnny Anderson  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Joe Roller  
 Invitation Rodney Reynolds  
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Kurt Maynard Family  
 P.M. Chuck Medley Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Lisa Bennett

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

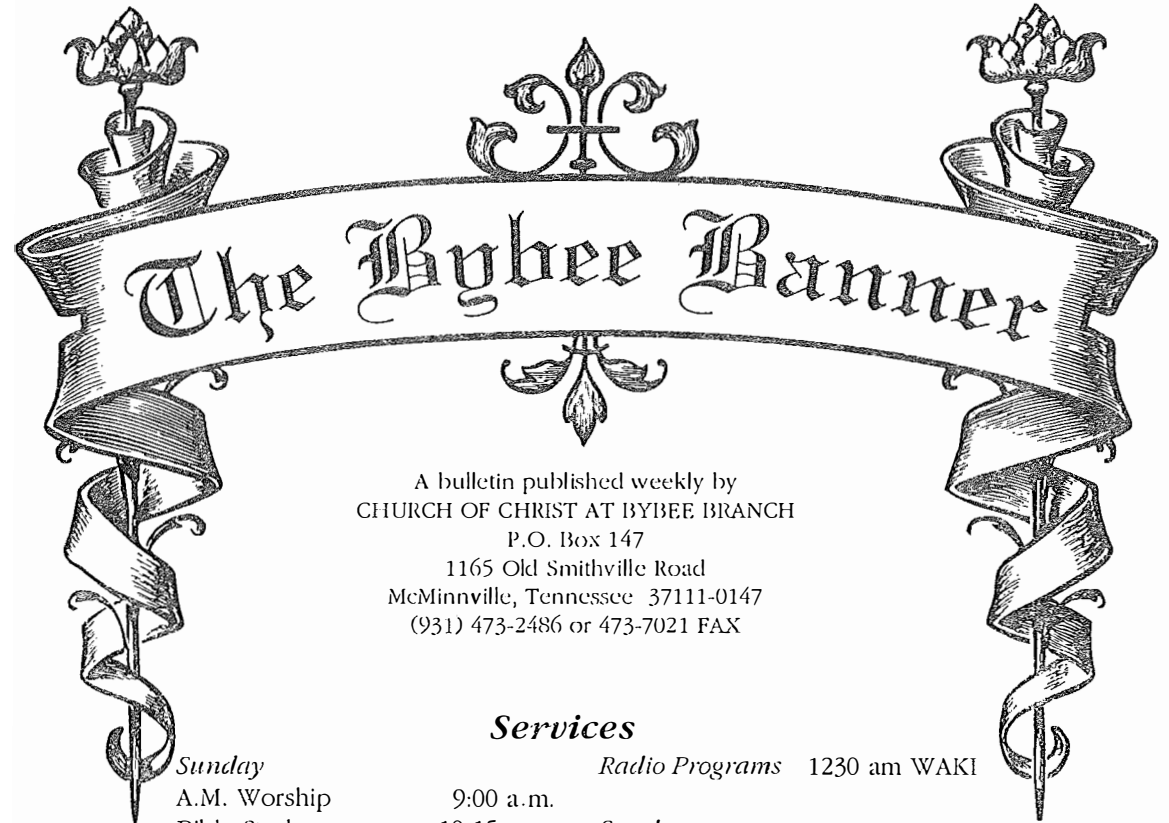
**Pantry Item:** Canned Juices

**Record For The Week...**

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 Bible Study ..... 251  
 P.M. Worship ..... 206  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 225  
 Contribution ..... \$3,847

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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff

Zada Sain

Harold Mitchell

Mary Davis

Glenda Hughes

John Stenbridge

Freda Womack

Charolotte Smith (Phillip Smith's mother; cards may be sent to 7489 S. Co. Rd. 200 E; Frankfort, IN 46041-8661)

### In The Hospital:

Minnie Kirby (Glenda Stevens mother)-Riverpark

Charlotte Plott-St. Thomas

Carmen Cagle-St. Thomas

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Minnie Cooper (mother of our Marsha Collins). Her funeral was this past Wednesday.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... A New Life

P.M. .... Just Leave Us Alone!

## Soup & Sandwich Meal

There will be a "soup and sandwich" fellowship following the evening services on Sunday, February 1. If you have not signed the list, please bring either soup, sandwiches, or a dessert. Also, each family is asked to bring a 2 or 3 liter drink. If you have any questions, see Dale Bennett.

## Ladies Retreat

The Ladies Retreat for this year is scheduled for May 1-2 in Franklin, TN. More details will be given later.

## Prom Alternative Trip

The plans for the annual prom-alternative trip for those in grades 9-12, and those who are willing to serve as chaperones will be this coming Sunday evening following services.

## Youth Visitation Program

Each month the young people will visit the shut-ins and nursing homes on the last Saturday of the month. The young people are asked to meet at the building this Saturday at 10:00 for a couple hours of visiting.

## Seven Reasons Why I Attend On Wednesday Night

1. I desire to learn more about God's word.
2. I love my brethren and desire their company.
3. I want to set the right example for my family and others. I believe that attending mid-week meetings is essential to have the best influence.
4. I desire to encourage the workers in the church; everyone knows that the workers will be present on Wednesday nights.
5. I attend because I want to have the attitude, "What more can I do?", rather than, "Do have to do it?"
6. I believe the first and greatest commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37).
7. The Bible teaches that Jesus may come at any moment (Matthew 25:13). If He should come on Wednesday night, I would want to be assembled with the brethren.

~Selected~

## February 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Dot Foster	Bill Womack		Amy Graves	HAROLD & TERESA MCGINNESS	Stanley Graves
<i>Soup &amp; Sandwich Supper following P.M. service</i>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tim Fisher Buell Warren Ashley Newby	Cory Prince	Scott Griffith				Joe Maynard
<i>Bible Bowl at Mt. Leo 2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.</i>					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Harley Northcutt Anna Bennett	Dickie Kesey Florene Nokes	Daisy Maxwell Jonathan Anderson	Nona Martin	Mark Lawrence Chuck Boles		Avie Clemens
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Beth Reynolds Joey Reynolds	JIM & JUNE SLATTON	Rozelle Goodman Leslie Pepper		Gilbert Kell		Pauline Greene Loy Watson
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.</i>					

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 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Don Sullivan  
 Scripture John 4:3-7  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Billy Gilbert  
 (S) \*Dennis Gann  
 (N) Ralph Crouch  
 (N) Marty Boles  
 (N) Joe Roller  
 (S) Dickie Kesey  
 (S) Danny Duncan  
 (S) Harry Felty  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss John Biddle

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Scripture 1 Peter 3:15,16  
 Lord's Table \*Steve Boyd  
 \*Dale Bennett  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Mayfield

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-0558) Johnny Anderson  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Joey Reynolds  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Dora Mae Wilcher & Denice Reynolds  
 P.M. Rodney Maynard Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Ronnie Prince

**Attend Nursery:** Gail Crouch

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

**Pantry Item:** Jello

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 Bible Study ..... 261  
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 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 217  
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Harold Mitchell  
Freda Womack  
Willene Kell  
Allison Chilton  
Minnie Kirby (Glenda Stevens mother)

Zada Sain  
John Stenbridge  
Carmen Cagle  
Noel Pepper  
Billy Gilbert

### In The Hospital:

Charlotte Plott-St. Thomas  
Dot Foster-Centennial, tests

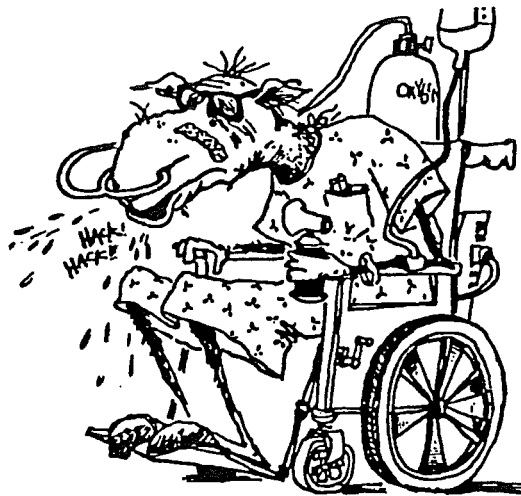
## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Well, Woman, and Living Water  
P.M. .... Giving An Answer To Your Neighbor #1

## Meetings

The Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

The Quarterly General Business Meeting will be following the evening services this Sunday. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



**JOE CAMEL, in his later years!**

## Shut-ins

This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Robert (Doc) Mullican  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt  
Flora Smith

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch  
Minnie Lane

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Irene Simpson  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

## Bible Bowl

The monthly Bible Bowl will be this next Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Leo congregation.

There will be a study session Saturday evening from 6:00-9:00 at the home of Steve & Sharla Hillis. Everyone is asked to bring \$2.00 for pizza.

## An Open Letter From The Devil

Mr. Luke Warm Christian  
713 Broad Way  
Indifference City, USA

Dear Luke,

I just wanted to drop you a note to encourage you to keep up the good work. I like a person who has enough guts to defend himself when someone else opposes his own point of view. He is just confusing you with facts, and I'm glad to see you stick to your own ideas. Don't give in and let him think he has won the battle. He really thinks he knows it all, doesn't he? Well, you need to show him that he is not so smart. Some people really get under my skin, always telling me what to do. I guess they really get under yours too, don't they?

Do you remember the guy who came over to talk to you about attending more of the services? Well, I'll tell you a little secret: He is a real fanatic. That's right. He actually thinks it is necessary to attend all the services. Don't let him fool you. It is people like that who give the church a bad name. You did the right thing in just letting those things go in one ear and out the other. After all, they don't apply to you, do they?

I'm hoping you will keep up the good example, and I'm sure there will be more who will want to follow it. I have already seen some results. There sure are a lot of non-Christians who compare themselves to your life. I can't understand why they won't be converted either.

Don't make your children go to church if they don't want to. Just let them stay at home and watch TV or sleep late. If more people would do that, there would be so many more good examples like yours to follow. Confidentially, you are my favorite kind of person. So I want to do all I can to keep you on my side. You are something to be proud of now.

That preacher and those elders sure do waste a lot of time talking to and bothering you, don't they? You would think they don't have anything better to do with their time. Don't they appear to be awfully nosey, always wanting to know why you haven't attended the last couple of services?

Hey, I heard you got a new job. That is really great. I'm so glad you could find a job that pays double-time to work on Sundays. That money sure will come in handy. That is another thing I wanted to talk to you about. That preacher sure does talk a lot about giving. He must think hard-working men don't have anything better to do with their money than just give it away. He sure preaches a lot about it.

Why can't he just preach sermons that sound good instead of trying to make people feel bad? I notice you squirm around and try to ignore what he says sometimes. He must be the world's worst pessimist. Always talking about sin and hell.

What about the lady who sits behind you? Hasn't she got the loudest, scratchiest voice that you have ever heard? At least you don't embarrass yourself like she does. Since you don't know the words or can't read music, I think you have done the best thing. That lady behind you shouldn't sing either.

Hasn't the preacher been getting long-winded recently? I'm always dozing off during the sermon too. Not only has he been long-winded, but he has become pretty dull too. It sure is hard to stay awake. So why fight it?

Some of the members there at the church stay around an awfully long time after services. I have often wondered why more people don't just slip out and go home during the invitation song like you do. That is a good idea for beating the crowd. Besides, all they ever do is sing another song and have a prayer. There is no need to stay for those concluding activities.

Well, I had better be going now. I like to keep in touch with you and monitor your progress. Keep up the good work. You are much more helpful than many of the others. I really admire your attitude, and I feel that we are becoming very close friends. I look forward to seeing you soon, when we can spend much more time together.

Your friend and admirer,

B.L. Zebub, Devil

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton  
 Reading Jeff Bond  
 Scripture John 4:43-45  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Tim Fisher  
 (S) \*Steve Hillis  
 (N) Shane Fisher  
 (N) Brett Merritt  
 (N) Leonard Crouch  
 (S) Chip Cantrell  
 (S) Brandon McGinness  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Tyler Boyd  
 Scripture 1 Peter 3:15,16  
 Lord's Table \*Jim Slatton  
 \*Rodney Reynolds  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Danny Duncan  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Invitation Chuck Medley  
 Dismiss Kurt Maynard

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Leonard & Avie Clemons  
 P.M. Ken & Glynn Lee

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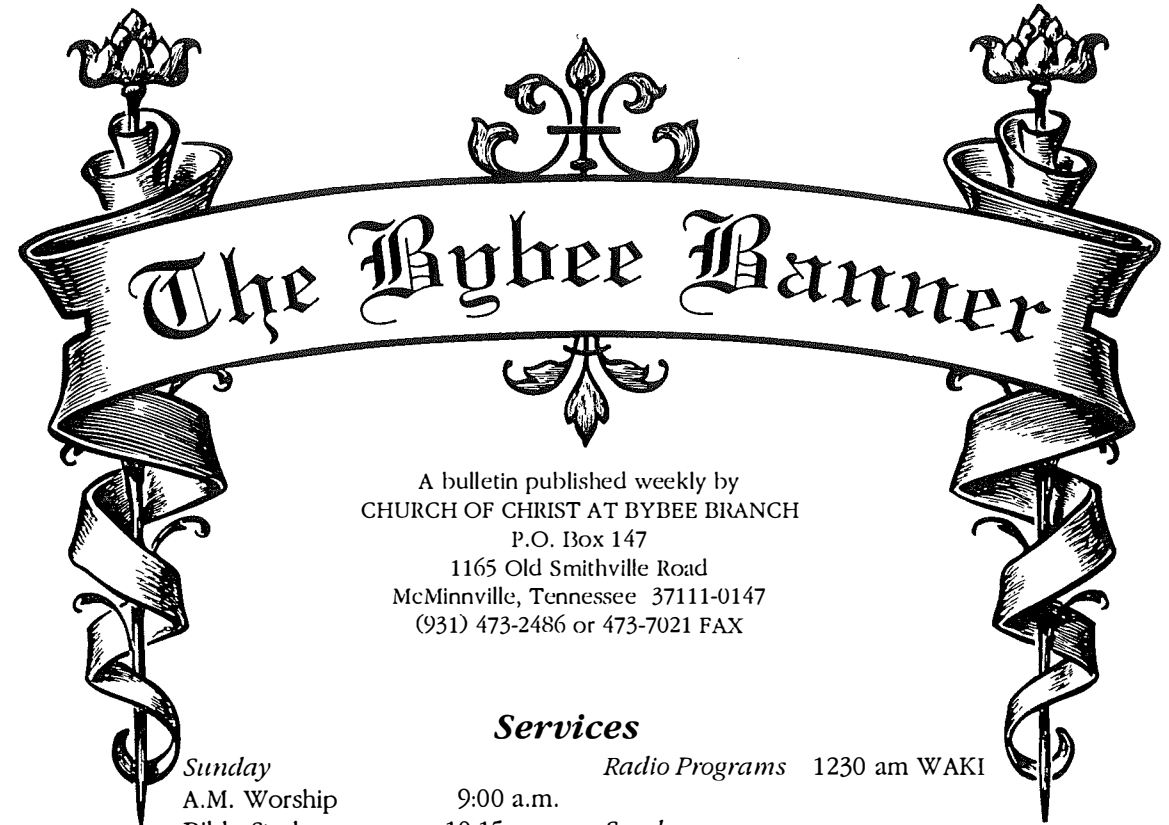
**Pantry Item:** Spaghetti

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## Sick

### At Home:

Dot Foster  
 Robbie Vandagriff  
 Zada Sain  
 Harold Mitchell  
 John Stenbridge  
 Freda Womack  
 Carmen Cagle  
 Willene Kell  
 Minnie Kirby (Glenda Stevens mother)  
 Melba Dodson (Marsha Collins sister)

### In The Hospital:

Charlotte Plott-St. Thomas  
 Irene Simpson-Riverpark

Due to the large number of sick we have had recently it is difficult to keep up on all of them accurately. Please let the announcer or the office know of any changes. Thanks!

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Great Faith In Galilee  
 P.M. .... Giving An Answer To Your Neighbor #2

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Hallie Grider (sister to our Loy Watson). Her funeral service was Tuesday in Louisville, KY.

Sympathy also to the family of Zona Parker (mother of Rosetta Bain). Her funeral was this past Friday in Chattanooga.

## New Arrival

At this writing John & Rachel (Bennett) Everett are at the Centennial Hospital waiting on the birth of their baby boy. Thurman and Hazel are anxiously waiting their new grandson. More details will be given as they become available.

## Bible Bowl

Our young people did it again! They saw the results of hours of diligent study and placed first in the Bible Bowl this month. They only missed one question on the test. In fact, they have missed only three questions all year. Congratulations to the New Hope young people for coming in second and the Mt. Leo congregation for coming in third. Our number that participates is also growing. We had 20 take the test this month.

Next month the Bible Bowl will be at the Woodbury congregation on March 8, with Chad Ramsey speaking. The test will cover Luke 21-24.

Be sure to give the teachers of the Jr. High and Sr. High a pat on the back. They are doing an excellent job on teaching our young people.



"HURRY UP, WOMAN! WE GOT TO GET TO CHURCH EARLY OR WE WON'T GET A BACK SEAT."

## Pearly Gates Story

A man dies and goes to heaven. Of course, St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates.

St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. when you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my contribution and service."

"Terrific!" says St. Peter, "that's certainly worth a point."

"One point? Whew! How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

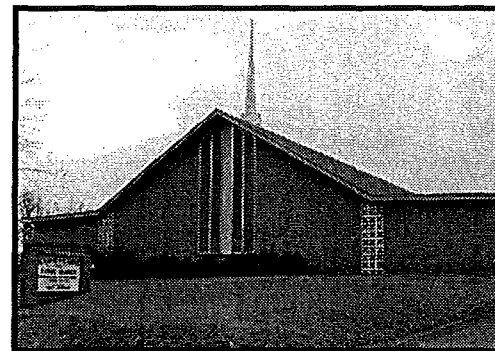
"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"TWO POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!"

~Adapted~

Several asked for a copy of this illustration I used in the lesson last Sunday. Thanks to Leonard for getting it for me. T.L.



## Meeting Advertisement

Our Gospel Meeting and Homecoming is coming up April 19-22, with brother Keith Mosher. Our purpose in this meeting is to reach the non-christians in our community. The lessons will be on first principles. We will use several means to invite our neighbors and friends and one excellent way is to send the post cards with the picture of the building on front. There are several of these on the table in the foyer. Why not pick up several and start now sending them to your friends and former members here?

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Larry Flatt  
 Scripture John 5:24-29  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Don Griffith  
 (S) \*Ken Lee  
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (N) Tom McColloch  
 (S) John Stembridge  
 (S) Matthew Young  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Shannon Griffin  
 Scripture Psalms 139:1-10  
 Lord's Table \*Bob Mayfield  
 \*Ronnie Rogers  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Martin

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Phillip Smith  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Noel Pepper

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Billy & Junetta Gilbert  
 P.M. Joe Maynard Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesey

**Attend Nursery:** Nona Martin

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

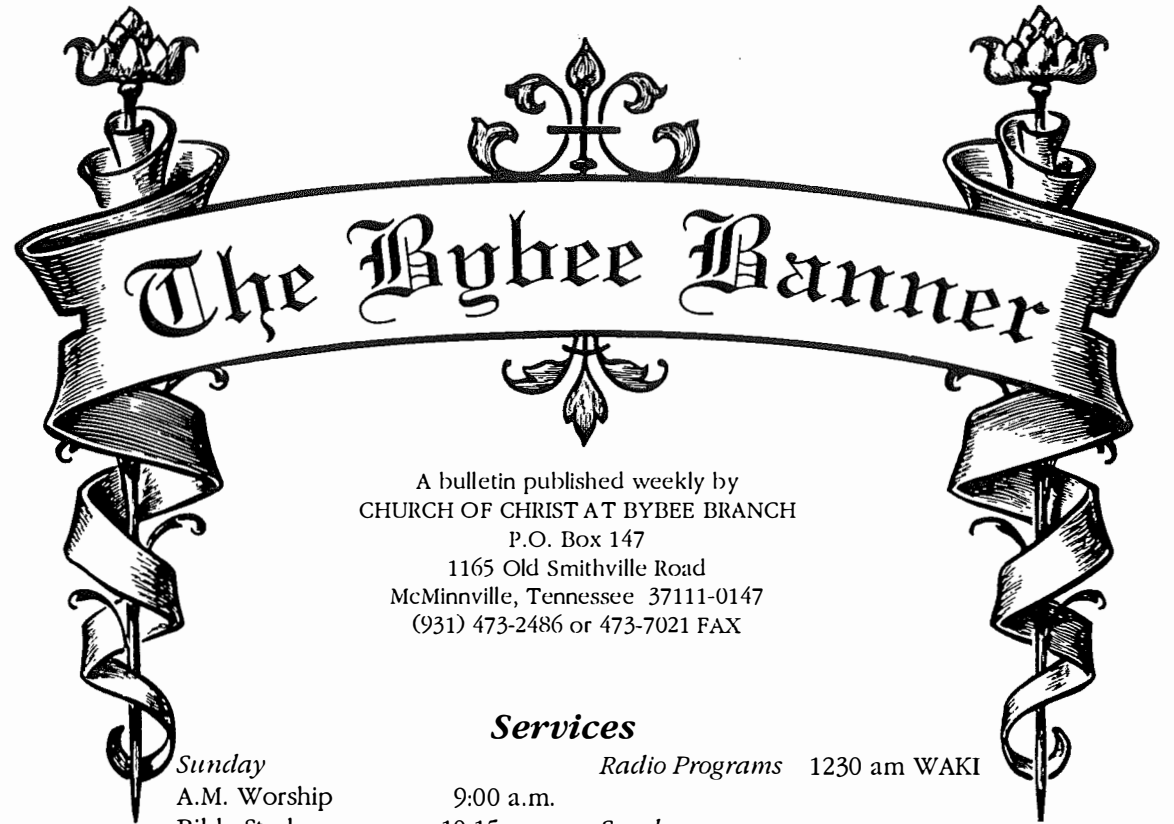
**Pantry Item:** Macaroni & Cheese

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## Sick

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Doris Smith  
 Dora Mae Wilcher  
 Robbie Vandagriff  
 Freda Womack  
 Carmen Cagle  
 Willene Kell  
 Jalesia Johnson

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Melba Dodson (sister to our Marsha Collins). Her funeral was this past Friday.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Irene Simpson. She passed away early Tuesday morning.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Work of Jesus  
 P.M. .... Things God Cannot Do

## New Arrival

John & Rachel Everett are the proud parents of a baby boy, John Harmon Everett IV, born last Tuesday afternoon in Nashville. Mother and baby are fine. Congratulations to the new grandparents, Thurman & Hazel Bennett.

KEITH MOSHER

Gospel

Homecoming

Meeting

APRIL 19-22

## What's Your Favorite Hymn?

**The Dentist's Hymn:** Crown Him with Many Crowns  
**The TV Weatherman's Hymn:** There Shall Be Showers of Blessings  
**The Contractor's Hymn:** The Church's One Foundation  
**The Tailor's Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy  
**The Golfer's Hymn:** There is a Green Hill Far Away  
**The Politician's Hymn:** Standing On the Promises  
**The Optometrist's Hymn:** Open My Eyes That I May See  
**The IRS Hymn:** All to Thee or I Surrender All  
**The Gossiper's Hymn:** Pass It On  
**The Electrician's Hymn:** Send Out Thy Light  
**The Shopper's Hymn:** Sweet By and By

If you must speed on the highway, sing these:  
 45 mph ..... "God Will Take Care of Me"  
 55 mph ..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"  
 65 mph ..... "Nearer My God to Thee"  
 75 mph ..... "Nearer Still Nearer"  
 85 mph ..... "This World is Not My Home"  
 95 mph ..... "Lord, I'm Coming Home"  
 100 mph .... "Precious Memories"

## New Pictorial Church Directory

Plans are underway to produce a new pictorial church directory. Once again, the Olan Mills company will produce the directory. However, this time we will be getting a "loose-leaf" notebook type that can be updated as needed. The dates for the pictures will be May 21-23 and June 5-6. In a few days sister Mary Davis will be in contact with your family to set up a time to have your picture taken. You may want to think about the best time for your family. We want everyone to participate. (Note: as always you are under no obligation to purchase any pictures).

## To My Child: Things I Can And Cannot Do

I can share your life, but I cannot live it for you.  
 I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.  
 I can give you directions, but I cannot always lead you.  
 I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.  
 I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.  
 I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot decide for you.  
 I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.  
 I can teach you to be a friend, but I cannot make you one.  
 I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.  
 I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.  
 I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.  
 I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.  
 I can teach you to obey, but I cannot answer for your actions.  
 I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make your morals.  
 I can love you as my child, but I cannot place you in God's family.  
 I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.  
 I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make him your Savior.  
 I can teach you about prayer, but I cannot make you pray.  
 I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal life.

~Author Unknown~

## I Saw the Strangest Man . . .

He says he believes the Bible is the word of God, but he never reads it.  
 He says the church would be more effective in its ministries if more of its members were really dedicated, but he isn't.  
 He says that church assemblies are times for edification and praise, but he never attends.  
 He says the younger generation needs stronger spiritual values, but he doesn't exemplify them in his life.  
 He says the church isn't doing the work the Lord intends it should do, but he is not working.  
 He says he believes God hears and answers prayers, but he doesn't pray.  
 He says he knows the Lord is coming again, but he lives as though the Lord will never come.  
 A STRANGE MAN, INDEED!

~Copied for The Gospel Light~



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Bill Womack  
 Scripture John 5:31-32  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Jim Slatton  
 (S) \*Frank Reynolds  
 (N) Micah Lawrence  
 (N) Buell Warren  
 (N) Eugene Wilcher  
 (S) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Rodney Maynard  
 (S) John Nussbaum  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading Jeff Templeton  
 Scripture Exodus 20:1-17  
 Lord's Table \*Larry Flatt  
 \*Steve Hillis  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Dale Bennett  
 Reading Leonard Crouch  
 Invitation Ronnie Rogers  
 Dismiss Caleb Graves

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Jason & Sonia Vandagriff  
 P.M. Willie Newby Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Ruby Huntley

**Lock Building:** Dale Bennett

**Pantry Item:** Peanut Butter

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 361  
 Bible Study ..... 245  
 P.M. Worship ..... 257  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 222  
 Contribution ..... \$4,323

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<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Radio Programs</i>	1230 am WAKI
A.M. Worship	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday</i>	
Bible Study	10:15 a.m.	Tony Lawrence	8:00 a.m.
P.M. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Winford Claiborne	8:30 a.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>			
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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 Don Griffith 668-9006  
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 Rodney Reynolds 473-3570

**Deacons**

Steve Boyd W.C. Chilton  
 Leonard Clemons Joe Collins  
 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert  
 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture John 6:26-35  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Chuck Medley  
 (S) \*Bob Bonner  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (N) Kelly Thaxton  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 (S) Shane Fisher  
 (S) Eddie Palmer  
 (S) Harold McGinness  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee  
 Reading David McColloch  
 Scripture Exodus 20:1-17  
 Lord's Table \*Joe T. Cantrell  
 \*Allen Hughes  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Boyd

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Danny Duncan  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Caleb Graves

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Bob & Ada Mayfield  
 P.M. Noel Pepper Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Ronnie Prince

**Attend Nursery:** Lennie Ruth Kesity

**Lock Building:** Dale Bennett

**Pantry Item:** Toothbrush

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	334
Bible Study .....	271
P.M. Worship .....	263
Wednesday Bible Study .....	218
Contribution .....	\$4,233

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## Sick

### At Home:

Carmen Cagle  
Willene Kell  
Lavoy Duncan  
Ryan Kesity  
Sharon Reynolds  
W.C. Chilton

### In The Hospital:

Ada Hensley-Parthenon Pavilion  
Don Johnson-MTMC for surgery on his shoulder

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Bread Of Life  
P.M. .... The Ten Commandments (#2)

## Sympathy

We want to express sympathy to the family of Robert "Doc" Mullican. His funeral was this past Thursday.

## Bible Bowl

There will be a study session this Saturday evening from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Tony & Corretta Lawrence's home. Kids are asked to bring \$2.00.

The Bible Bowl will be this coming Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. at Woodbury. The bus will leave the parking lot at 1:25 SHARP.

## Gospel Meeting

East End church of Christ, March 8-13, services at 7:00 p.m. with James Watkins preaching.

*"I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go into the house of the  
LORD." (Psalms 122:1, NKJV).*

## Shut-ins

*This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch  
Minnie Lane

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

Gospel Meeting  
& Homecoming  
at Bybee Branch  
April 19 - 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
Invite your friends

## Gambling And The Devaluation Of The Christian Work Ethic

Without a doubt, gambling destroys proper work ethics. As God was pronouncing Adam's punishment for partaking of the forbidden fruit, He said: *"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground. . ."* (Genesis 3:19). From that time, it has been God's will that human beings work so that they may enjoy the good things of life. Even when man was still in the garden of Eden, he had a job (Genesis 2:15). The gambler's philosophy of life is to circumvent work by gaining a great reward in return for little or no effort. This is a violation of every principle of the Christian work ethic!

In Colossians 3:22-25, the apostle Paul discussed God's pattern for relationships between slaves and their masters. Today, those same guidelines apply well when discussing relationships between employees and their employers. Paul wrote: *"Servants, obey in all things (your) masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart fearing God"* (Colossians 3:22). Although we may not be happy doing the work that we do, or with the wages that we receive for our work (slaves seldom were), we still owe our employers an honest day's work. We should not be content with only the appearance of hard work, but rather with genuine labor for our wages. Paul also wrote: *"And whatsoever ye do, do (it) heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men"* (Colossians 3:23). Christian workers ought to take pride in a job well done, for it brings honor and glory not only to them, but to God as well (Matthew 5:16). Later, Paul would write of eternal rewards which are reserved for those who live by the Christian work ethic (Colossians 3:24) and would then give them a warning: *"But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done; and there is no respect of persons"* (Colossians 3:25).

Gambling lures us with the promise of *"easy money."* The idea of *"getting something for nothing"* and *"getting rich quick"* appeals to our fleshly lusts. But, *"take heed, and beware of covetousness"* (Luke 12:15), *"for the love of money is the root of all evil"* (I Timothy 6:10). Because there is no sense in which money gotten from gambling has been earned, neither has it been freely given, it is quite logical to conclude that gambling is very much like stealing. In Ephesians 4:28, the Scripture says: *"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."* The gambler's credo of *"maximum reward for minimum effort"* is anti-Biblical. The covetousness which drives gamblers is nothing less than *"idolatry"* (Colossians 3:5).

All Christians should shun the *"siren song"* of the casino, the lottery, and the betting pool, for the treasures that they promise to deliver are not enduring (Hebrews 11:25b). Knowing that *"we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out"* (I Timothy 6:7), we had better *"lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"* (Matthew 6:20, 21). Living and working in accordance with the principles of the Christian work ethic is one way for us to invest in eternity. Attempting to get around these principles through gambling earns only the wages of sin (Romans 6:23). The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica: *"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat"* (II Thessalonians 3:10). Sadly, there are many who cannot eat because they have gambled away their money. Don't let this happen to you.

~Russell Kline~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture John 7:40-43  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Phillip Smith  
 (S) \*Lemmie Bratten  
 (N) Joe Maynard  
 (N) Bran Merritt  
 (N) Tyler Boyd  
 (S) Joey Reynolds  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 (S) Jeff Bond  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Tom McColloch  
 Scripture Exodus 20:1-17  
 Lord's Table \*Doug Hendrixson  
 \*Ken Lee  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert  
 Reading Noel Pepper  
 Invitation Joe Collins  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. David & Iona King  
 P.M. Rodney & Patsy Reynolds

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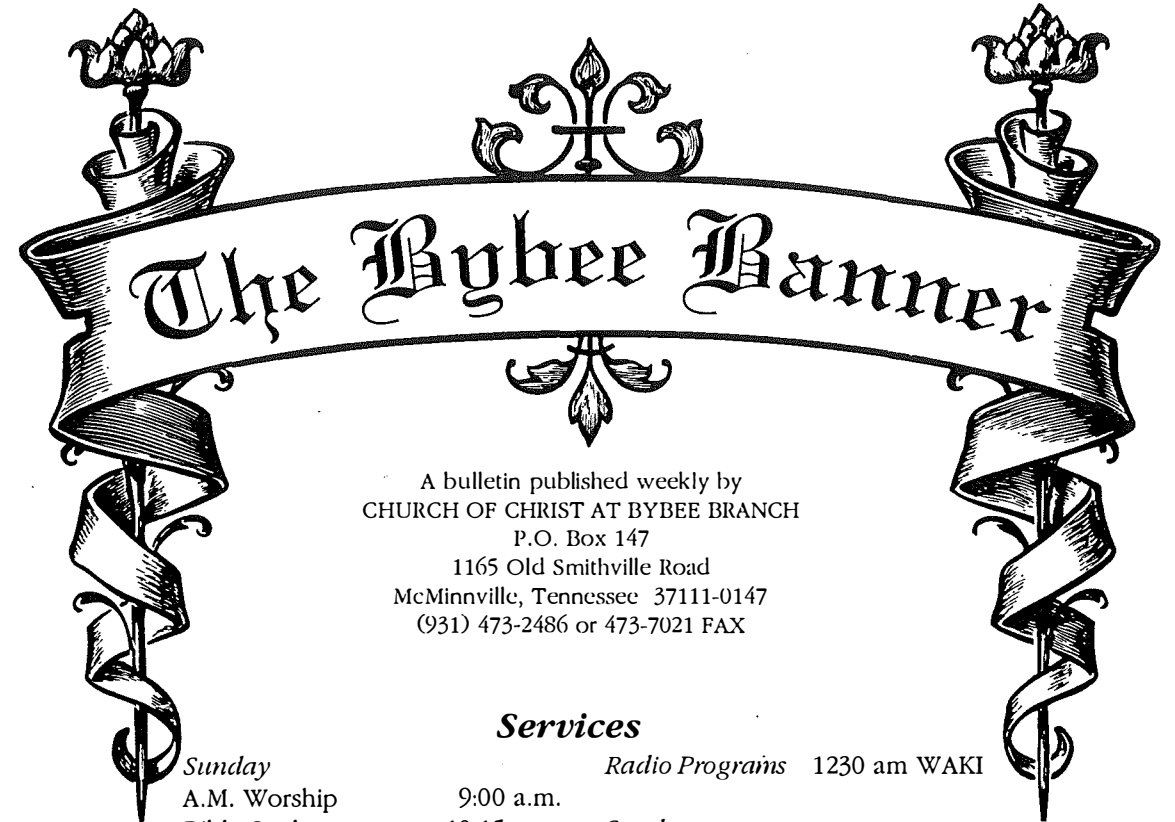
**Pantry Item:** Shampoo

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 307  
 Bible Study ..... 237  
 P.M. Worship ..... 206  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 220  
 Contribution ..... \$4,711

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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Willene Kell  
Don Johnson  
Jessica Templeton  
Matthew Young

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Who Is This Jesus?

P.M. .... The Ten Commandments (#3)

## Sympathy

We want to express sympathy to the family of Carmen Cagle (sister to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin). She passed away Sunday morning and her funeral was Tuesday.

## Gospel Meeting

**East End church of Christ**, March 8-13, services at 7:00 p.m. with James Watkins preaching.

**Central church of Christ**, March 29-April 1, services at 7:00 p.m. with Billy Smith preaching.

Don't forget our that our Gospel Meeting is just weeks away! Be sure to start now inviting your friends and family. Make a list of those you would like to come and send them cards, call them, or visit them to invite them to attend at least one service of the meeting. This will also be our Homecoming. Let all former members know.

## Welcome

We want to welcome Kraig and Heather Campbell to Bybee Branch. They live at 119 Westwood Drive (473-0740). They come to us from the Red Bank congregation in Chattanooga. Make them feel welcome!

## Bible Bowl — 1st Place

Our young people did it again! They came in first place in the Bible Bowl this past Sunday afternoon at the Woodbury congregation. They did not miss any on the test, and in fact they only missed three questions all year!

There were 276 present Sunday afternoon. What a great thrill to see so many young people interested in studying the Bible! Congratulations to the New Hope congregation for coming in second, Woodbury third, and Mt. Leo and Ivy Bluff tying for fourth for the season.

### "Don't Take My Name Off The Roll"

Over and over we hear the statement: "Don't take my name off the roll." We hear it often when a new membership directory is compiled.

Some become most indignant at the thought of their name no longer being listed among the faithful of a local congregation.

Strange isn't it? The saving power we seem to ascribe to a man-made roll. Yet, how little importance many of these seem to place on faithful worship and service. How strange our sense of values!

The church roll is kept in order that members may know where others live. It is kept for the purpose of mailing information and exhortation into each home. But . . . there is no saving power in a church roll.

Why should one even want his name on the roll of a church which he does not attend, whose local program he does not support, and to which he will not respond when called upon to help in serving the Lord and Lord's people?

Taking the name of such a person from the church roll does not remove him from the church. By his own neglect and indifference he has already separated himself from his Savior. His name has long since been blotted out of the Book of Life.

~W.P. Dennis~  
Roscoe, Texas

## The Golden Rule

### Matthew 7:12

Be what you want others to be.  
Say what you want others to say to you.  
Love like you want to be loved.  
Live like you want others to live around you.  
Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.  
Sing like you want our singing to be.  
Be as faithful in worship as you want your children to be.  
Serve like you want to be served.  
Smile like you want others to smile around you.  
Pray for others like you want others to pray for you.  
Care for others because you want to be cared for.  
Forgive others because you need others to forgive you.  
Be there for others because some day you will need others to be there for you.  
Compliment others because you need them to compliment you.  
Comfort others and those around you will become a comfort to you.  
Strengthen others and those around you will become your strength.  
Be Christ-like and those around you will be Christ like too.  
Rejoice in the Lord and those around you will rejoice.

~Ken Hinkley~  
Winnsboro, TX

## Solomon Says...

*"A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones." (Proverbs 17:22, NKJV).*

*"Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive." (Proverbs 17:28, NKJV).*

*"Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease." (Proverbs 22:10, NKJV).*

*"He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, And he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty." (Proverbs 22:16, NKJV).*

*"Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel". (Proverbs 20:17, NKJV).*

*"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1, NKJV).*

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield  
 Reading Joe Roller  
 Scripture John 8:31-32  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Noel Pepper  
 (S) \*Willie Newby  
 (N) Shannon Griffin  
 (N) Ken Martin  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (S) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Lynn Gann  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dale Bennett

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Allen Hughes  
 Reading Steve Boyd  
 Scripture Exodus 20:1-17  
 Lord's Table \*Chip Cantrell  
 \*Chuck Boles  
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 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
 Lead Singing Tyler Boyd  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Don Griffith  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
 P.M. Phillip Smith Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

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**Attend Nursery:** Regina Templeton

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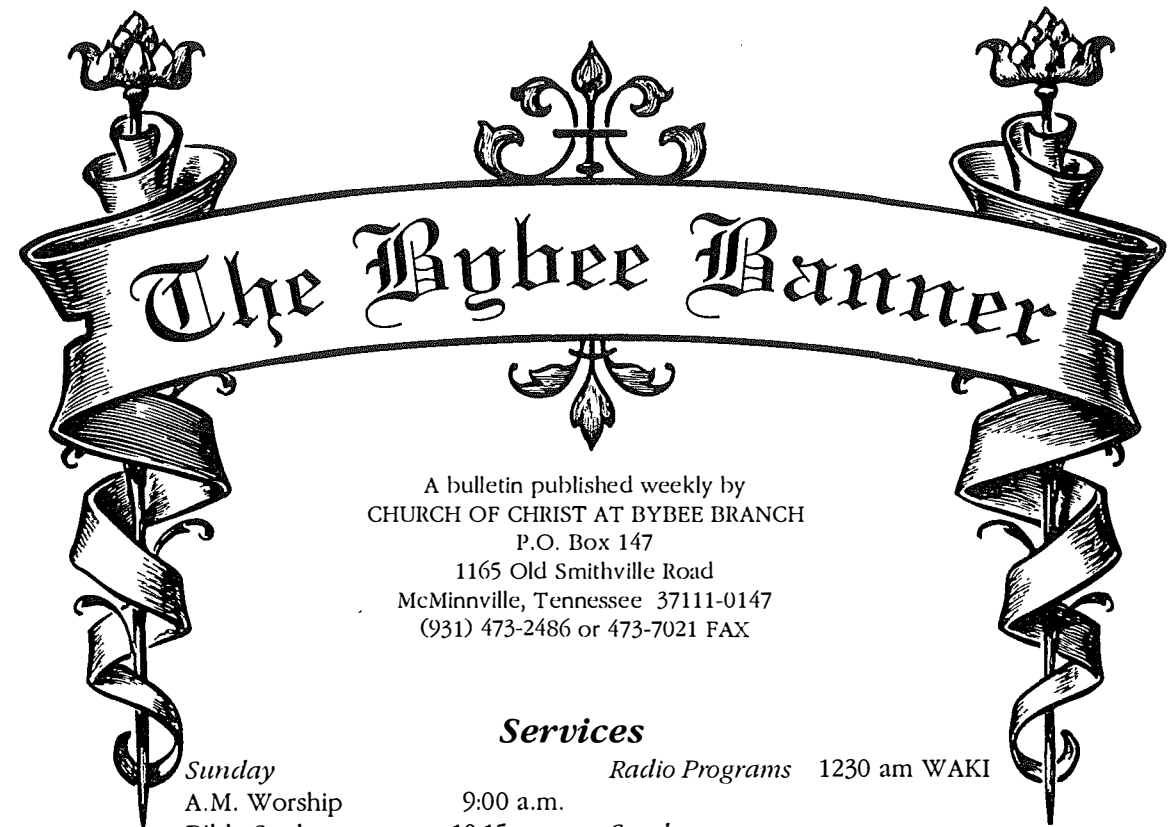
**Pantry Item:** Pork & Beans

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	314
Bible Study .....	247
P.M. Worship .....	239
Wednesday Bible Study .....	172
Contribution .....	\$4,084

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## Sick

### At Home:

Willene Kell  
Jonathan & Jarah Anderson

### In The Hospital:

Clyde Paris (brother-in-law to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)-MTMC/Murfreesboro

## Sympathy

We want to express sympathy to the family of Foy Stiles (the son-in-law of our Eunice Simpson). He passed away Sunday with the funeral on Wednesday.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Truth Will Make You Free!  
P.M. .... The Ten Commandments (#4)

## Gospel Meeting

*Arlington church of Christ*, March 22-26, services at 7:00 p.m. with Dennis Gullede preaching.

*Central church of Christ*, March 29-April 1, services at 7:00 p.m. with Billy Smith preaching.

*Bybee Branch church of Christ*, April 19-22, services at 7:00 p.m. with Keith Mosher preaching.

## Welcome

We want to welcome Ricky, Rita, Amy and Holly Prince to Bybee Branch. Their address is 919 Green Hill Road, Smithville, TN 37166 and phone 615-597-4228.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalms 19:14, NKJV).*

## "Christianity" in Action?

I was hungry  
and you formed  
a humanities club  
and discussed my hunger.  
Thank you.

I was naked  
and in your mind  
you debated the morality of my  
appearance.

I was homeless  
and you preached to me  
of the shelter  
of the love of God.

I was lonely  
and you left me alone  
to pray for me.

You seem so holy,  
so close to God.  
But I'm still very hungry,  
and lonely,  
and cold.

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"DON'T YOU HAVE IT ON VIDEO?"

## Our Gospel Meeting

Each letter of the word "gospel" stands for something important.

**GOOD NEWS.** The Gospel is the good news of what the Lord has done for us in providing eternal life for the world. Jesus came to this world that is full of sin and sorrow and lived among men. He taught the truth and lived it. He would eventually lose His life because He wanted the world to know the good news. He was crucified and, on the third day, He arose from the grave. Surely, the Gospel is GOOD NEWS!

**OPTIMISTIC NEWS.** The Gospel tells us that everyone has a chance to go to heaven. Anyone, no matter their background or social standing can come to the Lord because of the Gospel. Jesus said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

**SAVING NEWS.** The workings of Satan and the sinful action of the world have brought about loss and grief, but the good news brings about salvation. Romans 1:16 reads: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation. . ." Yes, my friends, this is saving news.

**POWERFUL NEWS.** Look at the lives it has touched. Think of the power residing in the Gospel! It can penetrate the darkest corner of the world and bring about a change that is astounding. It can turn fears to courage, losses to victories, and suffering to joy. Yes, it is a powerful Gospel.

**EXAMINING NEWS.** When we look into the Gospel, it is looking into us. The Gospel will cause us all to examine our lives and see if we are living in conjunction with its precepts. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Knew ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Corinthians 13:5).

**LOVING NEWS.** The greatest love story ever told is written in the pages of the Gospel. God's fierce love for us brought about the death of His Son. Yes, my friend, it is GOOD NEWS!

~Brian Adkins~  
via Massillon, Ohio

*Don't forget to start early inviting your friends, family and former members to our Homecoming / Gospel Meeting. There are still plenty of postcards on the table in the foyer. If we try we can have over 400 for our Sunday morning service!*



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Tim Fisher  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Scripture John 9:31-33  
 Lord's Table (N) \*John Biddle  
 (S) \*Thurman Bennett  
 (N) Matthew Young  
 (N) Brandon McGinness  
 (N) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) Danny Duncan  
 (S) Joe Collins  
 (S) Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-6418) Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing Tyler Boyd  
 First Prayer Joey Reynolds  
 Reading Shane Fisher  
 Scripture Luke 17:32  
 Lord's Table \*Dennis Gann  
 \*Lynn Gann  
 Sermon Ronnie Rogers  
 Dismiss Micah Lawrence

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements Tim Fisher  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Joe T. Cantrell  
 Invitation Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss Jeff Bond

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Bill & Freda Womack  
 P.M. Ronnie Prince Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Bob Cantrell & Jeff Templeton

**Attend Nursery:** Dana Roller

**Lock Building:** Dale Bennett

**Pantry Item:** Green Beans

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	378
Bible Study .....	233
P.M. Worship .....	253
Wednesday Bible Study .....	241
Contribution .....	\$4,119

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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

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## Sick

### At Home:

Eugene & Georgia Jones  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Clyde Paris

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

Elders and deacons are reminded of their meeting this Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

## Sunday's Sermons

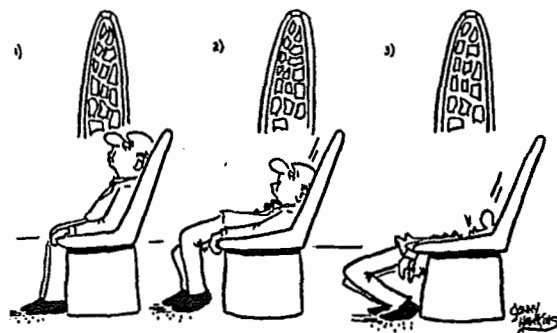
A.M. .... Blind, Badgered, And Becomes A Believer  
P.M. .... Guest Speaker: Ronnie Rogers

## Gospel Meetings

*Arlington church of Christ*, March 22-26, services at 7:00 p.m. with Dennis Gullede preaching.

*Central church of Christ*, March 29-April 1, services at 7:00 p.m. with Billy Smith preaching.

*Bybee Branch church of Christ*, April 19-22, services at 7:00 p.m. with Keith Mosher preaching.



GOING ... GOING ... GONE.

## New Arrivals

Congratulations to new grandmother Clercie Delon. Her new granddaughter, Emily Catherine Colvin, was born last Monday.

Congratulations to Huston & Lisa Thaxton on the birth of their daughter, Katelon Nicole, born last Wednesday. Grandparents are Kelly & Kathy Thaxton and great grandmother is Mildred Gambrell.

## Sabbath Violations

Some asked for the thirty-nine things that the Rabbis said that one should not do on the Sabbath. Below is a quotation from C.K. Barrett's *The New Testament Background: Selected Documents*, p. 154.

"The main classes of work are forty save one: sowing, ploughing, reaping, binding sheaves, threshing, winnowing, cleansing crops, grinding, sifting, kneading, baking, shearing wool, washing or beating or dyeing it, spinning, weaving, making two loops, weaving two threads, separating two threads, tying [a knot], loosening [a knot], sewing two stitches, tearing in order to sew two stitches, hunting a gazelle, slaughtering or flaying or salting it or curing its skin, scraping it or cutting it up, writing two letters, erasing in order to write two letters, building, pulling down, putting out a fire, lighting a fire, striking with a hammer and taking out aught from one domain into another. These are the main classes of work: forty save one."

## Youth Visitation

The young people will visit the elderly and shut-in this Saturday from 10-12.

## Fifth Sunday

This coming Sunday will be the fifth Sunday. The contribution this Sunday will be used to retire the debt for the new construction last year. The current balance is approximately \$33,000.

Also, the young men will conduct the services this Sunday evening.

## PEW POTATOES

Couch potatoes may be the kings and queens of the sofa, but some individuals reign as sovereigns of the pew. Couch potatoes may expend more energy with the TV remote than pew potatoes do with their Bible or hymnals. The pew potato is a Christian who has become inactive or has retired because of what he/she perceives to be sufficient years of service.

Sometimes pew potatoes are in the church building, albeit semi-comatose, every Sunday. On occasion, pew potatoes are semi-alert. Other pew potatoes are absent for weeks or months before resuming their position on the bench.

How does one know if he or she is a pew potato? Check these definitions and see if they contain enough truth to make us squirm.

You might be a pew potato if:

- \*Your congregation changed ministers and you did not notice for six months.
- \*You cannot remember what the sermon was about and the preacher is still talking.
- \*You cannot find your Bible because it is propping up the broken leg of your couch.
- \*When you hear the *plan of redemption* you think of the grocery store's double coupon policy.
- \*You give more to the local cable company each month than you do to the Lord's Church.
- \*Your idea of mission work is singing "Send the Light"
- \*People introduce themselves to you at church although you have been a member for nine years.
- \*If the last time you helped with Vacation Bible School was before air conditioning.
- \*You think visiting the sick means taking an aspirin to your spouse.
- \*If the only Peter, Paul and Mary you are familiar with once sang a song called "Puff the Magic Dragon" or if you think "Jude" is half of the title to the Beatles song.
- \*If you interpret "Shall We Gather at the River" as an invitation to a picnic.

A pew is a fixed bench with a back. A potato is a tuber that is a fleshly, rounded growth of an underground stem. Let's make up our minds not to become little round mounds rooted to the seats in our auditoriums. If we are to be compared to any kind of plant, let it be Kudzu. Then, we can take over the world for the Lord.

~submitted~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Ricky Prince  
 Reading Chuck Boles  
 Scripture John 10:1-6  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 (S) \*Dale Bennett  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (N) Dickie Kesey  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (S) Marty Boles  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 (S) Jim Slatton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Billy Gilbert

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Lemmie Bratten  
 Scripture Exodus 20:12  
 Lord's Table \*Phillip Smith  
 \*W.C. Chilton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Scott Griffith

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements Tim Fisher  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Kelly Thaxton  
 Invitation Larry Flatt  
 Dismiss Steve Boyd

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Kraig & Heather Campbell  
 P.M. Allen Hughes Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Bernice Fults

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

**Pantry Item:** Baby Juices

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	318
Bible Study .....	252
P.M. Worship .....	223
Wednesday Bible Study .....	196
Contribution .....	\$4,116

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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Willene Kell

### In The Hospital:

Robbie Vandagriff-Riverpark

We were happy to see several back after being sick this past Sunday.

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Hesper Reynolds (brother of our Rodney Reynolds). His funeral was this past Saturday in East Peoria, IL.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Good Shepherd  
P.M. .... The Ten Commandments #5

Many thanks to Ronnie Rogers for the excellent lesson presented last Sunday evening as well as all of the young men that participated in the program.

## Gospel Meetings

**Central church of Christ**, March 29-April 1, services at 7:00 p.m. with Billy Smith preaching.

**Keltonburg church of Christ**, March 29-April 1, services at 7:30 p.m. with Jimmy Wright preaching.

**Leoni church of Christ**, April 5-8, services at 7:00 p.m.

**Shady Grove church of Christ**, April 10-12, services at 7:00 p.m. with Dan Jones preaching.

**Morrison church of Christ**, April 12-16, services at 7:00 p.m. with Hardeman Nichols preaching.

**Bybee Branch church of Christ**, April 19-22, services at 7:00 p.m. with Keith Mosher preaching.

## Baby Shower

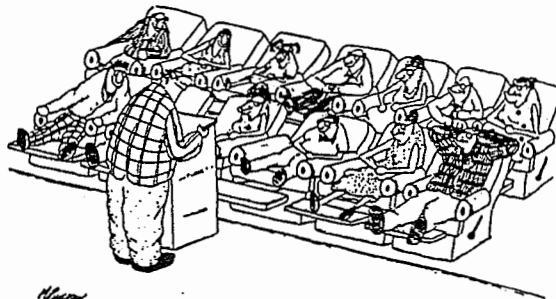
There will be a baby shower in honor of Rachel Bennett Everett, this Sunday, April 5, from 1-3, in the fellowship room,



REMEMBER! The time changes this Sunday morning to Daylight Savings Time. You will need to set your clock FORWARD one hour. We would not want any to be late for services this Sunday morning. Hint, Hint!

## Letters for Joneboro

As was mentioned this past Sunday, several of those involved in the Jonesboro, AR shooting tragedy were members of the Lord's church. The teacher that was killed, Shannon Wright was a member at the Bono congregation. One of the other teachers that was wounded, Lynette Thetford, is the wife of one of the elders of the Bono congregation. Candice Porter, who was one of the wounded students attends the Bono congregation with her parents. Several letters were sent together earlier in the week. If you wish to forward a letter to any of these, send them in care of the Bono Church of Christ; P.O. Box 129, Bono, AR 72416,



Harvey

ATTENDANCE INCREASED BY 60 PERCENT AFTER THE RECLINERS WERE INSTALLED.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Adelia Smith		THURMAN & HAZEL BENNETT
			1	2	3	4
Brenda Bratten Sherry Graves	Edna Lee Smith Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles	Christine Cantrell				Dora Wilcher
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt Leo 7:00 PM	CECIL & NAN CANTRELL	Eugene Wilcher Donna Anderson	Betty Lane		Wanda Hendrixson Frank Reynolds
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
J.B. & CHRISTINE GRIBBLE Lynette Maynard Hannah Maynard	Tamara Campbell Tony Lawrence STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS	Jane Golden Denice Reynolds	Cody Lee Prince Junetta Gilbert		Betty Hill	
Gospel Meeting with Keith Mosher — 7:00 PM						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Leslie Caldwell Angie Caldwell Betsy Hill	Lemmie Bratten					
	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt Leo 7:00 PM					
26	27	28	29	30		

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Dennis Gann  
 Reading Jeff Flatt  
 Scripture John 11:21-27  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Hillis  
 (S) \*Danny Duncan  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (N) Eugene Wilcher  
 (N) Bob Cantrell  
 (S) David McColloch  
 (S) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Caleb Graves  
 Scripture Exodus 20:13  
 Lord's Table \*Willie Newby  
 \*Joe Collins  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements Tim Fisher  
 Lead Singing Tyler Boyd  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading Shane Fisher  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ricky Prince Family  
 P.M. Johnny Anderson Family

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**Attend Nursery:** Ada Mayfield

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

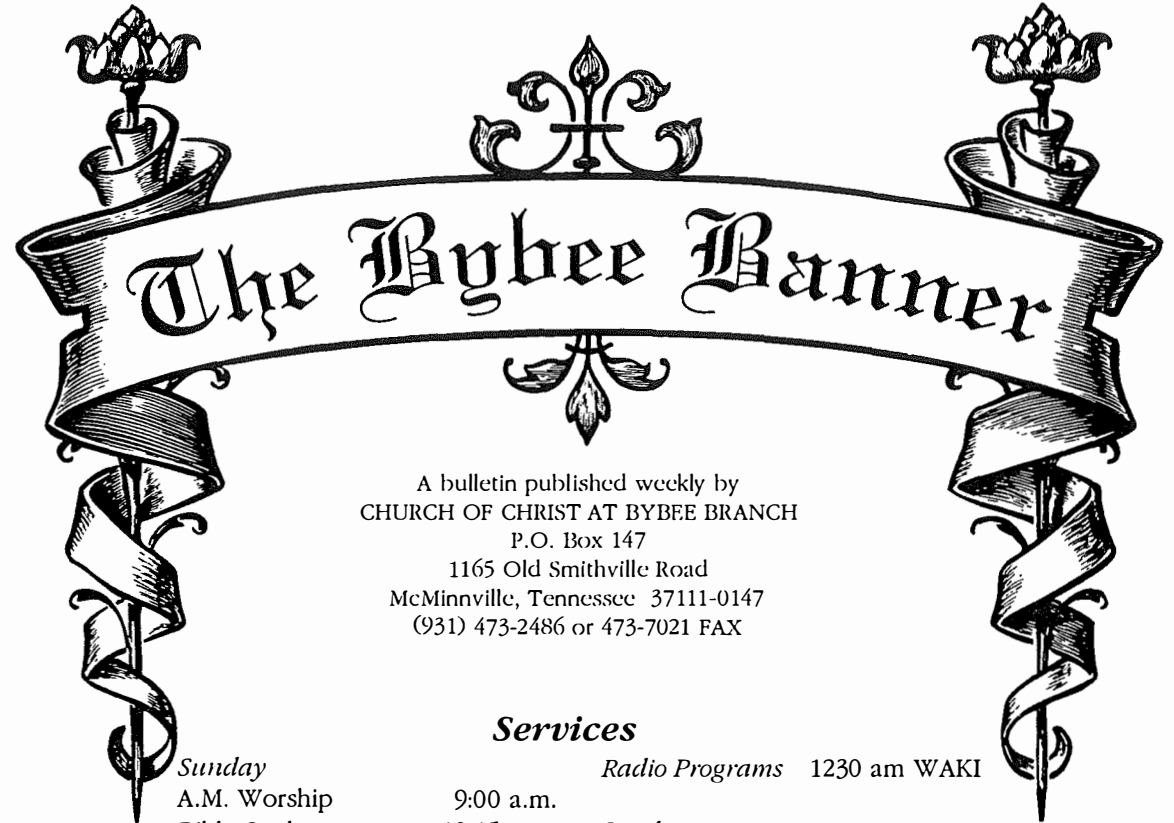
**Pantry Item:** Crackers

**Record For The Week...**

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Bible Study .....	263
P.M. Worship .....	241
Wednesday Bible Study .....	217
Contribution .....	\$5,960

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Caleb Hughes*

### In The Hospital:

*Robbie Vandagriff-Riverpark*

*Clyde Christian-Baptist (#8703)*

*Jean Clendenon (mother of Dana Roller, sister to Joe Maynard & Gail Crouch)-St. Thomas*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Lazarus, Come Forth!

P.M. .... The Ten Commandments #6

## Gospel Meetings

*Shady Grove church of Christ*, April 10-12, services at 7:00 p.m. with Dan Jones preaching.

*Morrison church of Christ*, April 12-16, services at 7:00 p.m. with Hardeman Nichols preaching.

*West Riverside church of Christ*, April 15-19, services at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.

*Bybee Branch church of Christ*, April 19-22, services at 7:00 p.m. with Keith Mosher preaching.

## Ladies Day

The *Central church of Christ* will have a Ladies Day on Saturday, April 18, beginning at 10:00 am. The speaker will be Jane Brown.

## Family Seminar

The West Sparta church of Christ, will have a Family Seminar on Saturday, April 18, Lesson at 5:00 pm. will be directed toward the young people and the 7:00 pm. lesson toward the parents. Dick Weber will be teaching.

## Shut-ins

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

*Houston Stiles*

*Carol Sue Taylor*

*Belle Young*

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

*Nora Lee Griffith*

### Raintree Health Care Center:

*Yuriko Biles*

*Edith Morrow*

*Flossie Smartt*

### Woodbury Nursing Home

*Marvin Crouch*

*Minnie Lane*

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

*Edith Collins*

### Home:

*Katherine Bennett*

*Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)*

*Rozelle Goodman*

*Willene Kell*

*Joe Maxwell*

*Harold & Pearl Mitchell*

*Bessie Parker*

*June Slatton*

*Bertha Stewart*

*Magdalene Taylor*

## Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower in honor of Lisa Thaxton this Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. in the church fellowship room.

## Library Books

The Library is for the church use, but when you finish with the book, please return it promptly. There may be others wanting to use it. Presently there are a number of books that have been out a long time.

## Heaven's Store

Sometime ago, while strolling through the path of Life I came across a sign that read: "HEAVEN'S STORE." As I approached it, the door opened slowly and before realizing it, I found myself inside.

I saw a multitude of Angels. One of them handed me a Basket and said: - Take this Basket and get everything a good Christian needs.

First I bought Patience and after that Love located in the same aisle. I also got two boxes of Wisdom and two bags of Faith, I was enchanted with the packaging of Forgiveness so I took it. I bought Strength and Courage to help me through Life. And when my Basket was almost full I remembered my need of Salvation, which was being offered free. Of this last item I took plenty for myself and also for my entire family.

I walked toward the Cashier to pay for the Goods in my Basket, making sure I had in it everything a good Christian needs: but when near the register I saw Prayer and put it in the Basket for I knew I needed it a lot.

Peace and Contentment were to be found in the smaller shelves located by the Cashier and took them both. Happiness was hanging from the ceiling and took one for myself.

I asked the Cashier how much I owed him for the contents of my Basket. He smiled and said: - Take your Basket wherever you may go.

Yes, I know: but how much do I owe you?

He smiled once again and said:

Do not worry, JESUS paid your debt a long time ago.

~submitted~

## It BEARS Repeating

We don't have much right to complain about mistakes made by people who are doing the work we should be doing.

The fault-finder reveals no one's faults more clearly than his own.

The person who knows everything still has a lot to learn.

Some folks have the right aim in life, but they never pull the trigger.

When we die, we leave behind us all that we have, and take with us all we are.



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 (N) Kraig Campbell  
 (N) Jeff Bond  
 (N) Brett Merritt  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (S) Shannon Griffin  
 (S) J.B. Gribble  
 Sermon Keith Mosher  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer John Biddle  
 Reading Kurt Maynard  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Johnny Anderson  
 \*Jeff Flatt  
 Sermon Keith Mosher  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Gospel Meeting

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Jeff Templeton Family  
 P.M. Lawrence & Betty Lane & Miranda

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Ronnie Rogers & Rodney Maynard

**Attend Nursery:** Becky Maynard

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

**Pantry Item:** Jelly

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 Bible Study ..... 251  
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 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 236  
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### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff  
Eugene Wilcher  
Matthew Young

### In The Hospital:

Mildred Gambrell-St. Thomas  
Jean Clendenon (mother of Dana Roller, sister  
to Joe Maynard & Gail Crouch)-St. Thomas  
Jalesia Johnson-Middle Tennessee Medical  
Center/Murfreesboro (knee surgery Friday)  
Audrey Matlock (sister of Carolyn Cantrell)-  
critical condition Lakeland Hospital, 31 N.  
St. Joseph Ave, Niles, MI 49120

## Gospel Meetings

West Riverside church of Christ, April 15-19, services  
at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.

Berea church of Christ, April 16-19, services at 7:00  
p.m. with Tim Long preaching.

Bybee Branch church of Christ, April 19-22, services  
at 7:00 p.m. with Keith Mosher preaching.

## Lectureship

The Wards Chapel church of Christ will have a  
Lectureship on "The Compelling Power Of The Cross,  
April 25, from 9-5.

## Ladies Day

The Central church of Christ will have a Ladies Day  
on Saturday, April 18, beginning at 10:00 am. The  
speaker will be Jane Brown.

## Ladies Retreat

The Ladies Retreat will be May 1-2, in Franklin, TN.  
The balance of your money should be turned in this  
week to either Carol Boyd or Donna Newby.

## WHERE "U" ARE NEEDED

"U" are needed in Bible ST\_DY.

Not in "ignorance".

"U" are needed in S\_PPORT!

Not in "neglect."

"U" are needed in \_\_NITY!

Not in "partyism" or "division."

"U" are needed in D\_TY!

Not in "irresponsibility."

"U" are needed in B\_ILDING!

Not in "tearing down."

"U" are needed in the CH\_RCH!

Not in the "world."

THE CHURCH NEEDS "U" AND  
MORE THAN THAT "U" NEED THE CHURCH!

## Restoration

We rejoice that sister Judy Payne came forward  
Sunday evening requesting the prayers of the  
congregation.

## Meeting Visitation

This Thursday evening there will be several meeting  
at the building to go out to invite people to our Gospel  
Meeting at 6:30 pm. You are encouraged to come!

## Meeting Meals

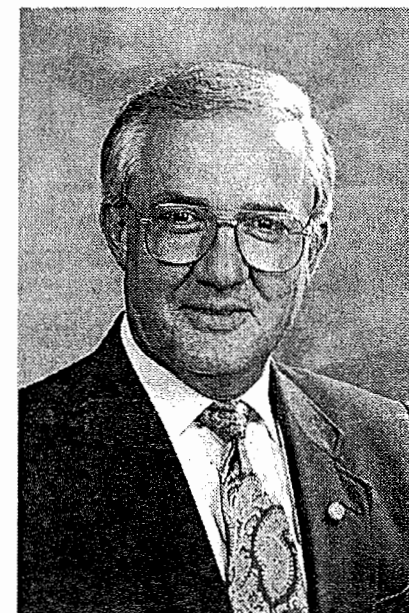
There will be a covered dish meal next Sunday  
morning following classes at 11:30 am. The evening  
meals will be served by the visitation teams.

Monday night..... Teams 6 & 7

Tuesday night ..... Teams 1 & 4

Wednesday night..... Teams 2 & 3

# Gospel Meeting & Homecoming



Guest Speaker  
Keith Mosher  
Instructor at Memphis School of Preaching

## April 19-22

Service Times:

Sunday — 9:00, 10:15 am & 6:00 pm

Monday-Wednesday — 7:00 pm



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Joe Collins  
 Reading Doug Hendrixson  
 Scripture John 12:12-16  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Allen Hughes  
 (S) \*Bob Mayfield  
 (N) Shane Fisher  
 (N) Harley Northcutt  
 (N) Noel Pepper  
 (S) Jason Vandagriff  
 (S) Steve Wilcher  
 (S) Tyler Boyd  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Willie Newby

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Bob Bonner  
 Scripture Exodus 20:14; Romans 13:9  
 Lord's Table \*Steve Boyd  
 \*Ken Martin  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements Tim Fisher  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Rodney Reynolds  
 Invitation Scott Griffith  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Don Sullivan Family  
 P.M. Lemmie & Brenda Bratten

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesey

**Attend Nursery:** Rita Prince

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

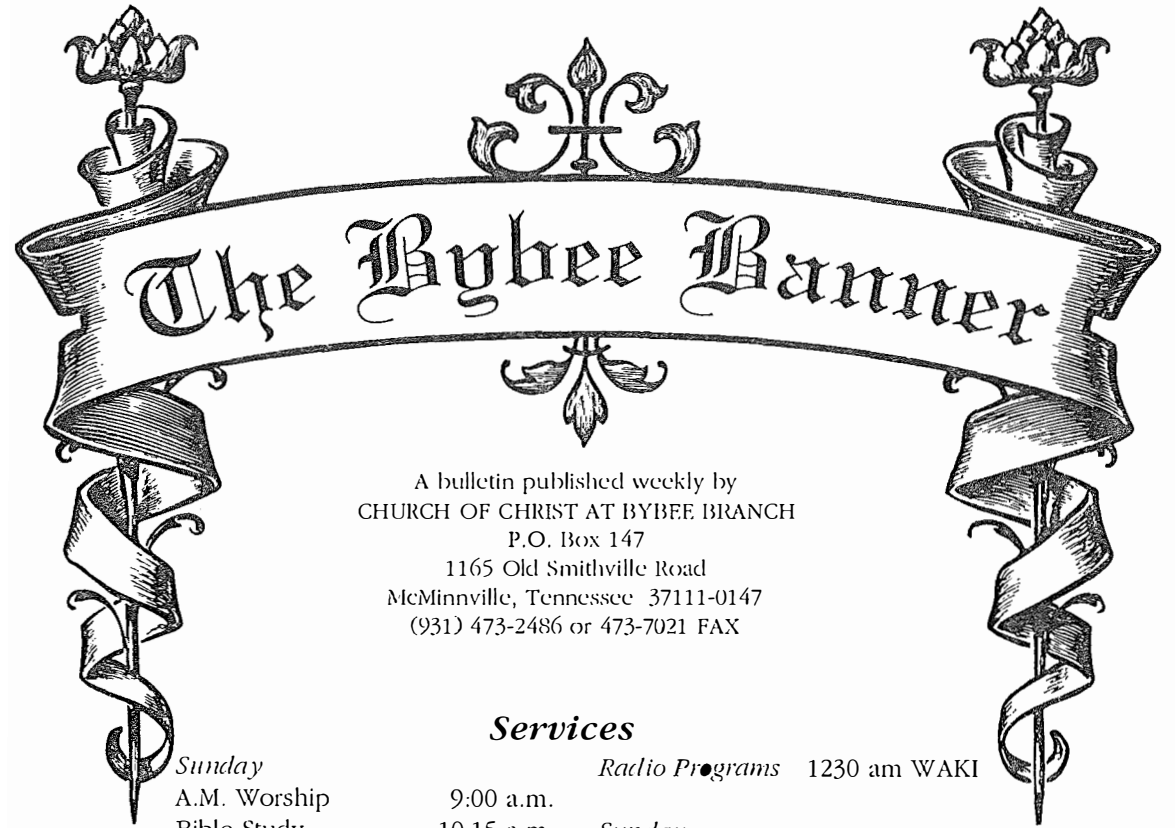
**Pantry Item:** Fruit Cocktail

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	351
Bible Study .....	264
P.M. Worship .....	306
Wednesday Bible Study .....	222
Contribution .....	\$4,112

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## Sick

### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff  
Jalesia Johnson  
Ada Hensley  
Matthew Young  
Bill Womack (after outpatient surgery)

### In The Hospital:

Jean Clendenon (mother of Dana Roller; sister to Joe Maynard & Gail Crouch)-St. Thomas  
Audrey Matlock (sister of Carolyn Cantrell)-critical condition Lakeland Hospital, 31 N. St. Joseph Ave, Niles, MI 49120  
Nora Lee Griffith-Riverpark

## Gospel Meetings

Bluff Spings church of Christ, April 22-25, services at 7:30 p.m. with different speakers each evening.

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 3-8, services at 7:30 p.m. with different speakers each evening.

## Lectureship

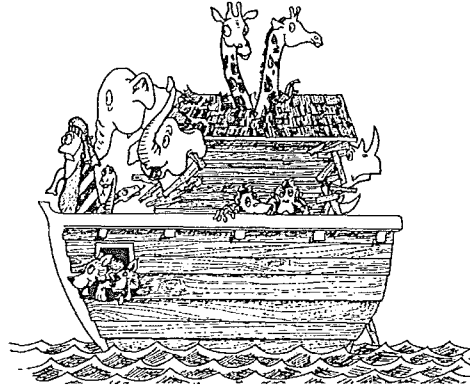
The Wards Chapel church of Christ will have a Lectureship on "The Compelling Power Of The Cross, April 25, from 9-5.

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Mark Mason (nephew of our Drucilla Crouch) his funeral was Sunday afternoon.

## Restorations & Baptism

There have been ten precious souls that have requested prayers this past week. Lou Leatherwood and Robbie Vandagriff asked for prayers last week. On Sunday Tyler Boyd, Bran Merritt, Glenda Solomon, Regina Templeton, Lisa Chilton, Cecil Cantrell and Nan Cantrell came forward requesting prayers. Monday afternoon Harold McGinness requested prayer. We were thrilled Monday evening afterservices to see Layne Medley baptized into Christ.

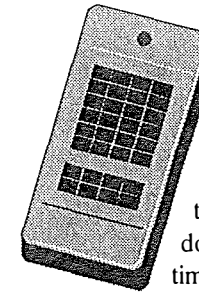


There is a great comparison between the ark and the church:

1. There was one ark and there is only one church (Mt. 16:18; Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:4).
2. One door in the ark and there is only one door into the church (Jn. 10:7,9; 3:3-5; 10:1).
3. One window and there is only one light for the Lords church (Ps. 119:105,130; Jn. 3:19).
4. One family was on the ark and there is only one family in the church and they are the children of God (Eph. 3:15)
5. One name in the ark and one for the church (Acts 4:12; 5:41; 1 Peter 4:16).
6. The saved were in the ark and the saved today are in the church (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 2:16; 2 Tim 2:10).
7. Those that were in the ark were transported by water and those in the church were saved by baptism (1 Peter 3:21).
8. Humble, obedient went in, humble and obedient enter the church (Mt. 18:3; Phil. 2:8; Mt. 7:21; 1 Peter 5:6).
9. Needs supplied inside and the same is true with the church (Eph. 1:3).
10. The lost are outside (Rev 22:15-16; 21:8; Eph. 5:23).

~via Elizabethton Church of Christ~

## ZAPPING



It seems to be a fairly typical scene within the average household today. The television viewer sits watching the screen with the remote control glued in hand, continually flitting from channel to channel in a fidgety flight away from a stream of TV commercials or otherwise uninteresting programs.

Such "zappers" have caught the eyes of commercial advertisers, and their recent conclusions are rather interesting. First, people are not sitting as they did 25 years ago, eyes transfixed to the TV, watching everything that comes across without moving. Avid zappers can click past a dozen channels in only seconds. One household studied changed to a different channel 1,045 times in a single day.

The Zapper profile breaks down into three categories—Light Zappers (switching channels only once every 20 minutes), Moderate Zappers (switching one to three times every six minutes), and Heavy Zappers (switching more than once every 2 minutes).

Television is having its influence upon us. The attention span of the average adult is being shortened by TV's rapid-fire news updates, sports breaks, rock video clips, and a growing number of 15-second commercials.

With all this going on in our world, picture a typical Sunday morning. **Is it any wonder we can hardly sit for one hour?** When the assembly is longer than 60 minutes we have to leave. When more than three verses of any one song are sung we start fidgeting. It requires great effort to listen to the sermon after the first 5 to 10 minutes; if it goes longer than 20 minutes, "Our preacher is boring!" The communion should be shortened to be more efficient (the last time it was calculated it took 15 minutes and 32 seconds). Meditation is out of the question:

"Just sit and think? Not me!"

No, the problem is not new. Jesus in Gethsemane finished his prayer, walked to his disciples to find them sleeping and said, "Can't you watch with me just one hour?"

Zapping is here. Many of us are Zappers. But if we recognize how influenced we are by our culture, maybe we can improve our level of discipline. And who knows? It might even put more meaning into our assemblies for each of us.

~KenDye~

via Columbia Ave., Glasgow, KY

## Youth Visitation

The monthly youth visitation will be this Saturday from 10-12.

## Prom Alternative Trip

There will be a short meeting this Sunday evening following services for all of those going on the Prom Alternative Trip.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Chuck Medley  
 Scripture John 13:3-10  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Kelly Thaxton  
 (S) \*Rodney Reynolds  
 (N) John Nussbaum  
 (N) Edgar Webb  
 (N) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Brandon McGinness  
 (S) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) Shane Fisher  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Bill Womack  
 Scripture Exodus 20:15  
 Lord's Table \*Billy Gilbert  
 \*Jim Slatton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Lemmie Bratten  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Don Sullivan

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ronnie & Cindy Rogers  
 P.M. Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Mattie Medley

**Lock Building:** Steve Boyd

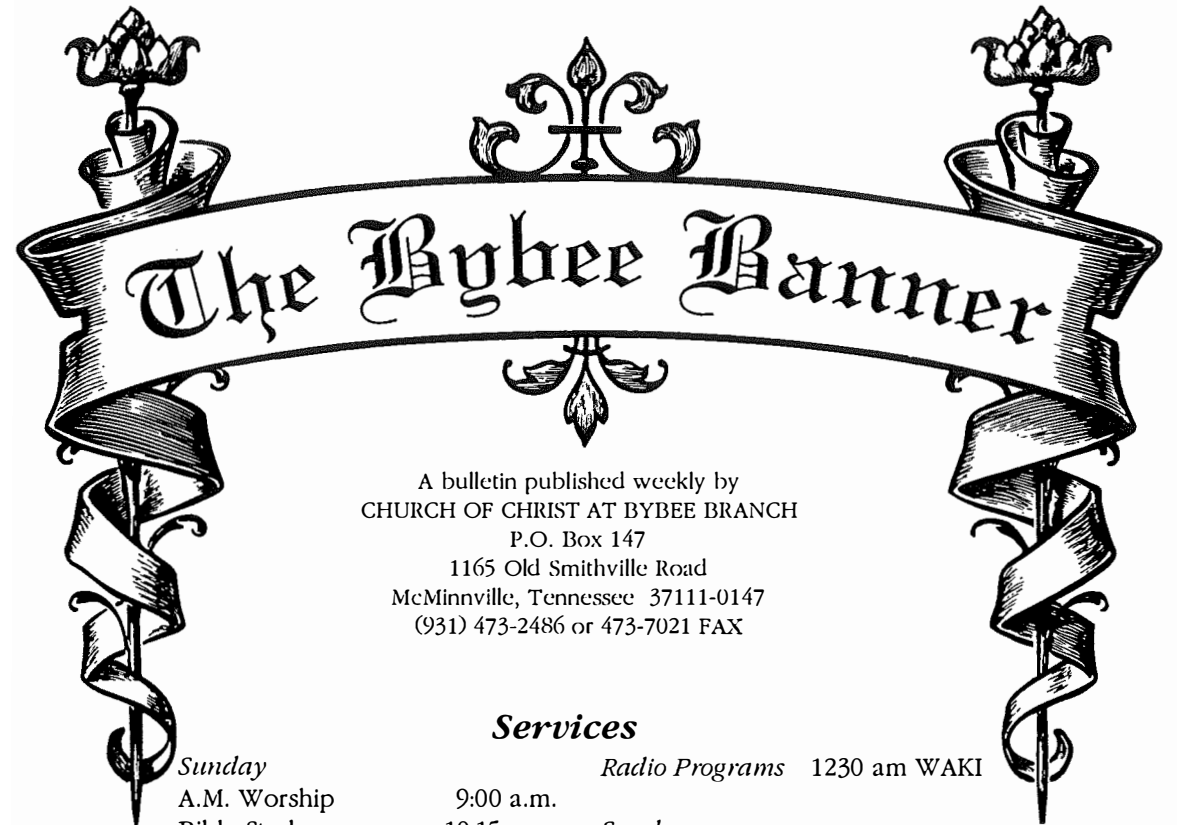
**Pantry Item:** Tuna

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 380  
 Bible Study ..... 258  
 P.M. Worship ..... 276  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 285  
 Contribution ..... \$4,219

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Iola Gribble (mother of Jane Flatt)-Riverpark ICU

## Gospel Meetings

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 3-8, services at 7:30 p.m. with different speakers each evening.

Main Street church of Christ/Manchester, May 10-13, services at 7:00 p.m. with Tom Holland preaching.

## Restorations & Baptism

We rejoice with two additional restorations and another baptism during the meeting. Lemmie Bratten requested prayers during the service Wednesday night. Following the services Greg Pennington was restored to service and Kayla Medley was baptized into Christ. What a joy this past week has been!

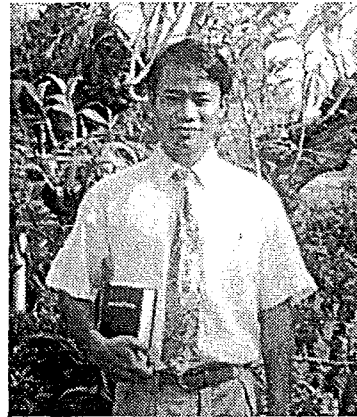
## General Business Meeting

The regularly scheduled men's General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday following the evening services. All male members are encouraged to attend.

## Bridal Tea

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal tea honoring the approaching marriage of Farrah Prater to Scott Griffith. Sunday, May 3, 1-3 p.m. in the church fellowship room.

## Thai Student to MSOP



Brother Suwit Pengprakon will be arriving in the next few days from Thailand to begin studies for the next two years at Memphis School of Preaching. After completing his studies he will return to work with the Christians in N.E. Thailand.

## Fifteen Questions

Several have asked for the 15 questions brother Mosher asked on Sunday morning. Here they are:

1. Do you believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of the Living God?
2. Have you repented of your sins?
3. Have you confessed with your mouth before witnesses that Jesus is the Christ?
4. Have you been baptized?
5. Have you been immersed?
6. Have you been baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins?
7. Are you a Christian?
8. Do you love God with all your being?
9. Have you been "faithful to the services of the church?"
10. Are you sincere in serving God daily?
11. Are you fully dedicated to his cause and the spreading of His kingdom?
12. Can your life be used as a pattern for Christians?
13. Do you study regularly?
14. Are you a faithful Christian?
15. Do you want to go to heaven?

## May 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON	
					Ladies Retreat	
Bob Cantrell		Nan Cantrell DARRELL & LISA CHILTON	Bessie Parker	Teresa Atnip	Tyler Boyd	
Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch	Violet Webb Joe Roller	LEONARD & JUNE CROUCH Ken Lee Kevin Flatt	Billy Gilbert		GILBERT & WILLENE KELL Pauline Watson JOHN & RACHEL EVERETT	
					Prom-Alternative Trip	
Melba Bonner	Mary Davis			Mattie Medley		
					Church Directory Pictures	
LAWRENCE & BETTY LANE	Edgar Webb Pearl Biddle Bertha Stewart Eugene Jones	Terann Hillis	Rachel Flatt	Robbie Vandagriff	Edith Cantrell	BOB & JUANITA CANTRELL Harold McGinness
			After the church service, a little boy told the preacher: "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the preacher replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."			

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading David Chilton  
 Scripture John 14:1-6  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ricky Prince  
 (S) \*Jeff Flatt  
 (N) Harold McGinness  
 (N) Joey Reynolds  
 (N) David McColloch  
 (S) Micah Lawrence  
 (S) Harry Felty  
 (S) Winfrey Hennessee  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Dennis Gann  
 Scripture Exodus 20:16  
 Lord's Table \*Chuck Boles  
 \*Danny Duncan  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Bond

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Don Griffith  
 Reading Bob Mayfield  
 Invitation Johnny Anderson  
 Dismiss Joe Collins

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Judy Payne & Anna Jean Bond  
 P.M. Buell & Flossie Warren

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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**Attend Nursery:** Merideth Jones

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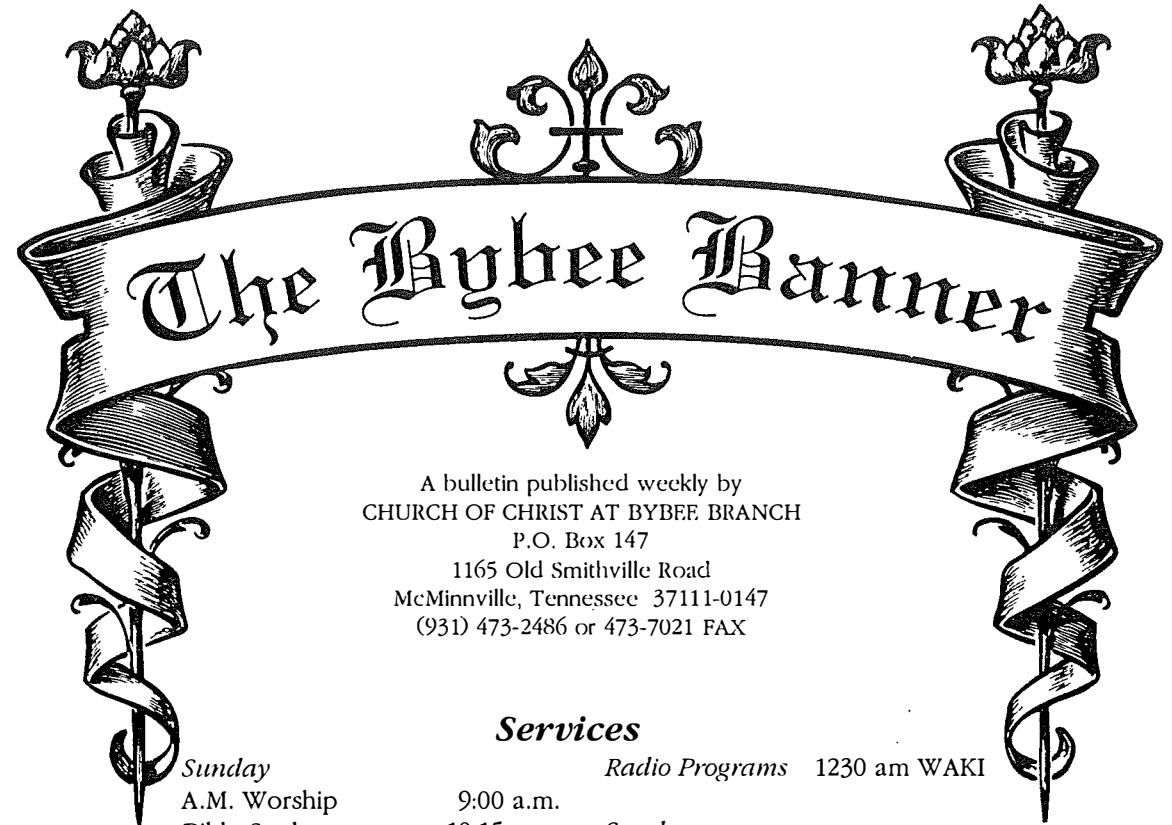
**Pantry Item:** Spam

**Record For The Week...**

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Bible Study .....	225
P.M. Worship .....	226
Wednesday Bible Study .....	216
Contribution .....	\$6,754

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 Audrey Mallock (sister of Carolyn Cantrell)-ICU #217, at Lakeland Hospital, 1234 Napier Ave, St. Joseph, MI 49085  
 Ada Hensley-Parthenon Pavilion-Nashville

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... A Prepared Place For A Prepared People  
 P.M. .... The Ten Commandments #9

## Ladies Day

Leoni church of Christ, May 16, 10-12. Theme: After The Shadows, A Rainbow" with Ann Fleming speaking.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Brent & Nicole Crouch on the birth of a daughter, Alexis Carolyn. Grandparents are Tommy & Gail Crouch.

## Sympathies

Death has touched many in our congregation this past weekend. We want to extend sympathy to the families of Martin Glenn (brother of our Woodrow Glenn). He died Thursday in Ohio and his funeral was Monday. Also, Charity Sullivan (granddaughter of our Scena Christian) passed away this past Thursday and her funeral was Saturday. And, Zada Bell Sain (sister of our Freda Womack) passed away on Saturday and her funeral was Monday. On Sunday morning we were all shocked by the sudden passing of Maxine Sweeney. Her funeral will be Wednesday morning.

## Shut-ins

We try to keep as "up-to-date" list as possible but occasionally we unintentionally overlook someone. If we do, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Houston Stiles  
 Carol Sue Taylor  
 Belle Young

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
 Edith Morrow  
 Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch  
 Minnie Lane

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
 Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
 Rozelle Goodman  
 Willene Kell  
 Joe Maxwell  
 Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
 Bessie Parker  
 June Slatton  
 Bertha Stewart  
 Magdalene Taylor

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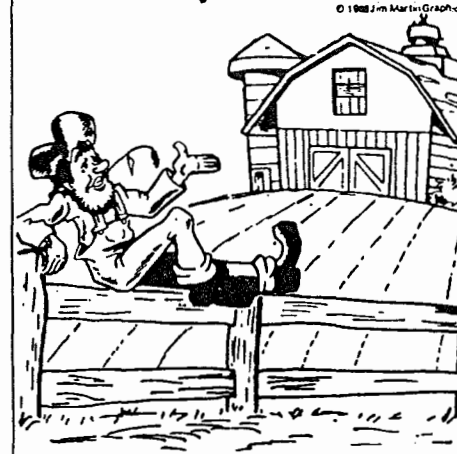
## What Happens When A Christian Forsakes Worship?

The following tragic consequences occur when a Christian deliberately forsakes the assemblies of the church:

- (1) Despite what you may tell yourself and others, your example shows that God and Christ are not first in your life.
- (2) You claim to be like Christ, but there is one way you are unlike him. He loved the church enough to die for it. You don't love it enough to sacrifice anything so that you might attend its services.
- (3) You tear down all the teaching of the new converts and become a poor example for them to follow. If they get to heaven some day, it will be in spite of you and not because of you.
- (4) You disappoint Jesus, who is present every time two or three gather in His name. He knows you aren't there, and He also knows why you are not there.
- (5) You leave no doubt in the minds of your faithful brethren that there are other things you enjoy more than worship and that there are earthly pleasures you prefer more than Christian fellowship.
- (6) You weaken your soul, put yourself on the side of Satan, hurt the church, discourage the preaching of the Word, and make it impossible to teach your children and neighbors how important the church is.
- (7) You disobey a plain command of God: "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together.. ." (Heb. 10:25). Can your neighbors willfully disobey the command to be baptized and be saved? If not, by what rule of logic can you willfully disobey the command to assemble and still expect to be saved?

~Ted Knight • Conway, AR~

### The Country Preacher



If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got.



Our VBS has been set for July 13-17, and will be for nursery through 6th grade. All who can help are encouraged to be at a planning meeting this Sunday evening at 5:15, just before the evening service.

We will meet in Room 1. If you have any suggestions be sure to write these down and bring them to the meeting.

## Graduates

In the next couple of weeks we will print a list of all those graduating from High School and College. If you have a child graduating, please write it down and give it to Tony or Corretta so we can acknowledge it in the bulletin.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Eddie Plamer
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Johnny Anderson
(S)	*Tommy Crouch
(N)	J.B. Gribble
(N)	Dale Bennett
(N)	Lemmie Bratten
(S)	Don Johnson
(S)	Tom McColloch
(S)	Matthew Young
Sermon	Tim Presley
Dismiss	Kraig Campbell

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	John Biddle
Scripture	Exodus 20:17
Lord's Table	*Dennis Gann
	*Allen Hughes
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Tyler Boyd
First Prayer	Doug Hendrixson
Reading	Joe Roller
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

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A.M. Chip Cantrell Family  
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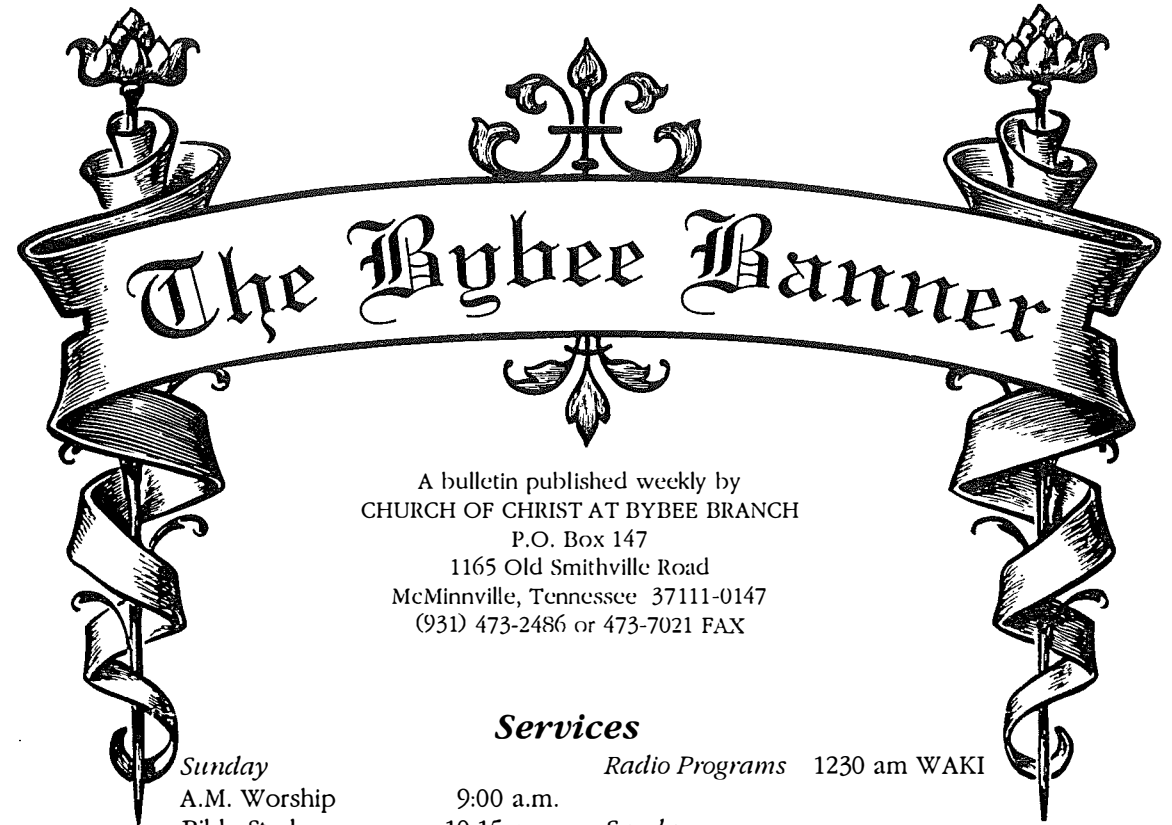
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A.M. .... Guest Speaker: Tim Presley  
P.M. .... The Ten Commandments #10

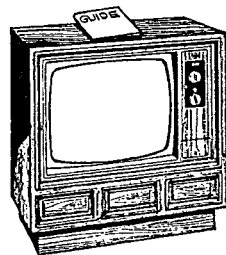
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## New TV Program

A new program called "Preaching The Gospel" is now on in McMinnville. The speaker is brother James

Watkins and it airs on McMinnville Cable Channel 6 at 5:30 on Sunday evenings.

## No Hands But Our Hands

Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do his work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in his way;  
He has no tongue but our tongues  
To tell men how he died;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to his side.

We are the only Bible  
The careless world will read;  
We are the sinner's gospel,  
We are the scoffer's creed;  
We are the Lord's last message  
Given in deed and word—  
What if the line is crooked?  
What if the type is blurred?

What if our hands are busy  
With other work than his?  
What if our feet are walking  
Where sin's allurements is?  
What if our tongues are speaking  
Of things his lips would spurn?  
How can we hope to help him  
Unless from him we learn?

~Annie Johnson Flint~



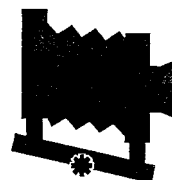
## A Baby Is Coming!

We are bear-y pleased to invite you to a baby tea honoring Anna Hendrixson. Come for a hunny of a time on Sunday, May 24, from 1-3 p.m. in the church fellowship room.

## I've Learned ...

...that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. Age 6  
...that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9  
...that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up. Age 12  
...that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15  
...that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. Age 25  
...that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29  
...that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 39  
...that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. Age 41  
...that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his need to cast blame on others. Age 45  
...that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 46  
...that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 52  
...that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53  
...that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58  
...that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage. Age 61  
...that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66  
...that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. Age 82  
...that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch—holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 85  
...that I still have a lot to learn. Age 92

~submitted by someone in the congregation~



## Church Directory Pictures

The plans are being finalized for the taking of pictures for the church directory. Sister Mary Davis has made an effort to contact everyone in the congregation to schedule them for an appointment. If she has been unable to contact you, please call her at 473-4797 to get an appointment to have your picture taken. We want to have as complete directory as possible.



There will be a Spaghetti Supper following the Sunday evening services on May 31st. This will be to welcome Suwit "Bo"

to Bybee Branch. "Bo" will need clothes and other items to begin his studies at the Memphis School of Preaching. Those who would like to give money to go on a "money tree" are asked to give this to Dale Bennett, Willie Newby or one of the elders. There will be more information by next week. If you need more information, then see Dale Bennett or Willie Newby.



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
 Reading Ken Martin  
 Scripture John 14:16-18  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Billy Gilbert  
 (S) \*Scott Griffith  
 (N) Lynn Gann  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (N) Ken Lee  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 (S) John Stembridge  
 (S) Eugene Wilcher  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Joe T. Cantrell  
 Scripture Acts 4:12  
 Lord's Table \*Bob Mayfield  
 \*Larry Flatt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee  
 Reading Jim Slatton  
 Invitation Johnny Anderson  
 Dismiss Ricky Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Danny Duncan Family  
 P.M. Shannon Griffin Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesity

**Attend Nursery:** Doris Wilcher

**Lock Building:** Steve Boyd

**Pantry Item:** Noodles

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	306
Bible Study .....	203
P.M. Worship .....	257
Wednesday Bible Study .....	228
Contribution .....	\$3,897

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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff  
Morris Griffith

### In The Hospital:

Jean Clendenon (mother of Dana Roller, sister to Joe Maynard & Gail Crouch)-St. Thomas  
Audrey Matlock (sister of Carolyn Cantrell)-ICU #217, at Lakeland Hospital, 1234 Napier Ave, St. Joseph, MI 49085  
Ada Hensley-Parthenon Pavilion-Nashville

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... I Won't Leave You Orphans  
P.M. .... What Is In A Name?

## Gospel Meetings

Oak Grove church of Christ, May 17-22, services at 7:30 p.m. with Jimmy Wright preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, May 24-28, services at 7:00 p.m. with James Watkins preaching.

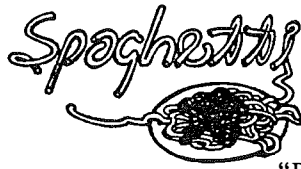
## Welcome

We want to welcome the Pryor family to Bybee Branch: Bruce, Susan, Paul, Abram, and Martha. They live at 333 Azalea Drive, Rock Island, TN 38581. Phone number: 668-9326.



Church  
Directory  
Pictures

Church directory pictures will be taken this Thursday through Saturday. Be sure to check your schedule card and be present. If for some reason you have an emergency and cannot be present, please call Mary Davis and see if she can work you in at another time. We want everyone to participate!



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## Baby Tea

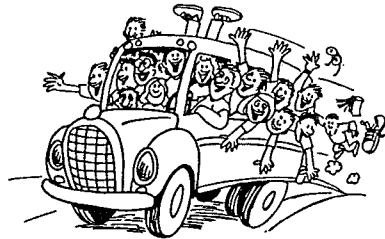
There will be a baby tea for Anna Hendrixson on Sunday, May 24, from 1-3 p.m. in the church fellowship room.



Planning  
Meeting

This Sunday evening at 5:15 there will be a second planning meeting for VBS. We still need teachers for Ages 3,4,5 and grade 2. There are also positions for helpers and co-teachers. We will also set the schedule at this meeting. The date for the VBS will be July 13-17.

Thanks  
For  
The  
Help



Many thanks are due to Steve & Sharla Hillis for again coordinating the Prom-Alternative Trip to Gatlinburg. As usual they did an exceptional job of planning and directing this event.

The group went to Dollywood on Friday, Pigeon Forge and Ober Gatlinburg on Saturday and attended services at Sevierville on Sunday morning.

## The Godhead

The Godhead (also commonly called "the Trinity," though this word is not found in the Bible) is one of the most difficult things for people to understand. The Bible teaches there is one God (Deut. 6:4; Is. 44:6; 1 Cor. 8:6). The Bible also refers to the Father as God, the Son as God, and the Holy Spirit as God (Eph. 1:3; Heb. 1:8; Acts 5:3,4).

The Bible uses the word "Godhead" or "Divine Nature" in three passages (Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:9). In the Old Testament, the plural pronoun "us" is sometimes used when referring to God (Gen. 1:26,27; 3:22; 11:7; Is. 6:8). In the New Testament, there are several Scriptures which mention the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all in the same passage (Mt. 3:16,17; 28:19,20; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2).

There is one Divine Nature, but three different persons who have this nature. Dalton Key wrote: "While the word 'God' may be used to refer to the Father exclusively (Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:3), it is most often used as a family name, referring to all three members of the Godhead.... There is but one divine family of God in heaven.... Just as husband and wife may be one in purpose, in desire, in unity, in direction; yet still remain as two distinct personalities (Gen. 2: 24; Mt. 19:5) - so the Godhead, comprised of three distinct Divine Personalities, is One."

The Father is God (Eph. 1:3). The Son is God (Heb. 1:8). The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3,4). Several Scriptures show the Father and the Son are not the same person (Jn. 8:16-18; Mk. 13:32; Acts 2:33,36; 7:55). However, the Father and the Son are one in doctrine (2 Jn. 9); one in protection (Jn. 10: 27-30); one in word and work (Jn. 14:8-11); one in purpose (Jn. 14:16-28); and one in fullness and grace (Col. 2:8-10), but not one person.

Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is a person (Jn. 16:7-16). He can teach, instruct, testify, and be lied to (Acts 5:3,4). He also appointed people to preach (Acts 13:2). These are all attributes of a person. The Holy Spirit had work to do. The Old Testament prophets spoke by the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20,21). In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit revealed and confirmed the truth (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3,4; Jude 3). He told the apostles what to say (Mt. 10:19,20; Jn. 14:26; 16:13).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the three persons in the Godhead (Jn. 1:1-3,14). Jesus was Immanuel, "God with us" (Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:22,23). Jesus was not "a god," but GOD, one of the Divine Three.

There is one God, who is revealed in three persons— the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. "God" is the family name.

~John Grubb (Dec. '97 — Simple English Teaching Paper)~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Danny Duncan  
 Reading Joe Collins  
 Scripture John 15:1-8  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Chuck Boles  
 (S) \*Ronnie Rogers  
 (N) Jason Vandagriff  
 (N) Thurman Bennett  
 (S) Shannon Griffin  
 (S) Leonard Crouch  
 (S) Allen Hughes  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-4887) Joey Reynolds  
 Lead Singing Tyler Boyd  
 First Prayer Caleb Graves  
 Reading Shane Fisher  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Don Griffith  
 \*Heath Griffith  
 Sermon Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss Brandon McGinness

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Tom McColloch  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chuck Medley

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Bruce Pryor Family  
 P.M. Ralph & Drucilla Crouch

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Bob Cantrell & Jeff Templeton

**Attend Nursery:** Jane Wilcher

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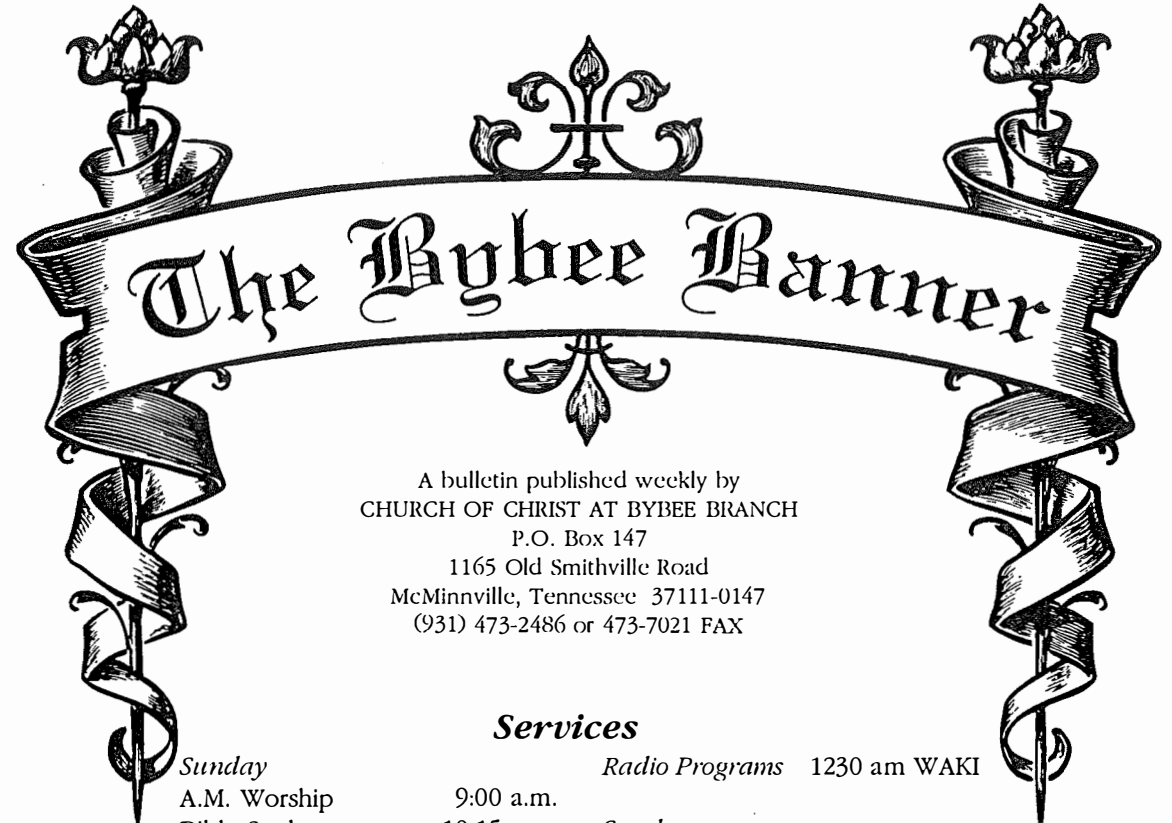
**Pantry Item:** Pasta Sauce

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 353  
 Bible Study ..... 247  
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# Sick

## At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff  
Ada Hensley  
Cecil Cantrell

## In The Hospital:

Jean Clendenon moved to NHC #115  
Audrey Matlock (sister of Carolyn Cantrell)-  
moved to nursing home  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard's mother)-Riverpark  
Melba Bouldin (sister-in-law to Freda Womack)-  
to enter St. Thomas for surgery.

# Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Bertha Rains (great grandmother of our Miranda Rains). She passed away this past Friday evening.

Sympathy also to the family of Marvin Crouch (the father of our Leonard and Hoyt Crouch), he passed away Monday and his arrangements were incomplete at this writing.

# Spaghetti Supper

There will be a Spaghetti Supper this Sunday evening following services in honor of "Bo." Those desiring to give money to go on a "money tree" are asked to give this to Dale Bennett, Willie Newby or one of the elders.



# Congratulations Graduates

## High School

Lynn Gann      Cristy Caldwell      Chris Neale

## College

Lou-Shawna Scott-UTC (Psychology)  
Brandon Lowry-UTC (Education & History)  
Sonia Vandagriff-Motlow (Education)  
Corey Nunley-MTSU (Geology)

# ISN'T IT FUNNY?!!!!

Funny how a \$10.00 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the mall

Funny how long are a couple of hours spent at church, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into extra-time, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read a 100 page novel.

Funny how people scramble to get a front seat at any game, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how we cannot fit a gospel meeting into our schedule with a yearly planner, but we can schedule for other events at a moments notice.

Funny how much difficulty some have learning a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and explain gossip about someone.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they don't have to believe, or to think, or to say, or to do anything.

~copied from the Internet~

# Youth Visitation

This Saturday is the scheduled monthly visitation of the young people to the shut-ins and nursing home. If you can come, please be at the building by 10:00 a.m. We will return to the building at 12:00 noon.

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Vine And Branches  
P.M. .... Young Men To Conduct Services

# Fifth Sunday

Remember that this is the fifth Sunday and the elders have designated that the contribution will go to retire the debt on the building.

# June 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		DON & JALEZIA JOHNSON KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD	Glenda Hughes	OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY CHUCK & MATTIE MEDLEY	LARRY & ELAINE GOODMAN DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH June Crouch Bob Mayfield Houston Thaxton	Griffith-Prater Wedding
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Trista Caldwell BRETT & SABRINA MERRITT	DON & LOU LEATHERWOOD Flossie Smartt		Mildred Gambrell Sidney Groves	DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN	Church Directory Pictures	
Guest Speaker Joe B. Ware						John Stembridge Don Leatherwood Kayla Maynard
Lowry-Trevathan Wedding	7	8	9	10	11	12
JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN		WINFREY & DOT HENNESSEE	Clay Hill Mildred Green	RICKY & RITA PRINCE	Tammy McKinney	JOHN & CORA STEMBRIDGE STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES
VBS Planning Meeting at 5:15 PM	14	15	16	17	18	19
WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY W.C. Chilton	HAROLD & PEARL MITCHELL Nonie Grizzell	Georgia Jones	Cynthia Duncan June Slatton	Ruby Huntley Jessica Templeton DENNIS & TERESA GANN PHILLIP & TERI SMITH	Noel Pepper	Jane Flatt
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Jalesia Johnson EUGENE & GEORGIA JONES	FRANK & GEORGIA BROOKS John Nussbaum					
28	29	30				

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 First Prayer Bob Mayfield  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture 1 John 2:1-17  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Larry Flatt  
 (S) \*Jim Slatton  
 (N) Steve Boyd  
 (N) Bruce Pryor  
 (S) Abram Pryor  
 (S) Jeff Bond  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 (S) Dickie Kesey  
 Sermon Joe B. Ware  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Chip Cantrell  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
 Lord's Table \*Dale Bennett  
 \*Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon Joe B. Ware  
 Dismiss Lemmie Bratten

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton  
 Reading Joe T. Cantrell  
 Invitation Kurt Maynard  
 Dismiss Willie Newby

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Jeff Flatt Family  
 P.M. John & Pearl Biddle

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Judy Payne

**Lock Building:** Joe Collins

**Pantry Item:** Cookies

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 Bible Study ..... 279  
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## Sick

### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff  
Cecil Cantrell  
Nan Cantrell

### In The Hospital:

Melba Bouldin (Freda Womack's sister-in-law)-  
surgery Wednesday at St. Thomas

## Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Jr. Stanley (brother of our Bernice Fults & Essie Hillis). He passed away Sunday morning at Mt. Clements, MI.

Sympathy to the family of Nellie Pruett (aunt of our Larry Flatt). Her funeral was this past Thursday.

We also extend sympathy to the family Cindy Argo (grandmother of our Cindy Rogers), Her funeral will be Wednesday at Highs.

Sympathy to the family of Nora Lee Griffith, a long time member of Bybee Branch. She passed away early Tuesday morning and the arrangements were incomplete at this writing.

## Gospel Meetings

**Bonner church of Christ**, June 4-7, services at 7:00 p.m. with Stan Stevenson preaching.

**Mt. View church of Christ**, June 5-7, services at 7:00 p.m. with Newton Gribble preaching.

**Altamont church of Christ**, June 7-12, services at 7:00 p.m. with Tony Lawrence preaching.

There are several Vacation Bible Schools also in the area. Please check the bulletin board for the themes and times for these. Most of these are having special sessions for adults with guest speakers.

## Shut-ins

We try to keep as "up-to-date" list as possible but occasionally we unintentionally overlook someone. If we do, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)  
Jean Clendenon (Dana Roller's mother)  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Minnie Lane

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

## Sunday's Sermons

We are fortunate to have brother Joe B. Ware preaching while Tony is in a meeting at Altamont.

A.M. .... What Difference Does It Make?  
P.M. .... The Church At Work

## Weddings

*Farrah BeAnn  
and Donald Scott  
together with their parents  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Prater  
and  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Griffith  
invite you to share in the joy  
when they exchange marriage vows  
and begin their new life together  
on Saturday, the sixth day of June  
nineteen hundred ninety-eight  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
West Sparta Church of Christ  
100 Hampton Drive  
Sparta, Tennessee  
Reception immediately following*

*Please join our families  
on this special occasion  
when our children  
Mary Allison Trevathan  
and  
Brandon Howard Bowry  
will be married  
on Sunday, the seventh of June  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
Patten Chapel  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Reception immediately following  
Cameron Hill Club House*



## Visitation Program

The visitation program will be reorganized the first of July. If anyone would that has not been participating would like to be added or if you desire to change from a team that has meals to those that do not, please see W.C. Chilton and let him know by June 20.

## Pictures Last Call!!!

The final pictures will be made for the church directory this Friday and Saturday. If you did not have your picture made then call Mary Davis by Thursday evening to get an appointment. We want everyone to participate. You are under no obligation to purchase any pictures. You will receive a free 8 X 10 and a free directory by having your picture taken.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to David & Stefanie McColloch on the birth of a little girl, Haley Anne. She was born at 2:21 a.m. Monday and weighed in 7 lbs. 3 ozs. Congratulations also to grandparents Leonard & Avie Clemons.

## New Quarter Begins

This Sunday begins a new quarter for our Bible Classes. The adult rotation will begin with Bob Mayfield and Steve Boyd teaching Ephesians & Philippians in the auditorium. Tim Fisher will be teaching Colossians & Philemon to the Young Adults in Room 1. Tony Lawrence will be teaching James & Jude to the Adult II class meeting in the Fellowship Room. If you haven't been attending Bible school, now is a great time to start.

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Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Noel Pepper  
 Scripture John 17:20,21  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ken Lee  
 (S) \*Tim Fisher  
 (N) Brandon McGinness  
 (N) Paul Davis  
 (N) Rodney Maynard  
 (S) Matthew Young  
 (S) J. B. Gribble  
 (S) Kraig Campbell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dennis Gann

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Harold McGinness  
 Scripture Isaiah 38:1-5  
 Lord's Table \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 \*Ricky Prince  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Bonner

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Leonard Crouch  
 Invitation Bruce Pryor  
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Mildred Bumbalough & Bernice Fults  
 P.M. Marty Boles Family

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**Attend Nursery:** Patsy Reynolds

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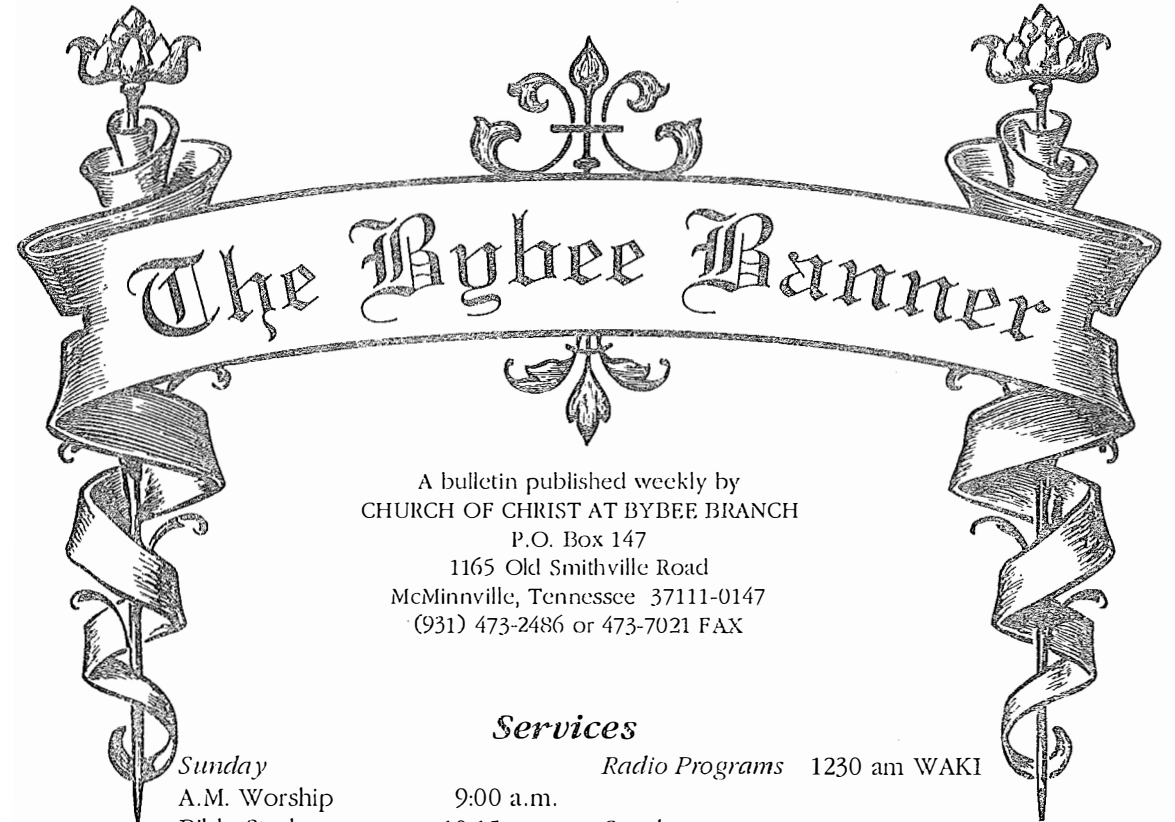
**Pantry Item:** Pepper

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 295  
 Bible Study ..... 236  
 P.M. Worship ..... 224  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 216  
 Contribution ..... \$4,212

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 A.M. Worship  
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9:00 a.m.  
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 6:00 p.m.

*Radio Programs* 1230 am WAKI

*Sunday*  
 Tony Lawrence 8:00 a.m.  
 Winford Claiborne 8:30 a.m.

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 Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

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## Sick

### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff      Mildred Gambrell  
 Cecil Cantrell        Nan Cantrell  
 Shannon Griffin        Jonathan Anderson  
 Gwen Bristow (Corretta's Mother)  
 Melba Bouldin

### In The Hospital:

Pearl Biddle-St. Thomas

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Jesus' Prayer  
 P.M. .... Is Your House In Order?

## "Not Available" Photos

If you were not able to get your picture made for the church directory. You can submit a photo to be placed in the back of the directory. Please do this by Sunday.

## A BIG Thanks!

A BIG thanks is due to Mary Davis, Lucille Newby, and Edna Smith for all of their effort in scheduling and organizing the church directory. Let them know how much you appreciate them for their work.

## VBS Literature

There will be an organizational meeting and giving out of the literature for VBS this Sunday evening at 5:15 p.m. All teachers and helpers are asked to be at this meeting.

## Gospel Meetings

Altamont church of Christ, June 7-12, services at 7:30 p.m. with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ, June 21-26, services at 7:30 p.m. with Stan Stevenson preaching.

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 21-26, services at 7:30 p.m. with Artie Collins preaching.

## Sunday Morning Worship (June 21, 1998)

Announcements      (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing        Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer         Steve Hillis  
 Reading              Jeff Templeton  
 Scripture             TBA  
 Lord's Table (N)    \*Willie Newby  
 (S)                    \*Ken Martin  
 (N)                    Shane Fisher  
 (N)                    Ryan Kesity  
 (N)                    Caleb Graves  
 (S)                    Joe Maynard  
 (S)                    Chris Jones  
 (S)                    Brett Merritt  
 Sermon                John Biddle  
 Dismiss                Ricky Prince

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements      (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing        Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer         Thurman Bennett  
 Reading              Dale Bennett  
 Scripture             TBA  
 Lord's Table         \*Joe T. Cantrell  
                               \*Danny Duncan  
 Sermon      T.E. Bennett & Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon  
 Dismiss                Chuck Boles

## Wednesday Bible Study (June 24, 1998)

Announcements      (668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing        Young Men  
 First Prayer         Steve Boyd  
 Reading              Lynn Gann  
 Invitation            Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss                Billy Gilbert

## Welcome Committee

A.M.                    Winfrey & Dorothy Hennessee  
 P.M.                    Scena Christian & Clercie Delon  
**Bus Driver:**        Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)  
**Ushers:**            Ronnie Rogers & Rodney Maynard  
**Attend Nursery:**    Sabrina Merritt

## Report From Tarentum, Pennsylvania

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from the brethren here in Tarentum, PA. Cathy and I are beginning our 17th year with the congregation here. Our attendance is presently running in the fifties and sixties. We have a large and active group of young people (many of which were not yet born when we first arrived). We have been averaging two to three baptisms each year. Last month my eldest daughter Hannah obeyed the Gospel. That's three down and three to go for our children. Our youngest, Caleb, is 14 mos. old and keeping us all entertained and busy.

Our summer is already in full swing. Last week we had a Gospel meeting with Steve Smithbauer from the Weirton Heights congregation in Weirton. WV. We saw only one restoration, but had many visitors and conducted several studies in which much seed was planted. We continue to publish our Gospel Paper, Life Resources and had a few readers show up at our meeting. We averaged about 50 people each night.

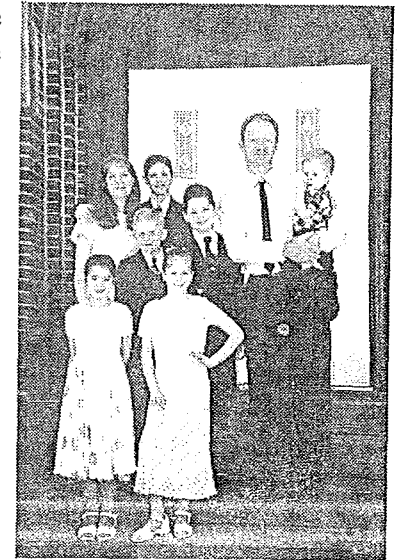
In July. I will be directing church camp for over 100 children (ages 11-13). This will be my 12th year as the director. There will be at least 10 adult members from Tarentum working with me that week besides some of the younger people. Our camp draws many children who are non members from the Pittsburg area.

Cathy and I continue to homeschool five of our six children and it is going really well. There are four families in our congregation who homeschool.

We appreciate your faithful support in helping us remain here and would welcome your visit anytime. We are standing for the New Testament faith and getting the Gospel to over 2,000 people every month through our paper and through Bible Correspondence courses. Please keep our work in your prayers as I know you already do.

In Christ's Service,

s/Robert Johnson





**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading Don Sullivan  
 Scripture John 18:12-18  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ronnie Prince  
 (S) \*Eddie Palmer  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (N) Bran Merritt  
 (N) Kurt Maynard  
 (S) Bob Cantrell  
 (S) Buell Warren  
 (S) Tyler Boyd  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Scott Griffith

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer John Biddle  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Scripture Deuteronomy 32:28-29  
 Lord's Table \*Lemmie Bratten  
 \*Frank Reynolds  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Paul Davis  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Tim Fisher Family  
 P.M. Ken & Nona Martin

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesey

**Attend Nursery:** Denise Prince

**Lock Building:** Joe Collins

**Pantry Item:** Fruit Cocktail

**Record For The Week...**

	6/14	6/21
A.M. Worship .....	337	332
Bible Study .....	250	247
P.M. Worship .....	234	235
Wednesday Bible Study .....	211	183
Contribution .....	\$6,421	\$3,677

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Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	

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## Sick

### At Home:

Cecil Cantrell  
 Shirley Parker  
 Jean Clendenon (moved back to NHC)  
 Pearline Cantrell (at daughter's home following eye surgery)

### In The Hospital:

Jewel Finger (sister of Nonie Grizzell and grandmother to Judy Payne)-hospital in Maryville, TN

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. ....I'll Be A Friend To Jesus  
 P.M. .... Have You Considered...?

## Youth Visitation

The monthly visitation of the young people to the shut-ins will be this Saturday from 10:00-12:00.

## Gospel Meetings

*Dibrell church of Christ*, June 21-26, services at 7:30 p.m. with Stan Stevenson preaching.

*Grange Hall church of Christ*, June 21-26, services at 7:30 p.m. with Artie Collins preaching.

*Highland church of Christ*, June 25-28, services at 7:00 p.m. with Robert Moss preaching.

## MSOP Graduation

We want to extend our congratulations to Mark Lance on graduating from Memphis School of Preaching this past weekend. If you wish to send him a note of congratulations you may send it to: 7781 Macon Road, Cordova, TN 38018-6233.

Mark, Tina and the girls will soon be moving to Show Low, Arizona to begin working with the White Mountain church there. He can be contacted there at: P.O. Box 3157, Show Low, AZ 85902-3157.

## The Unbeliever's Psalm

I have no Shepherd. I constantly want. Discontentedly I graze in parched fields. I can find no water to quench my thirst. My soul is weary. I wander in the paths of sinfulness, seeking pleasure. When I walk in the darkness of danger and death, I am afraid; I am all alone. No power or principle gives me comfort. There is not nourishment to strengthen me against my enemies. There is no ointment for my head. My life is empty. Even though God's goodness and mercy have been available all the days of my life, I shall be banished from the house of the Lord forever.

(Now read Psalm 23 for the comfort a Christian has.)

## VBS Working

Any who would be willing to assist in preparing material for the upcoming VBS are encouraged to come on July 3 at 6:30 p.m. Remember our VBS will be July 13-17

## Ice Cream Fellowship

The annual Ice Cream Fellowship will be next Wednesday evening, July 1, following the evening services. Those who have ice cream freezers are encouraged to make some to bring. If you do not have a freezer, please bring cookies or some other dessert.



## Be Generous

The more you share and give away,  
 The more you will be blessed,  
 A seed of kindness will return  
 Bouquets of happiness . . .  
 Try as you may, you can't outgive.  
 You can't outlove our Lord,  
 For every generous thing you do  
 Brings back a rich reward!

~Alice Joyce Davidson~

## What Can Be Done and Called "Worship"?

Three recent articles - *Time* 4/5/93; *Newsweek* 8/9/93; *Tennessean* 11/14/93 - echo the latest religious news on the national and local scene: Doing Strange Thing Called the Worship of God. All indicate these activities are used in the name of what is called relevance or "luring" the crowds. Whether is the name of trendy churchanity, reaching the "Baby Boomers," or connecting with the unchurched, the menus are virtually the same all over and the only real distinction seems to be what is the most outlandish thing a church can/will do in what is called worship to top the last "act."

On the outer fringes of the unusual, several vie for the top honor. Which is your pick from the following: Have communion for 1,000 worshippers in just five minutes; have the actress of the year do a skit "in the sanctuary;" have a room remarkably empty of religious paraphernalia in which, on a riser, behind the pulpit, a giant teddy bear sits in the background better to connect with the present generation; have the preacher sit on a stool instead of standing behind a pulpit or have him/her change clothes between the first and second services to identify better with the people? My own pick varies between the church which offers a "pet ministry" for adopting stray animals, the one where the songs run the gamut from "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" to "Danny Boy," and - perhaps best - the one whose preacher, clad in sneakers, closed the service with a round of hugging by the audience, raised his arms high in deeper spirituality, and boomed, "Hey, God, make my day! Go for it." Then, again, I've read all three articles.

One is not required to know many Bible verses to realize these or other weird efforts have nothing to do with the worship of God revealed in the New Testament.

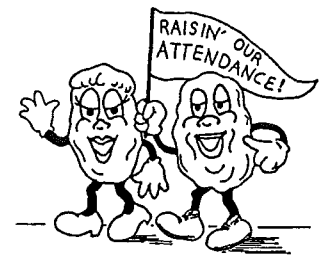
What is one to make of such doings in the alleged name of "reaching this generation?" Perhaps Martin E. Mary, prominent American church historian, summed it up best: "To give the whole store away to match what this year's market says the unchurched want is to have the people who know least about faith determine most about its expression." There's more than a clever turn of phrase in that statement.

~William Woodson~

## Follow Him

There are many roads to take in life,  
 Roads of peace and roads of strife  
 Throughout our long sojourn.  
 And, when we come to roads that cross,  
 We sometimes feel we're at a loss  
 Not certain where to turn,  
 But if we ask our Lord to guide us  
 We've no need for concern.  
 For God who made both land and sea,  
 Mapped the way for you and me  
 To live with Him eternally  
 After Life's sojourn!

"... Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps..." (1 Peter 2:21)



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Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee  
 Reading Billy Gilbert  
 Scripture John 19:28-30  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Danny Duncan  
 (S) \*W.C. Chilton  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (N) Joey Reynolds  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (S) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Dennis Gann  
 Reading Ricky Prince  
 Scripture Revelation 19:10  
 Lord's Table \*Bob Mayfield  
 \*Bob Bonner  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Abram Pryor  
 Invitation Tim Fisher  
 Dismiss David Chilton

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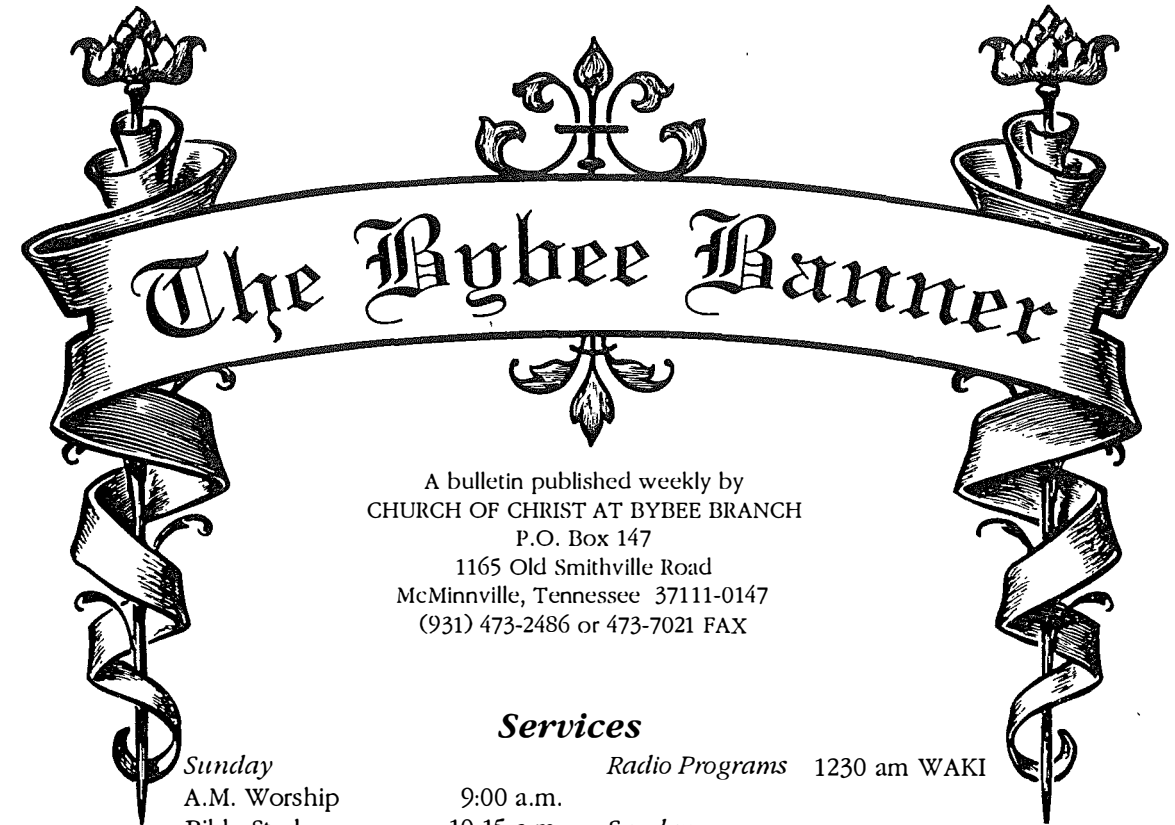
**Pantry Item:** Canned peaches

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# Sick

## At Home:

Pearline Cantrell  
Shirley Parker  
Cecil Cantrell

## In The Hospital:

Pauline Greene-Riverpark

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Six Hours Of Suffering By The Savior

P.M. .... Worship God!

# New Arrival

Congratulations to Barry and Anna Hendrixson on the arrival of a new baby boy, Jacob Daniel, born Sunday afternoon, weighing in at 8lbs4ozs and 22 1/4 long. Doug & Wanda Hendrixson are the proud grandparents.



# Visitation Program

The visitation program has been reorganized with the new list on the bulletin board. Please check and see which team you are on. The list will be printed in the bulletin next week.

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# AN "OUTRAGEOUS" PRAYER

Perhaps this prayer should be uttered before every State Legislature.

On January 23, 1996, Joe Wright of Wichita, Kansas, was the guest chaplain for the Kansas House of Representatives. He was asked to open their session that day with its customary prayer. However, after the prayer, three house members jumped to their feet in a rage and indignantly shouted, "He can't talk like that!" What was it he said that was so terrible? Listen in:

*Heavenly Father; we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says woe to those who call evil good but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values. We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word in the name of moral pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it a lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. In the name of choice we have killed our unborn. In the name of right to life we have killed abortionists. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it taxes. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Try us and show us any wicked way in us. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas and who have been ordained by you to govern this great state. Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. We ask in the name of your Son, the living Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.*

I am sure that it took a good deal of courage to offer this prayer before the Kansas House of Representatives. Perhaps it should be offered in every state legislature. Solomon said, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," Proverbs 14:34.

We need to pray for our public officials. They have a God-given responsibility as God's ministers to serve the people for righteousness' sake (Romans 13:1-7). We need to pray that God will grant them wisdom to make decisions that will encourage the nation to serve God's will.

~Charles Williams~

# July 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			JASON & SONIA VANDAGRIFF  <i>Annual Ice Cream Supper</i>	DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS DON & JUDY SULLIVAN	Lisa Bennett Rita Prince  <i>VBS Work Night 6:30 p.m.</i>	Willie Holmes
LYNDER & WILLIE HOLMES ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES Sonia Vandagriff Corey Nunley Kathy Thaxton	Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard  <i>Ladies Bible Class "Bears for children" 6:30</i>	Brad Hobbs Greg Wanamaker SHANNON & JANIE GRIFFIN	ERNEST & PEARL MORTON	Lee Gann Debbie Glenn Emily Newby	Austin Medley Logan Wanamaker Glenda Faye Bell	
Edith Morrow Tanarra Pelham	Judy Sullivan BRUCE & SUSAN PRYOR	Pearline Cantrell JOE & IRENE LAWRENCE	Teresa McGinness	RODNEY & JENNIFER MAYNARD DONNIE & BETTY HILL KEVIN & LORI JUDKINS	KELLY & KATHY THAXTON KRAIG & HEATHER CAMPBELL Cora Stenbridge Jeff Flatt Jeffery Cantrell	Shirley Parker Jennifer Groves Miranda Atnip
<b>Vacation Bible School at Bybee Branch — 9:00-11:00 a.m.</b>						
Don Johnson Ruth Pinkley	Carolyn Cantrell Edward Solomon	HARRY & CAROL FELTY RANDEL & MICKEY WHITEAKER Tyler Groves Hilary McGinness		Donnie Hill	Cindy Fisher	
	Brent Crouch Chip Cantrell Ashley Boles	JEFF & MARY FLATT Yuriko Biles Don Griffith	John Whiteaker	Thurman Bennett Lou Leatherwood Steve Caldwell	Kevin Judkins	

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Lemmie Bratten
Reading	Johnny Anderson
Scripture	John 20:11-18
Lord's Table (N)	*Tommy Crouch
(S)	*Don Griffith
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	Micah Lawrence
(S)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Edgar Webb
(S)	Frank Reynolds
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tim Fisher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Tyler Boyd
Scripture	Mark 4:30
Lord's Table	*Willie Newby
	*Eddie Palmer
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kraig Campbell

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Brett Merritt
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Clyde Christian

**Welcome Committee**

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P.M.	Joe & Marsha Collins

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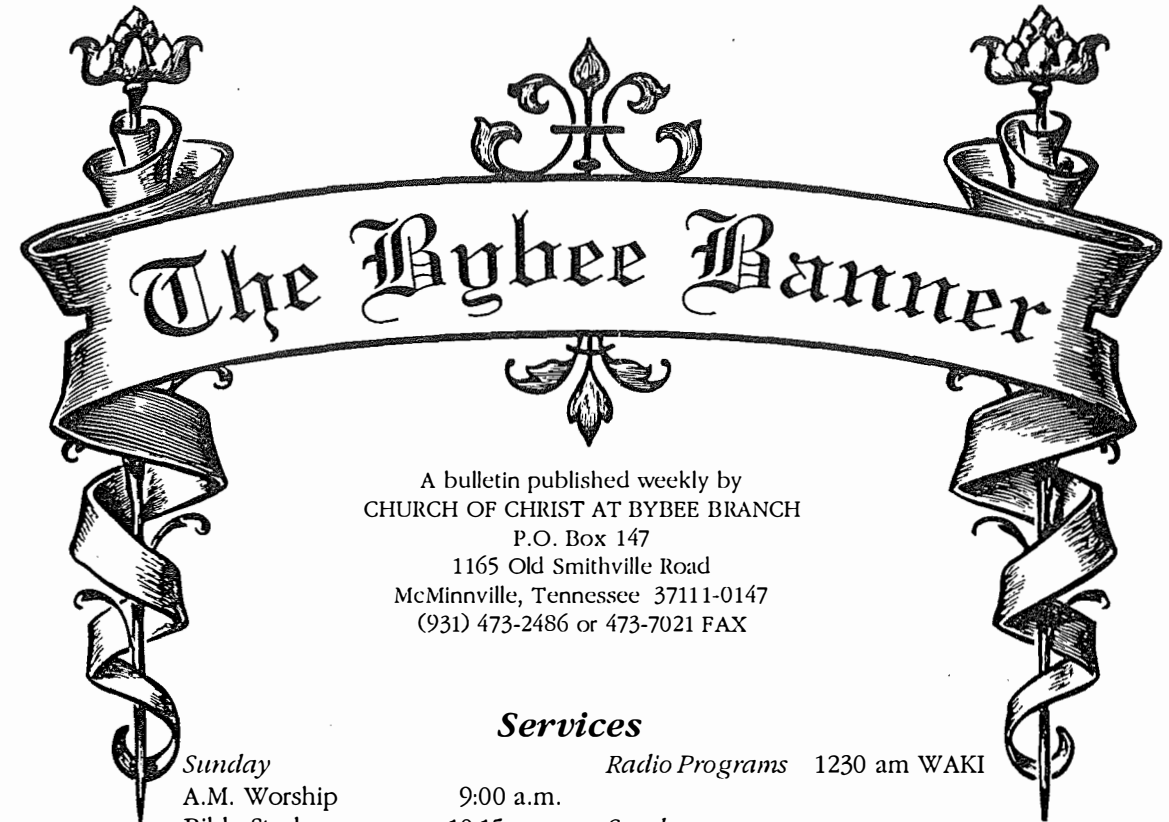
**Pantry Item:** Cookies

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## Sick

### At Home:

Pearline Cantrell

### In The Hospital:

Pauline Greene-Riverpark

Remember that the hospital will no longer provide a list of those in the hospital. Please call the church office when you know one of members is in the hospital.

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Cecil Cantrell. He passed away last Friday and his funeral was Sunday. He was a long time member at Bybee Branch.

## Restorations

This past Tuesday sisters Lori Judkins and Doris Wilcher requested prayers from the congregation desiring to be restored. Please remember these sisters in your prayers.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Triumph Over The Tomb

P.M. .... Portraits Of A Christian Life

## Gospel Meetings

*Hiwassee church of Christ*, July 5-10, services at 7:00 p.m. with Ken Fleming preaching.

## Address Updates

Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon  
8932 Links Drive East  
Apt. 102  
Memphis, TN 38125  
(901) 737-0114

Scott & Farah Griffith  
7935 Old Smithville Hwy  
Sparta, TN 38583

## Shut-ins

We try to keep as "up-to-date" list as possible but occasionally we unintentionally overlook someone. If we do, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jean Clendenon (Dana Roller's mother)  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Minnie Lane

### McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

## VBS Cookies

Those who can are asked to bring cookies for the VBS. Please leave them either in the church office or in the fellowship room. Please bring them by this Sunday.



# Great Kings Of The Bible

July 13 - 17

9:00 - 11:00 am

For nursery - 6th grade

## Visitation Teams (July-December 1998)

Teams 1 & 3 meet first Sunday of month in homes for meal.

### Team #1

Leonard & Avie Clemons\*  
Don & Susie Griffith  
Lisa Chilton & Christy Patterson  
Jeff & Mary Flatt  
Thurman & Hazel Bennett  
Judy Payne  
Stanley & Sherry Graves

### Team #3

Steve & Sharla Hillis\*  
Ronnie & Cindy Rogers  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Johnny & Donna Anderson  
Angie Caldwell  
Denice Reynolds  
Debbie Glenn

Teams 2 & 4 meet second Sunday of month in homes for meal.

### Team #2

Willie & Donna Newby\*  
Danny & Cynthia Duncan  
Lemmie & Brenda Bratten  
Doug Hendrixson & Missy Biles  
Doris Smith & Dana Roller  
Rodney & Patsy Reynolds  
Bruce & Susan Pryor

### Team #4

Chuck & Mattie Medley\*  
Bob & Ada Mayfield  
Phillip & Teri Smith  
Tony & Corretta Lawrence  
Lisa Bennett  
Larry & Jane Flatt  
Steve & Carol Boyd

Team 5 meets on third Sunday and Team 6 meets on fourth Sunday in Room 1

### Team #5

Ricky & Rita Prince\*  
Bernice Fults  
Dawn Wanamaker  
John & Pearl Biddle  
Helen Morgan  
Teresa Atnip  
Woodrow & Mildred Glenn  
Mildred Bumbalough  
Tim & Cindy Fisher  
Jackie & Sherry Pelham  
Kurt & Stephanie Maynard  
Linda Cantrell & Lena Mae Gribble

### Team #6

Ken & Nona Martin  
Chris & Merideth Jones  
Dot Foster  
Edna Smith  
Joe & Marsha Collins  
Billy & Junetta Gilbert  
Clyde Christian  
Lucille Newby  
Lynette & Becky Maynard  
Mary Davis  
Don & Judy Sullivan  
Ryan & Tammy McKinney

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading Bob Mayfield  
 Scripture John 21:15-17  
 Lord's Table (N) \*David Chilton  
 (S) \*Chip Cantrell  
 (N) Marty Boles  
 (N) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) Steve Wilcher  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 (S) David McColloch  
 (S) Paul Davis  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dale Bennett

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Caleb Graves  
 Scripture II Thessalonians 3:6,14-15  
 Lord's Table \*Bill Womack  
 \*Chuck Medley  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bruce Pryor

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert  
 Reading Bob Cantrell  
 Invitation John Biddle  
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Eugene & Doris Wilcher  
 P.M. Steve Boyd Family

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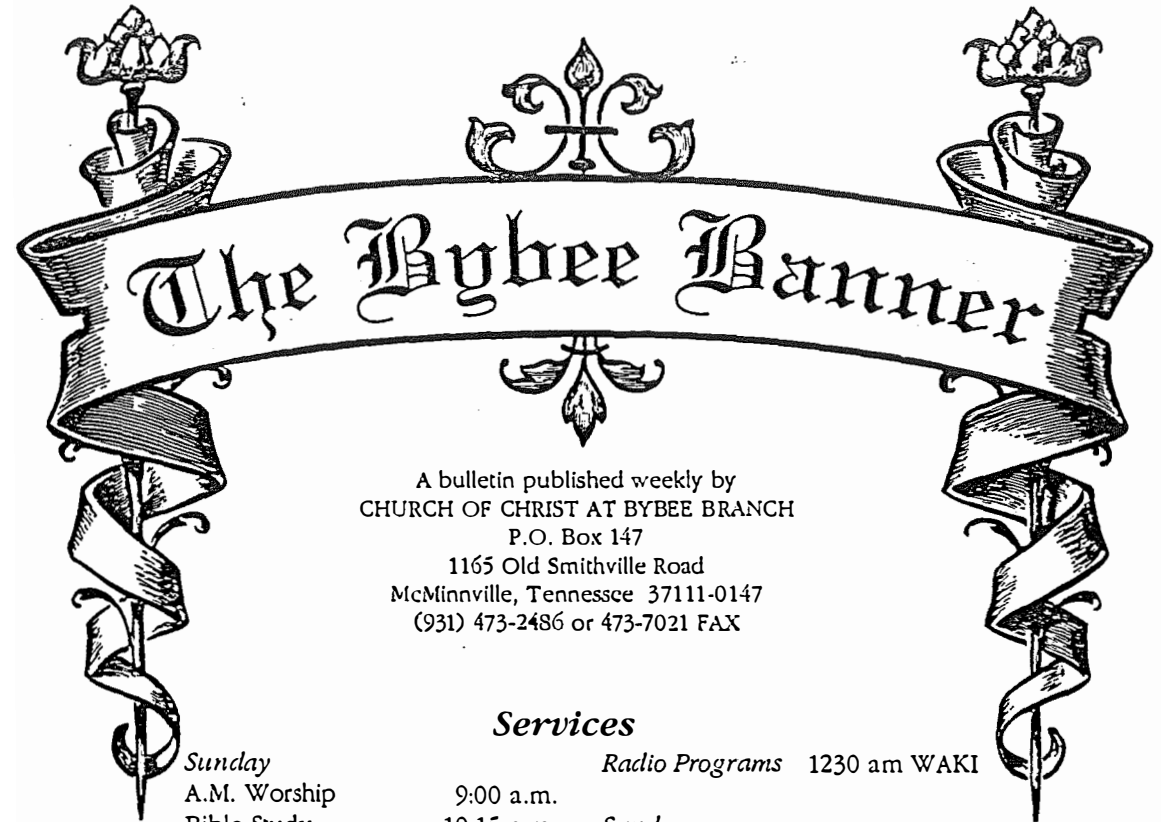
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**Record For The Week...**

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 Bible Study ..... 251  
 P.M. Worship ..... 246  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 235  
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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

*Lee Gann (broken ankle)*

### In The Hospital:

*Pauline Greene-moved to NHC*

*Remember that the hospital will no longer provide a list of those in the hospital. Please call the church office when you know one of members is in the hospital.*

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Luther Curtis, aunt of our Sarah Pennington. Her funeral was Sunday afternoon.

## Youth Visitation

The youth visitation will be moved up one week. It will be this Saturday, July 18, from 10-12.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Do You Really Love Me?

P.M. .... A Study of Church Discipline

## Gospel Meetings

*Hebron church of Christ*, July 12-16, services at 7:30 p.m. with Charles Curtis preaching.

*Ivy Bluff church of Christ*, July 19-23, services at 7:00 p.m. with Marion West preaching.

*Smatt church of Christ*, July 26-30, services at 7:00 p.m. with I.V. White preaching.

## VBS & Youth Day

VBS at *Mt. Leo church of Christ*, July 20-23, Classes from 9:30-11:30 with the theme "Heroes of the Faith."

Youth Day at *Leoni church of Christ*, August 1, services will begin at 9:00 a.m.

## When I Get Old

By Mrs. J. A. Hazard

Lord, keep me sweet when I grow old,  
And things in life seem hard to bear;  
When I feel sad and all alone,  
And people do not seem to care.  
Oh, keep me sweet when time has caused  
This body, which is not so strong,  
To droop beneath its load of years  
And suffering and pain have come.  
And keep me sweet when I have grown  
To worry so, at din and noise;  
And help me smile, the while I watch  
The noisy play of girls and boys.  
Help me remember how, that I,  
When I was younger than today  
And full of life and health and joy,  
Would romp and shout in happy play.  
Help me to train my heart each day,  
That it will only sweetness hold;  
And as the days and years roll on,  
May I keep sweet, as I grow old.  
Oh, keep me sweet, and let me look  
Beyond the frets that life must hold;  
To see the glad eternal joys;  
Yes, keep me sweet, in growing old.

~submitted by Stanley McNery~

## VBS Review

Our VBS is in full swing as this is being written. We began with an excellent attendance of 106 on Monday. This is just for ages nursery through 6th grade! Next week we will give a list of the many precious souls that taught and assisted through the week.

## Lectureship

Keep in mind that our lectureship is only three weeks away. Be sure now to begin to invite your friends. We will have some great lessons delivered on the home.

## Sincerely Wrong Is Still Wrong

*"I verily thought with myself; that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth (Acts 26:9). Paul said those words to Agrippa concerning his former zeal as a devout follower of the Jewish religion. Would anyone say that Paul could have continued in such activity toward Jesus Christ, being sincere and devout in his religion, and be pleasing to God? Look at what Paul said about his actions in that religion. "Who was before a blaspheméer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief" (I Tim. 1:13). Can one continue in unbelief concerning Jesus and be right? "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:2-4). Paul knew the sincerity of his own nation toward their religion just as he knew himself in the same persuasion, but he also knew where they stood before God apart from Christ: lost. Sincerely wrong is still wrong. Look at some other examples of sincerity that do not excuse.*

### Abimelech

Abraham sojourned on one occasion in the land of Gerar where Abimelech was king. Abraham was afraid that the fear of God was not in that region, so he devised a plan to seek to spare his life by telling those who asked about Sarah that she was his sister, though she was a half sister by his father (Gen. 20:12) but also his wife. Abimelech took Sarah unto him to be his wife (Gen. 20:2). The text then reads, *"But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this"* (Gen. 20:3-5). Abimelech had believed a lie and stood in a precarious state before God. He was completely sincere in his action, but he was sincerely wrong. Look at what he said to Abraham the next morning. *"What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done"* (Gen. 20:9). Abraham then revealed the thinking of his heart in truth. Notice what Abimelech did. *"And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife"* (Gen. 20:14). When he learned the truth having believed a lie, he did all that he could to make things right with God and man. Here is a lesson for all.

### Apollos

Luke records of this man, *"This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John"* (Acts 18:26). Surely no one could challenge the sincerity of Apollos in his work here. However, the next verse gives some light on the matter. *"And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly (Acts 18:26). If sincerity is all that mattered in pleasing God, why would Aquila and Priscilla seek to teach him otherwise? The seriousness of this is seen in the next chapter. Paul met disciples of the Lord who knew only John's baptism. Paul preached unto them the way of the Lord more perfectly and Luke records, "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:5). They knew that their sincerity was not enough. They were to obey what they were taught by Paul.*

### Agrippa

When Paul stood before Agrippa, he was standing before a man who wanted to hear Paul speak (Acts 25:22). Agrippa was also a man who knew something about the teachings of the Old Testament (Acts 26:3, 27). He sincerely listened to what Paul preached and made a comment known to all Bible students, *"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian"* (Acts 26:28). Agrippa even said to Festus afterwards, *"This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar"* (Acts 26:32). Agrippa was sincere in his motives to listen to the case before him. Agrippa was moved by the message of the gospel. Nevertheless, Agrippa did not do anything about his spiritual condition according to the record. He was sincere and knew that he was not a Christian, but he was also sincerely wrong. He needed to follow through like others had done. Sincerity is a needed and commendable trait, but sincerity alone will still leave one in a lost condition. Almost is not acceptable with God.

~Jimmy Clark~



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Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Larry Flatt  
 Scripture Galatians 1:6-9  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Boyd  
 (S) \*Doug Hendrixson  
 (N) Tom McColloch  
 (N) Matthew Young  
 (N) Joe Roller  
 (S) Ricky Prince  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (S) Noel Pepper  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Bond

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Shane Fisher  
 Scripture Romans 1:14-17  
 Lord's Table \*Allen Hughes  
 \*Ken Lee  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Brandon McGinness  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Chris & Merideth Jones  
 P.M. Mary Davis & Elaine Goodman

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesey

**Attend Nursery:** Avie Clemons

**Lock Building:** Bob Mayfield

**Pantry Item:** Tea bags

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 311  
 Bible Study ..... 242  
 P.M. Worship ..... 261  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 175  
 Contribution ..... \$3,730

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Lee Gann (broken ankle)*

*Alvin Pegg (minister at Northcutt's Cove, following heart surgery)*

### In The Hospital:

*Jean Clendenon-Riverpark ICU*

*Jewel Finger (sister of Nonie Grizzell & grandmother of Judy Payne)-hospital in Maryville with blood clot. Please remember her in your prayers.*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. ....Have You Been Diverted?

P.M. .... The "I Am's" of Romans

## Gospel Meetings

*Smatt church of Christ, July 26-30, services at 7:00 p.m. with I.V. White preaching.*

*Earleyville church of Christ, July 26-30, services at 7:30 p.m. with Charles Marshall preaching.*

## General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following services. All of the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting.

## VBS & Youth Day

VBS at *Mt. Leo church of Christ*, July 20-23, Classes from 9:30-11:30 with the theme "Heroes of the Faith."

VBS at *Viola church of Christ*, July 20-24, Classes at 7:00 p.m. with the theme "God's Promises"

VBS at *Dibrell church of Christ*, August 3-7, Classes from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with the theme "Life of Samson"

Youth Day at *Leoni church of Christ*, August 1, services will begin at 9:00 a.m.

## "It Couldn't Be Done..."

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "Maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it";  
But he took off his coat and he took of his hat,  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,  
The dangers, that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it."

by Edgar A. Guest  
~submitted by Stanley McNery~

## VBS THANKS

Thanks to the following for a super job in VBS: Susan Pryor, Stephanie Maynard, Cynthia Duncan, Sheila Cantrell, Donna Anderson, Junetta Gilbert, Mary Flatt, Sabrina Merritt, Donna Newby, Dawn Wanamaker, Sonia Vandgriff, Lisa Bennett, Corretta Lawrence, Cindy Fisher, Tony and Micah Lawrence for teaching. Also to Miranda Atnip, Mary Beth Atnip, Teresa Atnip, Traci Jones, Brandi Wilcher, Amy Prince, Misty Paris, Jennifer Flatt, Teri Smith, Doris Smith, Lynette Maynard, Beth Reynolds, Stefanie McColloch, Kayla Black and Erica Sughrue, Kristi Patterson, Ashley Boles, Paul Davis, Eric Fisher and Bruce Pryor for helping. Many thanks to Avie Clemons, June Crouch, Mattie Medley, W.C. & Nelma Chilton the great job of refreshments. Steve Hillis, Chuck Medley and Tony Lawrence were the directors.

## What Would Noah Have Done With Today's Government?

If you ever want to take the pulse of today's happenings in the world, try reading church bulletins. Most are written very down-to-earth in style and really have a lot of good information we all need to read. I recently was given one that told the story of what would happen if Noah was building the Ark today. It was written as a sunny story, but the sad thing is a lot of the facts mentioned could really happen. Entitled "The Great Flood of 1998," it was dedicated to a group of church Elders and a building committee who must have been having some of the same problems Noah would have if he were building an Ark under our government regulations.

It seems the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "I'm going to make it rain until the whole earth is covered with water and all the evil people are destroyed. But, I want to save a few good people, and two of every kind of living things on earth. Build ME an Ark."

Like a flash of lightning He delivered the specifications for an Ark to Noah. "Okay," said Noah, trembling and fumbling with the blueprints. "Remember, when it starts to rain," said the Lord, "the Ark is to be completed or learn how to swim for a very long time."

After awhile the skies began to cloud up and rain began to fall. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. There was no Ark! "Noah," said the Lord, "where is my Ark?" A lightning bolt crashed into the ground next to Noah. "Lord, please forgive me," begged Noah! "I did my best, but there were big problems." Noah began to explain why the Ark had not been built. "First, I had to get a building permit for the Ark construction project, and your plans didn't meet the codes. So, I had to redraw the plans. Then I got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fore sprinkler system.

My neighbors objected, claiming I was violating zoning by the Ark being in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city's planning commission. Then I had a big problem getting wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to save the spotted owls. I had to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that I needed the wood to save the owls because of the flood that would be coming, but they wouldn't let me catch any owls. So, I have no owls.

Next the carpenters formed a union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up saw or hammer. Now we have two dozen carpenter doing the work of a dozen.

I still don't have any owls so I started gathering up animals and got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me taking only two of each kind.

Just when I got the suit dismissed, EPA notified me that I couldn't complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of a Supreme Being.

Then the Army Corps of Engineers wanted a map of the proposed new flood plain. I sent them the globe. I'm also running short on funds since the IRS seized all of my assets, claiming I'm trying to avoid paying taxes by leaving the country. The Federal government has classified the Ark as a yacht thereby making it subject to an exorbitant luxury tax. I really don't think I can finish your Ark for at least another five years."

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, a rainbow arched across the sky, Noah looked up and smiled asking hopefully, "Does this mean you're not going to destroy the earth?"

God sadly answered, "No I won't. The Government already has."

(From: Read All About It...; Pettus L. Read; Tennessee Farm Bureau; June 8, 1998)

~submitted by Ronnie Rogers~

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Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Shannon Griffin  
 Scripture Galatians 1:13-24  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ronnie Rogers  
 (S) \*Chuck Medley  
 (N) Leonard Crouch  
 (N) Tyler Boyd  
 (N) Rodney Maynard  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 (S) Harold McGinness  
 (S) Abram Pryor  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Danny Duncan  
 Reading Jim Slatton  
 Scripture John 8:31,32  
 Lord's Table \*Tommy Crouch  
 \*Dale Bennett  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Wednesday Bible Study**

*Lectureship*

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Harry Felty Family  
 P.M. Glenda Faye Bell & Doris Smith

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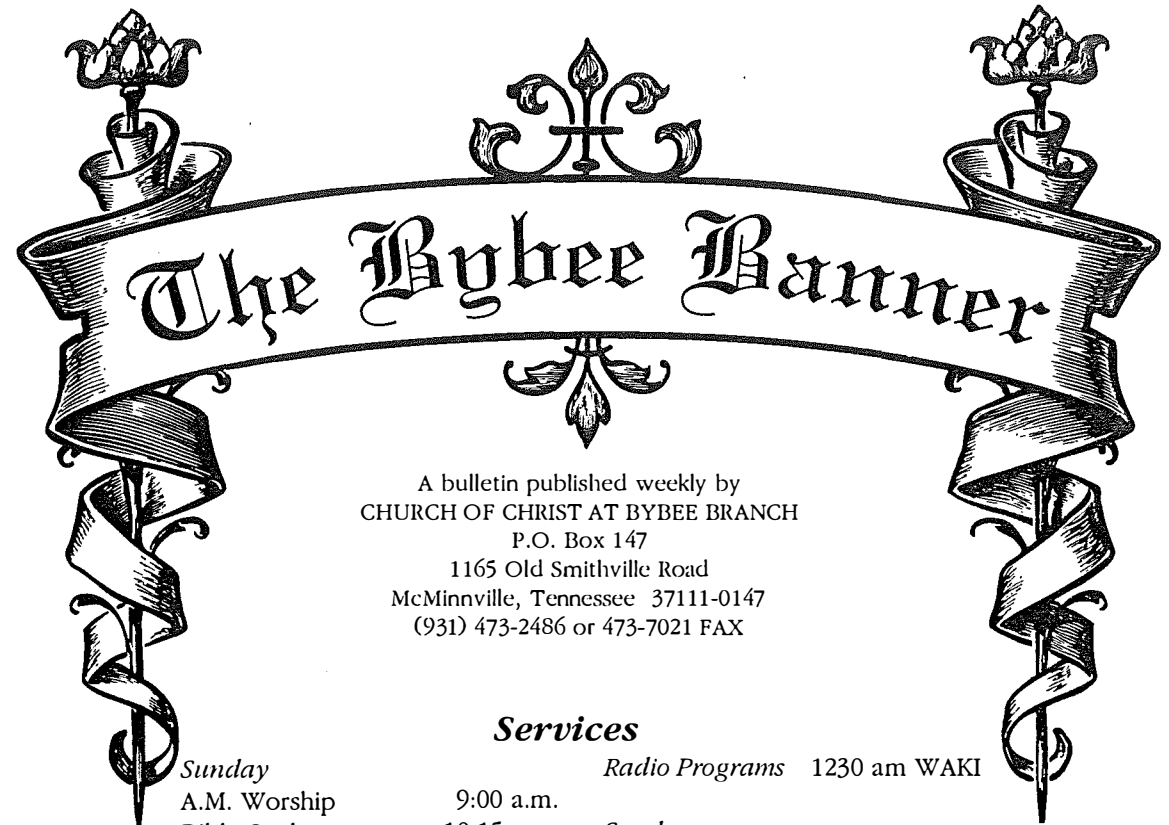
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## Sick

### At Home:

Shirley Nunley

### In The Hospital:

Jean Clendenon-moved back to NHC

Jewel Finger (sister of Nonie Grizzell & grandmother of Judy Payne)-hospital in Maryville with blood clot.

Jean Smith (Phillip Smith's grandmother)-Livingston Hospital

Flossie Smartt-moved to Riverside Center in Woodbury.

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Amelia Goolsby (mother-in-law of Donna Goolsby and grandmother of Holly Barrett and Mandy Byars). Her funeral was Tuesday at McMinnville Funeral Home.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... A Mean Man Gets A Spiritual Makeover

P.M. .... Can We Understand The Bible Alike?

## Gospel Meetings

Smatt church of Christ, July 26-30, services at 7:00 p.m. with I.V. White preaching.

Earleyville church of Christ, July 26-30, services at 7:30 p.m. with Charles Marshall preaching.

Smyrna church of Christ, August 2-5, services at 7:00 p.m. with Ray Winton preaching.

## VBS & Youth Day

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Youth Day at Leoni church of Christ, August 1, services will begin at 9:00 a.m. Bus will leave at 8:30 for those wishing to go.

## Slipping Back In

What if your wife walked out of the house one day without even mentioning where she was going and, after four or five weeks, walked back in as unconcerned as ever? Would you not be anxious to know where she had been? And suppose that when you questioned her, she said, "Oh, just here and there." Wouldn't you be rather suspicious of where she had been? Certainly everyone would agree that some kind of explanation should be forthcoming.

The Bible teaches that we are all married to Christ (Rom. 7:4) and that we are all in one family, which is God's family (I Tim. 3:15). When a member of this family is absent all the other members should be greatly concerned. Furthermore, when one is absent because of being "here and there," acknowledgments to God and the church are in order. These should be made before the congregation of God's people. Although one does not have to bow down at the feet of the congregation, he should confess, as the Bible teaches (James 5:16), that he has sinned against God and the church by his negligence.

Some have the idea that it is not a sin to miss just one Lord's Day. If one can miss one Lord's Day in such a manner, why can't he miss fifty-two Lord's Days without sinning? The very reason people miss fifty-two Lord's Days is that they first miss one. A person who misses the Lord's Day need to realize he is in rebellion to God.

Brethren should quit slipping back in after such negligence, or, in some cases, running to another congregation and placing membership. They need to repent now. The judgment will be too late.

Can you imagine Paul being in Ephesus for five or six weeks without meeting with the brethren? Yet, people often move to new areas and are there for weeks or months without attending services. For Paul to have done this, he would have had to be so sick that he could not lift his head.

~copied from The Gospel Light~  
~Smyrna Church of Christ, Cookeville, TN~

## August 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						TIM & CINDY FISHER
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Rebecca Mullican Barbara Pennington Amberly Thaxton	LYNN & MARLA CANTRELL Shane Fisher	Kara Nunley		JOHNNY & DONNA ANDERSON	Lula Woodlee Cindy Rogers BILL & YURIKO BILES Kayla Medley	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	DOUG & WANDA HENDRIXSON Brandon Lowry		Freda Womack Ryan Kesey Allen Hughes	Dawn Wanamaker	Bob Bonner	Lucille Newby Marty Boles
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Pearl Morton		Winfrey Hennessee Steve Hillis		Sheila Cantrell	Lora Thaxton Morris Griffith	Taylor Lane Mullican
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 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Steve Boyd  
 \*David Chilton  
 Sermon George King  
 Dismiss Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Invitation Bob Bonner  
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

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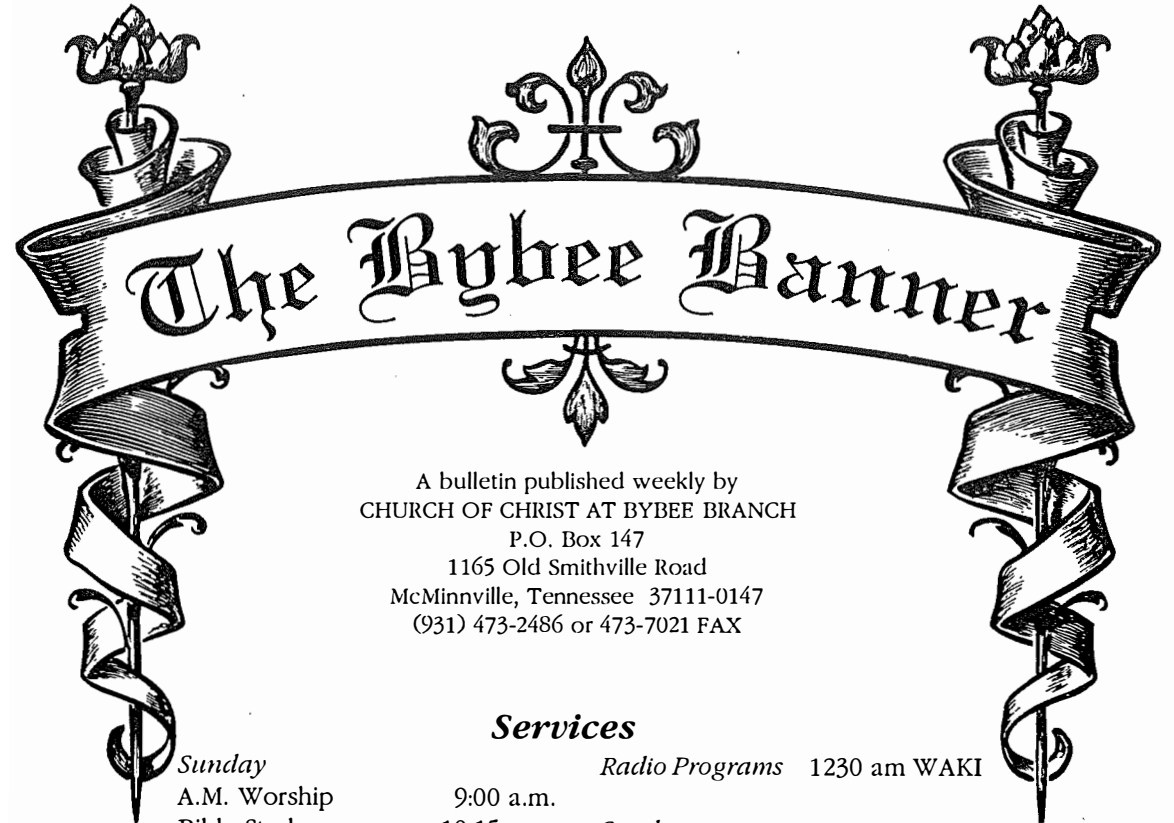
**Pantry Item:** Pepper

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 299  
 Bible Study ..... 216  
 P.M. Worship ..... 205  
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Flossie Smartt-moved back to Raintree

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Happy Homes Make A Healthy Church

P.M. .... What Will I Bring To My Marriage?

## Gospel Meetings

Smyrna church of Christ, August 2-5, services at 7:00 p.m. with Ray Winton preaching.

Unity church of Christ, August 2-7, services at 7:00 p.m. with Larry Acuff preaching.

## VBS

VBS at Dibrell church of Christ, August 3-7, Classes from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with the theme "Life of Samson"

VBS at Berea church of Christ, August 10-14, classes from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with the theme "Promises of God"

## Lectureship Picnic



Every year we customarily have a picnic on Saturday of the Lectureship. This year due to so much rain it was decided to have the meal following the Sunday morning services on Sunday. Everything will be furnished. Just plan on staying and enjoying the fellowship.

## Shut-ins

We try to keep as "up-to-date" list as possible but occasionally we unintentionally overlook someone. If we do, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jean Clendenon (Dana Roller's mother)  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Minnie Lane

### McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

**Remember we will have many visitors this week. Be sure to extend a friendly welcome to all.**

## 1998 Bible Lectureship Program "Heavenly Homes"

### Wednesday, August 5

7:00-8:00

Kevin Williams—The Bible Is The Best Marriage Manual

### Thursday, August 6

10:00-10:55

David Sain—O.T. Passages: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-25

11:00-11:55

Charles Myers—O.T. Passages: 2 Samuel 11:1-27

12:00-1:30

Lunch (Provided by the ladies of Bybee Branch)

1:30-2:30

Flavil Nichols—O.T. Passages: Ezra 9,10

2:30-3:30

Charles Myers—O.T. Passages: Malachi 2:14,15

3:30-7:00

Break

7:00-7:45

Flavil Nichols—The Ideal Wife

7:45-8:30

David Sain—The Ideal Husband

### Friday, August 7

10:00-10:55

Chris Whitaker—N.T. Passages: Matthew 5:32; 19:3-9

11:00-11:55

James Meadows—N.T. Passages: 1 Peter 3:1-7

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James Meadows—N.T. Passages: Ephesians 5:22-32

2:30-3:30

Dan Winkler—N.T. Passages: 1 Corinthians 7

3:30-7:00

Break

7:00-7:45

Chris Whitaker—The Ideal Parents

7:45-8:30

Dan Winkler—The Ideal Children

### Sunday, August 9

9:00-10:15

Worship Service-Bobby Liddell—Happy Homes Make A Healthy Church

10:15-11:00

Bible Class Hour-Bobby Liddell—The Greatest Of These Is Love

6:00-7:00

Evening Worship Service-George King—What Will I Bring To My Marriage?

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 Dismiss Kurt Maynard

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**Pantry Item:** Corn Meal

**Record For The Week...**

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Contribution .....	\$5,887

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 Reading Joe Roller  
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 Sermon Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon  
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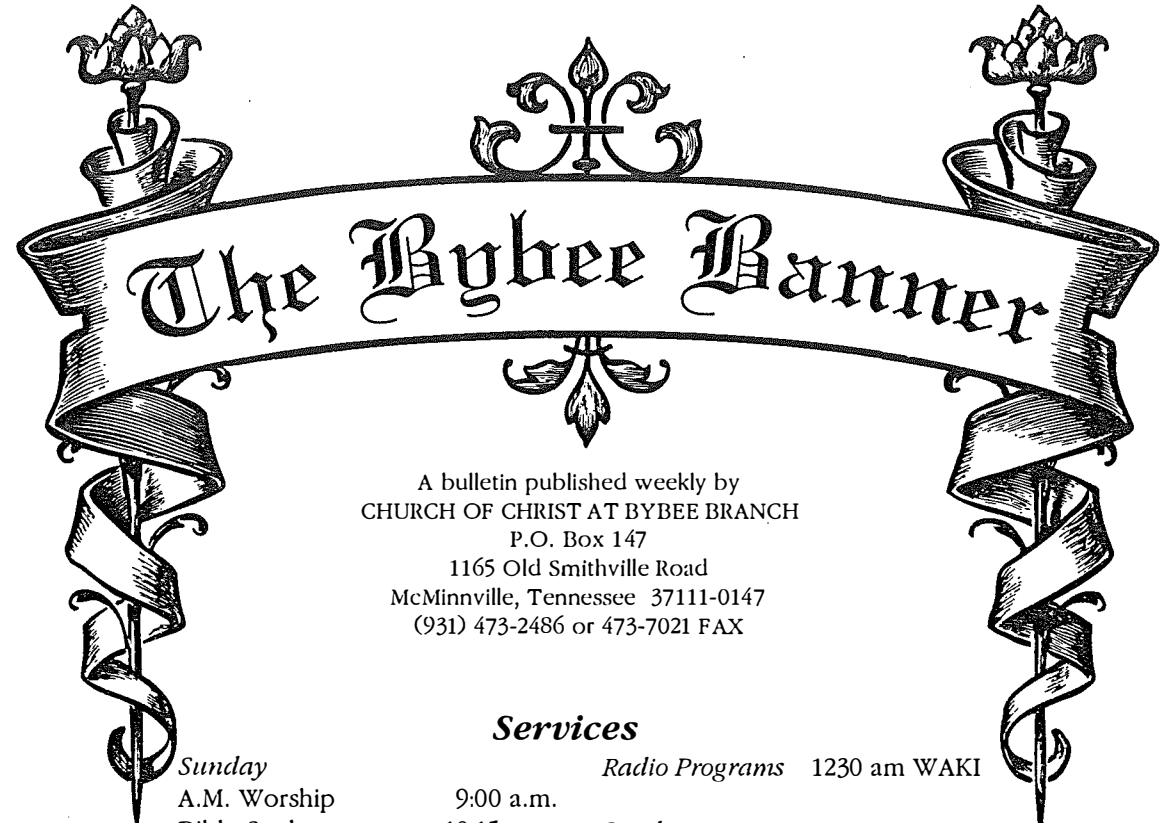
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 Reading Shane Fisher  
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 Joe Maxwell-Riverpark  
 Austin Womack (brother of our Dora Mullican)-  
 Riverpark

## Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Henry Lee Fann, grandfather of our Shannon Griffin. He passed away Monday and his funeral will be Wednesday afternoon.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Guest Speaker: Mark Lance  
 P.M. .... Guest Speaker: Suwit Pengprakon

## Gospel Meetings

East End Drive church of Christ, August 9-14,  
 services at 7:00 p.m. with Chris Whitaker preaching.

## VBS

VBS at Berea church of Christ, August 10-14, classes  
 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with the theme "Promises of God"

## Ladies Program

Ladies be sure to check the board each month for your assignments.

## A BIG Thanks

There are so many who deserve thanks for the success of our Lectureship. We first want to thank the elders for providing such a wonderful opportunity to have such good, sound teaching provided. Be sure to tell them how much you appreciate their work.

Second, we want to thank the ladies who organized and prepared the meals Thursday and Friday. Mary Davis headed this with Lucille Newby, Dot Foster, Doris Smith, Woodrow & Mildred Glenn, Leonard & June Crouch, and W.C. Chilton assisting. Many ladies prepared some of the most delicious food.

Third, the "picnic" on Sunday following services was coordinated by Dale Bennett and he was assisted by: Melba Bonner, Dawn Wanamaker, Steve Boyd, Ronnie Rogers, Harold McGinness, Hazel Bennett, Lisa Bennett, Mary Flatt, Missy Biles, Denice Reynolds, Susan Pryor, and W.C. & Nelma Chilton.

Fourth, Rodney Reynolds does an excellent job video taping every session. Woodrow Glenn takes care of the audio tapes and PA system as he does so well all of the time.

## Father-Son Camp Out

The Father-Son Camp Out will be Friday, August 21 at the Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm. Plan to come and eat at 7:00 p.m. even if you do not plan to camp out all night. There will be a devotional following the meal. This is open to any of the men of the congregation. If you don't have a son, some of us will be glad to loan you one... If you have any questions, please contact Steve Boyd.

**Notice:** There has been another time change for Preaching The Gospel with James Watkins. It is now supposed to air on Cable Channel 6 at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

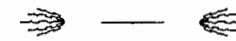
## Something To Think About

A college student was in a philosophy class which had a discussion about God's existence. The professor presented the following logic:

"Has anyone in this class heard God?" Nobody spoke. "Has anyone in this class touched God?" Again, nobody spoke. "Has anyone in this class seen God?" When nobody spoke for the third time, he simply stated, "Then there is no God."

One student thought for a second, and then asked for permission to reply. Curious to hear this bold student's response, the professor granted it, and the student stood up and asked the following questions of his classmates: "Has anyone in this class heard our professor's brain?" Silence. "Has anyone in this class touched our professor's brain?" Absolute silence. "Has anyone in this class seen our professor's brain?" When nobody in the class dared to speak, the student concluded, "Then, according to our professor's logic, it must be true that our professor has no brain!" (The student received an "A" in the class.)

~Via The Chapman Challenger, Chapman church of Christ, Ripley MS~



## Mom and Dad

- 4 Years: My Mom and Dad can do anything.
- 7 Years: My Mom and Dad know a lot — a whole lot.
- 10 Years: My Mom and Dad don't know quite everything.
- 13 Years: Oh well, naturally, they don't know that either.
- 16 Years: Mom and Dad are hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 Years: Oh, these folks are out of date; what do you expect?
- 25 Years: They know a little about it, but not much.
- 30 Years: Really must find out what Mom and Dad think on it.
- 35 Years: A little patience, get Mom and Dad's meaning first.
- 50 Years: What would Mom and Dad have thought about that?
- 60 Years: My Mom and Dad knew literally everything!
- 65 Years: I sure wish I could talk it over with Mom and Dad just once more.

~Copied from: The Saluter/Dresden~



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 Dismiss Tim Fisher

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 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Joe T. Cantrell  
 Scripture Luke 14:15-24  
 Lord's Table \*Danny Duncan  
 \*Johnny Anderson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Willie Newby

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Chuck Medley  
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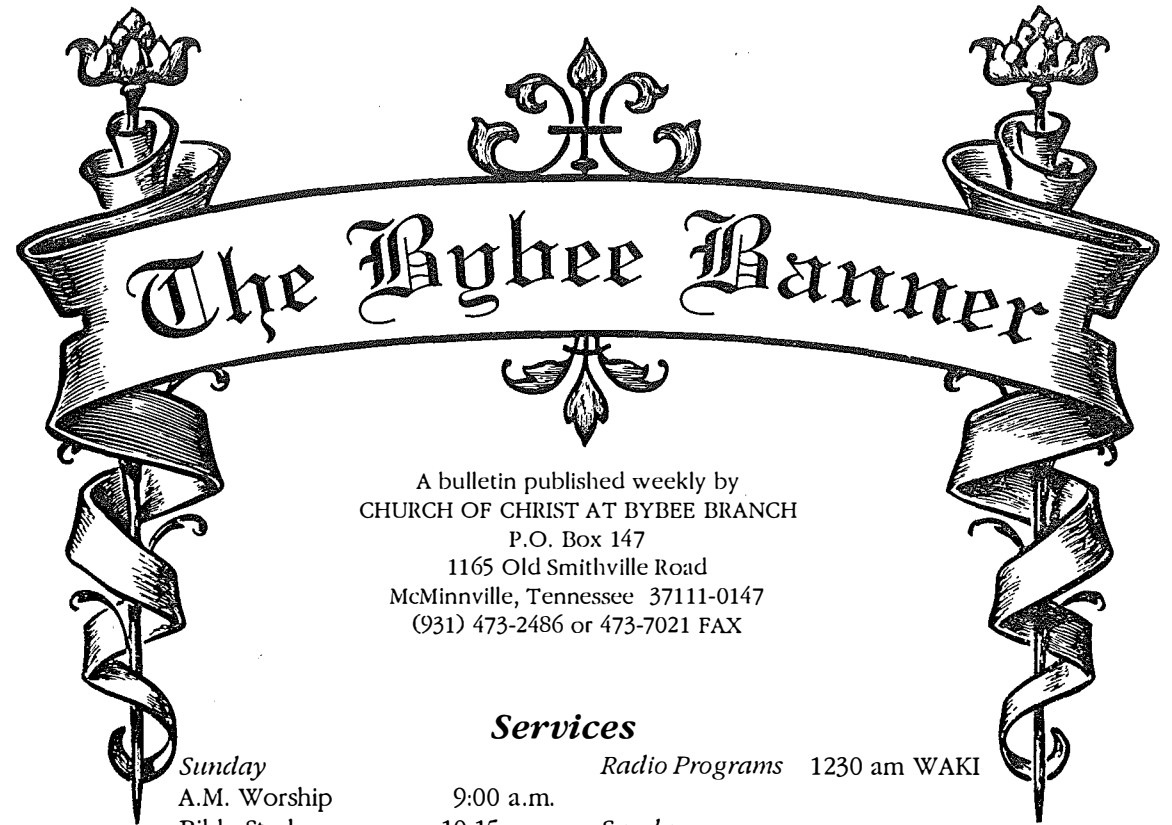
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## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Solving Problems God's Way  
 P.M. .... Excuses, Excuses, Excuses...



LITTLE PEGGY HORTON LEARNS THE HARD WAY  
 THAT SWINGING HER FEET CAN RESULT IN  
 UNDER-THE-PEW GUM TROUBLE.

## Fifteen Reasons Why We Say The Church of Christ

1. Christ built it (Matthew 16:18).
2. Christ called it "his" (Matthew 16:18).
3. It is "his" body (Ephesians 1:22).
4. He is the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20).
5. It is His own house (Hebrews 3:6).
6. He gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:26-27).
7. It is His wife (II Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:9).
8. He is the Savior of the body (Ephesians 5:27).
9. He is the head of all things to the church (Eph. 1:22).
10. The Lord added to it "all that should be saved" (Acts 2:47).
11. We are all baptized into one body (I Cor. 12:13).
12. The one body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23).
13. All baptized believers are in the church (Galatians 3:27).
14. The connecting link through the ages is the "Seed" the word of God (Luke 8:11).
15. Eternal life in Christ is the goal of all (John 10:27, 28).

~copied from Ridgedale Reminder~  
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*Many have asked about when the new church directories will be ready. We have been informed by Olan Mills that they should be here no later than September 11.*

## Attention Visitors

Dewayne Spivey

It was Thursday night and I sat alone in the guard room of our local jail. My Bible class had finished early and I was waiting on the other groups to finish so we could leave together. Every person wishing to visit someone in the jail must pass through this room.

As I waited, I glanced over the signs which were posted to give visitors various warnings and cautions. One sign caught my attention because it was posted at least four different times in key locations. All of the other signs were posted only once. Obviously this was a message they wanted to make sure all visitors understood. What message do you think a jail would want to make sure it got across to visitors? It wasn't about bringing in anything that could be used as a weapon. The sign is copied to the right.

Why would this be such an important notice to visitors of a jail? Obviously they are aware that the way someone is dressed could have an adverse impact on the people

they are charged with housing and controlling. They are aware of the problems that improper dress can create and they want to avoid them with the people they are responsible for.



Shouldn't Christians be even more concerned when it comes to the way they dress? Our dress is to portray an image of godliness. We should be concerned with the problems our dress may cause in the minds of others. Should a jail be more concerned with modesty

than a Christian?

### ATTENTION VISITORS

*No person admitted unless properly dressed*

1. Shorts must be knee length
2. No tank tops
3. No short dresses
4. No sundresses
5. No shirts with obscene language or pictures
6. No see-through clothing

*Any person that cannot abide by these rules will be refused visitation (no exceptions)*

I couldn't help but think of some that if they left worship on Sunday to go visit the jail, would not be allowed admittance! Imagine having to first go home from worship to put on something modest in order to be allowed into the jail! Immodesty is sin!

Sin produces negative effects. Even the jail keepers know this! Let's love the Lord so much that we would never do anything to jeopardize our soul or others! Let's be modest for righteousness sake!

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Bruce Pryor
Scripture	Titus 2:11-12
Lord's Table (N)	*Chuck Boles
(S)	*Winfrey Hennessee
(N)	Lynn Gann
(N)	Tom McColloch
(N)	Tommy Crouch
(S)	Matthew Young
(S)	Jeff Bond
(S)	Harry Felty
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	Eric Fisher
Lead Singing	Shane Fisher
First Prayer	Caleb Graves
Reading	Bran Merritt
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Larry Flatt
	*Micah Lawrence
Sermon	Tyler Boyd
Dismiss	Joey Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bob Mayfield
Reading	Noel Pepper
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

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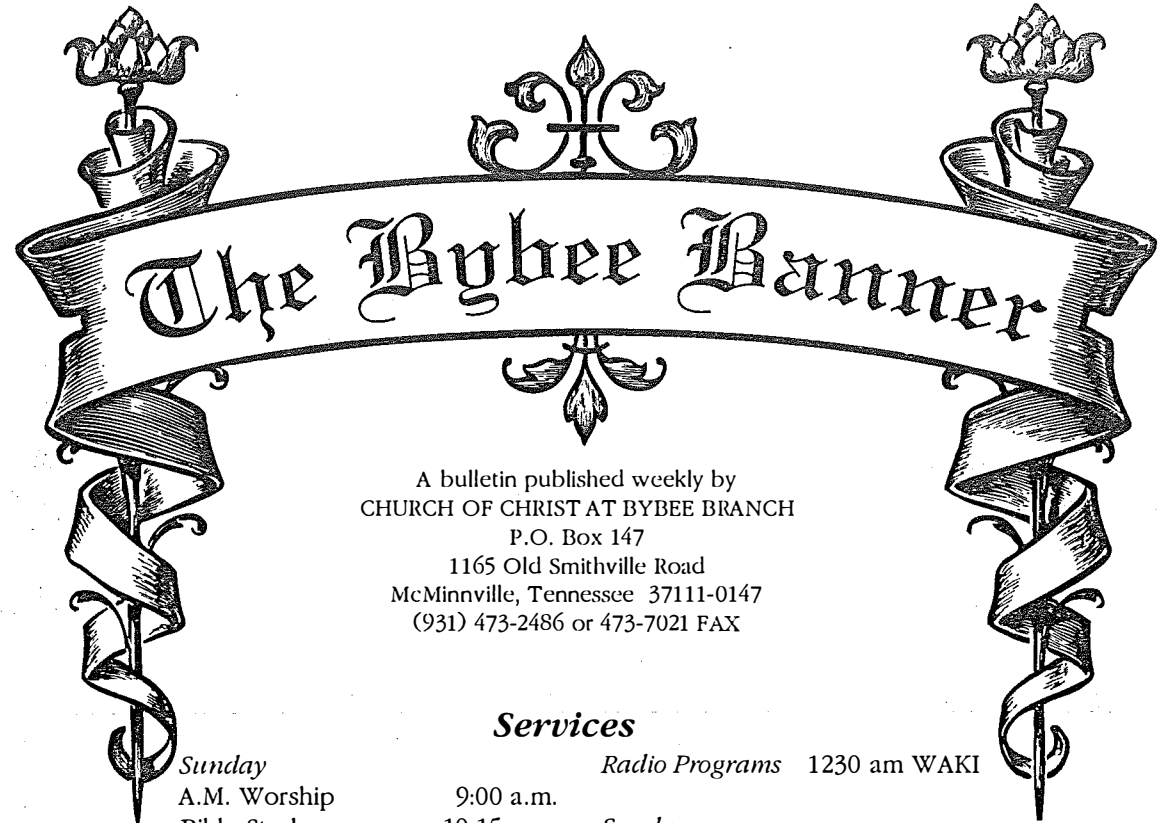
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Jeff Mayfield (son of Bob & Ada Mayfield)-Centennial Medical Center/Nashville

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Modesty

P.M. .... Young Men: Tyler Boyd, speaker

## Youth Trip & Project

There will be a trip to Huntsville to visit the Space and Rocket center this Friday, August 28. The bus will leave the parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

This Saturday is the monthly visitation to the elderly and shut-ins. Those who can go are asked to meet at the building at 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions about these or other events, please see Steve Hillis.

## Baptism & Restoration

It was a joy and delight to see Eric Fisher confess Christ and be baptized this past Wednesday evening.

On Sunday evening brother Kelly Thaxton came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation.

*"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works," (Hebrews 10:24, NKJV).*

## Address Change

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Ronnie & Denise Prince  
5552 E. Green Hill Rd  
Rock Island, TN 38581

(931) 686-4088

## Recipe For Making A Home

Take half a cup of friendship, add one cup of thoughtfulness; cream together with a pinch of powdered tenderness, very lightly beat into a bowl of loyalty with one cup of faith, one of hope, and one of charity.

Be sure to add a spoonful each: of gaiety that sings, and the ability to laugh at little things; moisten with the sudden tears of heartfelt sympathy, and bake in a good natured pan.

Serve repeatedly.

February 28, 1937

~submitted by Clercie Delon~

## Starting 14 Years

August 29, 1985. It seems like only yesterday that we pulled into McMinnville to begin our work with the church here at Bybee Branch. We began in a deep sense of gratitude that the Lord blessed us with the opportunity to work with this congregation of His people, and today I continue to thank the Lord and you for this opportunity. You have been so kind and generous to us over the years, and for that we humbly say, "thank you."

~Tony Lawrence~

## The Promise Keepers Come To Town

All around town there are numerous posters announcing the Promise Keepers Rally to be held at the McMinnville Civic Center on August 29, 1998. The speakers listed were: Earl Dickson of Trinity Baptist Church, Lebanon, TN; Basil Phillips of Victory Christian Center, Monterey, TN; William E. Bain of Bryan College, Dayton, TN; and Rubel Shelly of Woodmont Hills Church of Christ, Nashville, TN. I wondered how many people know that Rubel Shelly and this movement does not represent the Church for which our Lord died?

Many people revel in the hoopla of the Promise Keepers Rallies that take place all across the country. What is distressing is that some of brethren have joined in some of these events. Some have mistakenly believed that the Promise Keepers were nothing more than a social organization designed to encourage men to be better husbands and fathers. Such is what many would like for us to think. Like the Masonic Lodge their literature betrays them and their intentions. I have several objections to this movement based upon Scripture. I offer just a few of these for your consideration. For a more detailed study I would recommend the series of articles published in Power (by Southaven church of Christ, Southaven, MS) written by B.J. Clarke. For those with Internet access these can be found at: < <http://www.vantek.net:80/pages/southavencoc/faqs.html> >

I object to the strong denominational influence that pervades the whole PK movement. Consider just two of the Seven Promises of Promise Keeper. #5 "A Promise Keeper is committed to support the mission of his church, by honoring and praying for his pastor and by actively giving his time and resources." Where does one get the idea of "his church?" Then "praying for his pastor" betrays the denominational misunderstanding that calls the preacher a "pastor." #6 "A Promise Keeper is committed to reach beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity." The PK movement clearly equates racial barriers with denominations. While God made "red, yellow, black, and white," He did not make the various denominations. In fact, Jesus said that He would uproot them (Mt. 15:13). This movement was started by those in denominations and is perpetuated by them to this day. And, there will be denominational innovations as a part of the "worship" offered at the rally here in McMinnville also.

I object to the plan of salvation they teach. From page 10, of Seven Promises Of A Promise Keeper we find: Are You Sure You're a Christian? "You need to do five things to become a part of God's family. If you haven't already done this, I urge you, if you're sincerely ready, to do them now: (1) Admit your spiritual need. "I am a sinner." (2) Repent. Be willing to turn from your sin and, with God's help, start living to please Him. (3) Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose again. (4) Receive, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and live. Pray something like this from the sincerity of your heart: Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I believe You died for my sins and then rose from the grave. Right now, I turn from my sins and open the door of my heart and life. I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me. Amen. (5) Then tell a believing friend and a pastor about your commitment." Their "plan" totally leaves out the command of Jesus to be baptized (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16). PK doctrine was not what Ananias was sent to tell Paul (Acts 22:16).

There are many other false teachings that are promoted by this group which we do not have time to survey in this article. These few details are given just to let you know that faithful Christians cannot and will not support such things. "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:6-9, NKJV).

~Tony Lawrence~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer John Biddle  
 Reading Steve Boyd  
 Scripture Galatians 3:7-9  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Lemmie Bratten  
 (S) \*Johnny Anderson  
 (N) Kraig Campbell  
 (N) Shannon Griffin  
 (N) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Caleb Graves  
 (S) Marty Boles  
 (S) John Nussbaum  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Scripture Mark 9:42-48  
 Lord's Table \*Eddie Palmer  
 \*Ricky Prince  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Abram Pryor  
 Invitation Thurman Bennett  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Kevin Judkins Family  
 P.M. Bob & Ada Mayfield

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Mildred Gambrell

**Lock Building:** David McColloch

**Pantry Item:** Mustard

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	313
Bible Study .....	254
P.M. Worship .....	236
Wednesday Bible Study .....	236
Contribution .....	\$3,884

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 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert  
 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Jack Bell (father of Glenda Faye Bell)  
 Angie Caldwell (with broken leg)  
 Jeff Mayfield  
 Joe Maxwell  
 Hunter Chilton  
 David Chilton  
 Joe Maxwell

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Justified By Faith  
 P.M. .... Hell, And Why I Don't Want To Go There!

## Address Changes

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Denice Reynolds  
 445 Oriole Dr. M-13  
 McMinnville, TN 37110  
 (931) 473-8202

Scena Christian will be moving this Friday. Her new address will be:  
 108 Forest Point Lane  
 Longwood, FL 32779  
 (407) 862-0018

## Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #3 (Steve Hillis' team) will meet this Saturday evening, September 5, at the home of Ronnie & Cindy Rogers at 7:00 p.m.

## Are You Helping or Honking?

A woman driver was having difficulties getting her automobile started after it had stalled in traffic. The gentleman (?) in the car behind her insisted on expressing his impatience with her by blowing his horn every few seconds. Finally, the lady, worn out by his thoughtlessness, stepped out of her automobile, walked back to the honker's car and said, "I'm having some difficulty in getting my car started. If you'll go and see if you can start it, I'll honk your horn for you."

A lot of folks in the church do more honking than helping. There are more talkers than workers, and more criticism than labor. The ones who do the most honking generally do the least working. They may have never preached a sermon, taught a class, led a song, or served as an elder, but they know just how it should be done. They are like the chronic objector who was asked for his suggestion on a project being discussed in a business meeting. He said, "You go ahead and make the plans and I'll tell you what's wrong with them." It is much easier to criticize than to DO work.

Of course, anyone who drives much is going to be honked at now and then. Don't lose your temper. Maybe you need waking up. And, anyone who tries to accomplish something for the Lord is going to find a good many horn-honkers also!

~Bulletin, Grants, New Mexico~



"MY TEXT IS FROM MATTHEW 11:28: 'AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.'"

## September 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Nancy Rogers Rodney Reynolds Belle Young	KEN & GLYNA LEE Allison Chilton			
		1	2	3	4	5
Gail Crouch	Marsha Collins Denice Prince Nichole Wilcher Micah McColloch	RONNIE & DENICE PRINCE	EDWARD & GLENDIA SOLOMON Joe Lawrence Erin Duncan Roeba Jones			STEVE & CAROL BOYD Kayla Napier
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Josh Medley Lori Pepper Chris Jones	Lennie Ruth Kelsey Janice Foster Clercie Defone Merek McColloch			Doug Hendrixson	Caleb Hughtes	LEMMIE & BRENDA BRATTEN
<i>Bible Bowl Fellowship at Eastside/Cannon Co 2:00 pm</i>						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Caleb Graves	HARLEY & IONA NORTHCUTT RONNIE & CINDY ROGERS Magdalene Taylor	CALVIN & NANCY ROGERS CHRIS & MEREDITH JONES Clara Roller Eric Fisher Ken Martin Rosetta Bain	Merideth Jones Leonard Crouch	Mary Lois Cantrell Agnes Fuits Glenda Solomon	Joe Huntley
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Danielle Lance Walter Maxwell Randel Whiteaker Dana Roller	Sandy Brown Harry Felty	Andrew Collins Glynda Stevens				<i>Family Retreat at Rock Island State Park 10:00 a.m.</i>
27	28	29	30			
			<i>5th Wednesday Singing Night</i>			

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert  
 Reading Allen Hughes  
 Scripture Galatians 4:1-7  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Jeff Flatt  
 (S) \*Dennis Gann  
 (N) Eric Fisher  
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (N) David McColloch  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 (S) Tyler Boyd  
 (S) Kurt Maynard  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading Bob Cantrell  
 Scripture John 14:1-4  
 Lord's Table \*Ken Lee  
 Sermon \*Tommy Crouch  
 Dismiss Tony Lawrence  
 Larry Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
 Reading Jeff Templeton  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Calvin & Nancy Rogers  
 P.M. David & Iona King

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Ronnie Prince

**Attend Nursery:** Christine Gribble

**Lock Building:** David McColloch

**Pantry Item:** Tuna

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 307  
 Bible Study ..... 256  
 P.M. Worship ..... 249  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 234  
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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Angie Caldwell (with broken leg)

### In The Hospital:

David Chilton is to enter St. Thomas on Sept. 14th for back surgery.

## Welcome

The elders announced Wednesday evening a welcome to Calvin Rogers who had prayer with the elders and expressed a desire to place membership. He is the husband of Nancy Rogers and father of Ronnie Rogers.

## Bible Bowl Fellowship

The time for our Bible Bowl season is rapidly drawing near. We will host the first Bible Bowl on Sunday, October 11, and the students will be tested over Acts 1-5. However, there is a fellowship session planned before the first test. This Sunday, we will go to the Eastside school in Cannon County for an afternoon of games and fellowship from 2-4 p.m. The bus will leave promptly at 1:30. Why not come and be a part of this year's program?

## ✈ Trip To Bible Lands ✈

As I announced Sunday, we are planning on a trip to the Bible Lands (Greece, Israel, Jordan) this December 28-January 9, for 13 days. Several expressed a desire to go after we returned from our trip in 1995 so we decided to try to organize a trip here in the Warren County area. If you think that you might be interested in the trip, please let me know and I will give you information on cost and details.

Just imagine standing on Mars Hill where Paul preached or in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed. Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and look into the "promised land" on Mt. Nebo from where Moses looked. Come with us... **Tony Lawrence**

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... From Slaves To Sons

P.M. .... Heaven, And Why I Want To Go There

## Shut-ins

We try to keep as "up-to-date" list as possible but occasionally we unintentionally overlook someone. If we do, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jean Clendenon (Dana Roller's mother)  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Minnie Lane

### McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

### Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins (111 E. Lenox St.; Ashland City, TN 37015)

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

## Three R's

Ronnie Rogers

### Remove

While I did not live on a farm as a child, I did grow up in a rural area of the county and since I now live on a working farm, there is one thing I have noticed which all farmers do before planting the season's crops. They all prepare their fields for the receiving of seed from clearing the ground to disking. As we grow into adults, our lives become cluttered with all kinds of worldly ideas and acts and we can become so influenced by the world that we can get to the point of being confused as to what is really important. In Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15, our Lord teaches us that our hearts fall into one of four kinds of soil the way side, the rocky ground, the thorny ground, and the good ground and that the Word of God is the Seed being sown. If we are ever going to have a chance at receiving the inheritance of salvation promised by our Lord, we must prepare our lives, our hearts, for the receiving of the Word by removing from our lives all of the worldly ideas which will hinder us from having hearts of prepared, good soil.

### Receive

Some of my most pleasurable childhood memories center around the summers when I stayed with my grandparents. As I now look back, I remember with fondness the hours I would spend with my grandfather working in the family garden, even though at the time I thought it was cruel and unusual punishment and would wonder what I had done wrong to be treated in such a way by these people who were my Granny and Pa and were supposed to love me. But, I learned many lessons during those summers not the least of which is the law of the harvest. I learned that what we plant, sow, is what we reap and we reap many times more than we plant. We can have the best prepared garden spot and the best seed, but if the ground never receives the seed, there will be no fruit for the harvest. If the Word of God is ever going to have an influence in our lives, we must receive it; our hearts must be susceptible to It, and we must meditate upon It day and night. If we will be patient and follow God's plan, we will bare much to God's glory.

### Replace

Everyone who has ever planted a garden knows fully well that maintaining that garden is a lot of work, much of it daily. If we don't continue to work the ground, all sorts of unwanted weeds will reclaim that garden spot and the fruit bearing plants will be overcome and choked out. So it is with our lives. We are not only to remove from our lives "all filthiness and overflow of wickedness" but we are also to replace those worldly ideas with doing good works of faith. Ours lives can not remain empty. If we don't work consistently and steadfastly filling our lives with good works, we will be overcome by these worldly ideas and our latter state will be worse than our beginning. Ever see a garden "grown up" with weeds from neglect? Matthew 12:43-45; II Peter 2

Let us be diligent in keeping the good soil of our hearts by removing from our lives all worldly ideas which are contrary to salvation, and receive with meekness the Word of God which is able to save our souls, and work steadfastly filling lives with good works of faith thereby producing good fruit.



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Tim Fisher  
 Scripture Galatians 4:21-26  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Bruce Pryor  
 (S) \*Willie Newby  
 (N) Kevin Judkins  
 (N) Bran Merritt  
 (N) Ken Lee  
 (S) Leonard Crouch  
 (S) Joey Reynolds  
 (S) Ricky Prince  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading Tom McColloch  
 Scripture Jeremiah 6:19  
 Lord's Table \*Kelly Thaxton  
 \*Steve Boyd  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Mayfield

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
 Reading Jason Vandagriff  
 Invitation Dale Bennett  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Joe Maynard Family  
 P.M. W.C. & Nelma Chilton

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Rodney Maynard & Ronnie Rogers

**Attend Nursery:** Sharon Boles

**Lock Building:** David McColloch

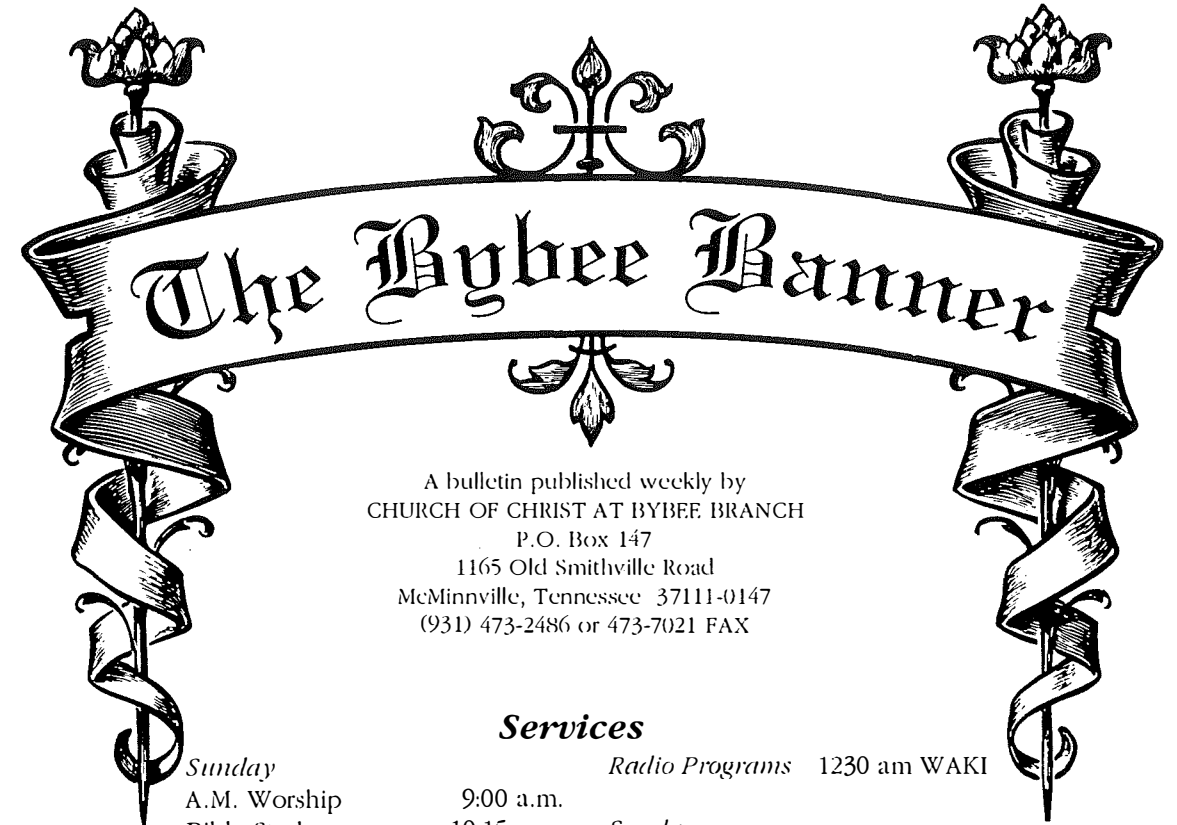
**Pantry Item:** Baby Juices

**Record For The Week...**

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 Bible Study ..... 246  
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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

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## Sick

### At Home:

Ken Lee  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Winfrey Hennessee  
Jessica Templeton  
Lena Mai Gribble

### In The Hospital:

David Chilton (outpatient surgery at St. Thomas  
on Monday)  
Nettie Clemons-Riverpark  
Merietta Mitchell-Stones River/Woodbury

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Two Women & Two Covenants  
P.M. .... "Behold I Thought"

## Baby Tea

There will be a baby tea in honor of Teri Smith this coming Sunday, September 20, from 1-3 p.m. in the fellowship room. Phillip and Teri are expecting a baby boy.

## Gospel Meeting

**Morrison church of Christ**, September 20-24, services at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, with Leroy Dedmon preaching.

## More Address Changes

Please make the following changes in your new directories:

Holly Barrett  
75 Gribble Road  
McMinnville, TN 37110-7694  
(931) 934-3272

Melissa Lee  
1505 Springboro Rd, Apt. 5  
Cookeville, TN 38506-4928  
(931) 528-7386

## The Loan

Jo Ann Hamil

The child that I have is but on loan, placed into my care by the Father,  
The child that I have is precious indeed, for she is unique like no other.

The child has a heart that is tender and kind; a heart so untouched by the world;  
A heart that can be filled any way that I choose; a heart just waiting to be unfurled.

The child can be molded and fashioned like clay; this task must be handled with care.  
I must teach her the way of the Father above, and keep her from the devil's dark snare.

My prayer each morning, each noon and each night is for patience, for kindness and love;  
May I never! Never! Be a negative force that would keep this child from above.

The child that I have is only on loan. Her path, strong and true, must be laid.

The child that I have is only on loan, and the loan in the end must be paid.

~This is the poem used by Chris Whitaker at our recent lectureship.~

## Family Retreat

This year the family retreat will be a day of activities at the Rock Island State Park. The date will be Saturday, September 26, with activities beginning at 10:00 a.m. There are sign up sheets for those who want to play horseshoes, volleyball, basketball, soccer, golf, softball, sack races, 3-leg races, etc. Be sure to put this on your calendar and make plans to be there.

## Betraying Our Youth!

*"If I had said, 'I will speak thus,' Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children." (Psalms 73:15, NKJV). "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:6, NKJV). "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ." (Galatians 1:6,7, NKJV).*

I have been astounded recently with the great apostasy that is occurring within the Lord's church. It is coming so fast and going so far from the truth. What is so insidious is that our young people have become the target. In recent days we have learned of three separate events that are aimed at young people where digression is the readily apparent.

First, there is the "YouthWorker University" to be held October 23-24, 1998 at and sponsored by David Lipscomb University. Among those who are scheduled to "train" youth workers are Rick Bundschuh. He is the *pastor* of the Kauai Christian Fellowship in Hawaii. Also on the program is Brewster McLeod, the *student minister* of the Southland Christian Church in Lexington, KY. There may be other non-Christians on the program but these two are know *not* to be.

Second, there is the program at the University Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa, AL. Annually they have a program known as "Youth In Action." This year the program is to be held at the Civic Center in Birmingham on December 27. The program has been notorious in the past for inviting false teachers like Jeff Walling and Buddy Bell. This year they have invited Tony Campolo, a prominent *denominational* preacher.

Third, this past week we received a notice for a youth rally and college day from the Walnut Street Church of Christ in Dickson. The title of their program is "Miracles In Music" and their featured singing group is "Full Access." By the way this is the same group that appeared at Westwood Youth Rally back in May. In March of this year this group performed for the Lyncoya Hills Baptist Church in Donelson, The next day after appearing at Westwood they performed for the First Christian Church in Madison, and the next week were at the New Covenant Methodist Church in Jackson, MS. This group does sing A Capella (without instruments) when requested, but as their web site ([www.fullaccess.com](http://www.fullaccess.com)) clearly shows, most of their concerts are mixed with both A Capella and instrumentally accompanied religious songs.

What is one to make of all of this? First, it is obvious that elders and preachers are not doing their job. Elders are to *stop* those who teach things they ought not (Titus 1:10,11). Preachers must expose and warn (Eph. 5:11; Acts 20:31). Second, we have a large segment within the Lord's church that really do not understand the non-denominational character of the Lord's church. Evidently they do not understand such basic passages as 1 Cor. 12:13; Mt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4-6. Third, they do not understand the gravity of what they are doing. As the verse quoted in the beginning shows, one will give account for leading young one's (as well as older) astray. There are some things you just can't take back. Leading a child astray in his youth is something that can never be reclaimed. We must stand strong and not allow our youth to be taken captive by the Devil. (1 Pet. 5:8).

~Tony Lawrence~

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 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Dale Bennett  
 Scripture Galatians 5:1-6  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ken Martin  
 (S) \*Larry Flatt  
 (N) Paul Davis  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (N) Abram Pryor  
 (S) Eddie Palmer  
 (S) Ryan Kesity  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Noel Pepper

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Scripture James 1:12-15  
 Lord's Table \*Ronnie Prince  
 \*Allen Hughes  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Bill Womack  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Caleb Graves

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Willie Newby Family  
 P.M. Jeff Templeton Family

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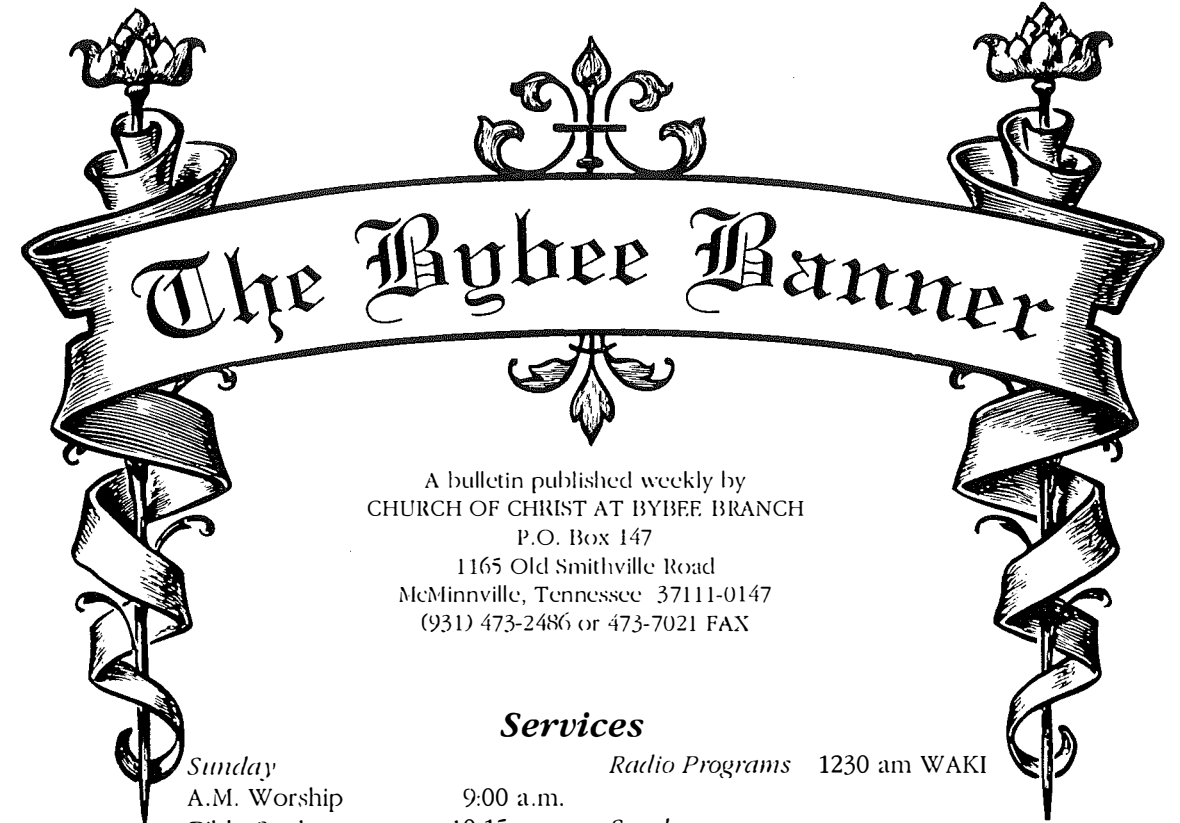
**Pantry Item:** Small cereal boxes

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 307  
 Bible Study ..... 221  
 P.M. Worship ..... 240  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 237  
 Contribution ..... \$4,161

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## Sick

### At Home:

Lena Mai Gribble

### In The Hospital:

Merietta Mitchell-Stones River/Woodbury  
Eugene Jones-(same day surgery Tuesday)  
Daisy Maxwell-Baptist (surgery Tuesday)

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Jean Clendenon (the mother of our Dana Roller, and sister of our Joe Maynard & Gail Crouch). She passed away this past Saturday.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... From Freedom To Fallen And Fleshly  
P.M. .... What Sin Does To Us

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The scheduled meeting of the elders and deacons will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

## Gospel Meetings

**Morrison church of Christ**, September 20-24, services at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, with Leroy Dedmon preaching.

**Centertown church of Christ**, September 20-24, services at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.

**Arlington church of Christ**, September 27-October 1, services at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, and 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, with Dub McClish preaching.

## Responses

We rejoice with two who requested prayers this past week, sisters Daisy Maxwell and Ada Hensley. Continue to remember them in your prayers.

## T.A.B.S. Program

This year our young people will be participating in the T.A.B.S. (Teen Age Bible Studies) program. The first meeting will be this coming Sunday evening at the Grundy Street congregation in Tullahoma. The group will leave the building here at 5:00 p.m. The theme this year will be "Choices" and the first lesson will be Physical Birth Only or the Spiritual Birth (1 Pet. 1:18-25). We will host the program on December 6, 1998.

## Family Retreat

This year the family retreat will be a day of activities at the Rock Island State Park. The date will be this Saturday, September 26, with the activities beginning at 10:00 a.m. Look for the sign at the first picnic area immediately after entering the park.

There are sign up sheets for those who want to play horseshoes, volleyball, basketball, soccer, golf, softball, sack races, 3-leg races, etc. Or, you can sign up once there. If you have any questions about the activities see Steve Hillis.

The food for the lunch will be furnished. However, donations will be needed to cover the costs. You may give your money to either Willie Newby or Dale Bennett. There will be a devotional immediately following lunch. All members who can attend are encouraged to come and take part.



## A GOOD New Work: Tracts For The Nations

This past Sunday brother Rodney Reynolds announced a new program for the church here. It involves the use of teaching tracts. The production of these tracts is overseen by the Arlington congregation and are written by Thomas Eaves and Gary Grizzell. The purpose of the program is to provide sound teaching material to our friends and neighbors.

The packets of tracts can be found on the table in the lobby and each packet contains 12 tracts and the titles are as follows:

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. God Is (The Existence of God)          | 7. Salvation                       |
| 2. What Think Ye Of Christ?               | 8. Who Is A Christian?             |
| 3. The Holy Spirit                        | 9. The Church Christ Built         |
| 4. Introduction To The Bible              | 10. The Worship Of The Church      |
| 5. Inspiration Of The Bible               | 11. Two Abodes, Heaven Or Hell     |
| 6. Respect For The Authority Of The Bible | 12. The Second Coming And Judgment |

You can pick up however many packets you need and stickers with the church's name and address to place on the back of each of the tracts. While not everyone may feel comfortable teaching publicly, we can all do something to help see that our friends and neighbors are taught. Why not take this opportunity to do good?



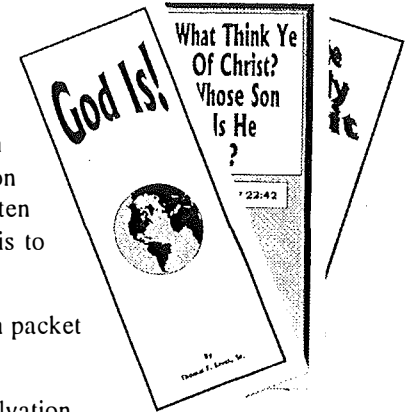
## Ordain Preachers, Dedicate Babies?

Where in the Bible does it teach about ordaining preachers and having services for dedicating babies? Are these things to be practiced today?

There is no Bible authority for either practice. Christ told his servants, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father; the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and to, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world... Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16)". In this commission, Jesus appointed, or ordained believers to preach and teach His gospel until the end of time. That is all the authority we need to proclaim His truth with power (Titus 2:15). Human hands cannot intervene in that arrangement. No council or synod or hierarchy countermans heaven's decree.

Nowhere in the Scriptures do you find the practice of "dedicating babies" as a religious rite. Parents are told, "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). No religious ceremony is necessary or commanded to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Pro. 22:6). We are told, "Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord" (Col.3:17). How can we do something in the name of the Lord which He never authorized? Too many people desire display and ostentatious ceremony rather than personal responsibility.

~Johnny Ramsey~



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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Calvin Rogers  
 Reading Jeff Bond  
 Scripture Galatians 5:19-23  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Dale Bennett  
 (S) \*Tommy Crouch  
 (N) Matthew Young  
 (N) Harold McGinness  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (S) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) Micah Lawrence  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Lemmie Bratten

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Ricky Prince  
 Reading Eric Fisher  
 Scripture John 5:39-42  
 Lord's Table \*Don Sullivan  
 \*Chuck Medley  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading David McColloch  
 Invitation Willie Newby  
 Dismiss Tyler Boyd

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A.M. Don & Susie Griffith  
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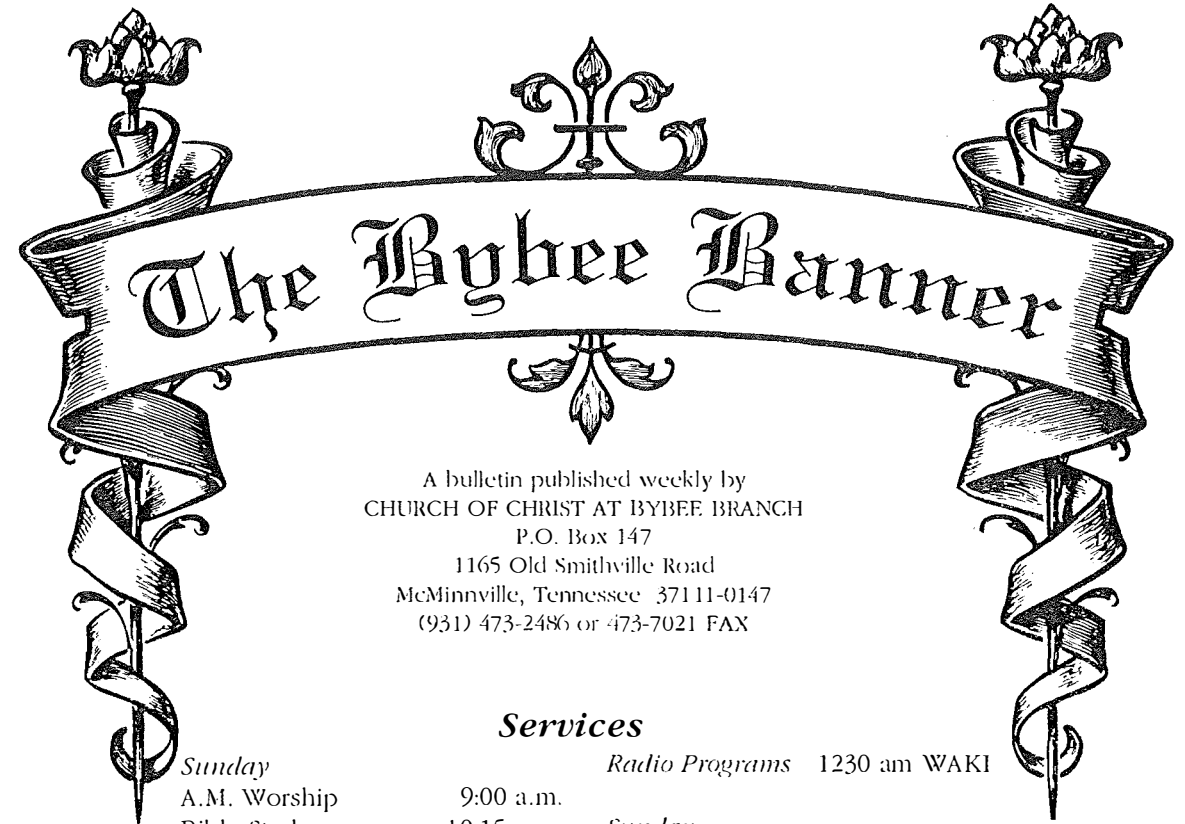
**Pantry Item:** Tomato Soup

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	314
Bible Study .....	239
P.M. Worship .....	219
Wednesday Bible Study .....	234
Contribution .....	\$3,813

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## Sick

### At Home:

Lena Mai Gribble  
Eugene Jones  
Daisy Maxwell

### In The Hospital:

Merietta Mitchell-Stones River/Woodbury

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of B.J. (Bobby) Jones who passed away this past weekend. His funeral was in Rossville, GA on Tuesday. Brother Jones was the minister at Bybee Branch from 1971-1973.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Flesh Versus Spirit  
P.M. .... Why Some Refuse To Come To Christ

## Gospel Meeting

*Arlington church of Christ*, September 27-October 1, services at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, and 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, with Dub McClish preaching.

## Singing — Homecoming

*Earleyville church of Christ*, will have a singing this Saturday evening, October 3, 7-9 p.m.

*East End church of Christ*, will have their annual Homecoming this coming Sunday, October 4.

## Deaf Ministry

The *Morrison church of Christ* will begin a ministry to the deaf on Sunday, October 4. If you know of anyone who is deaf and would be interested please refer them to the church at Morrison (635-2714) or TDD 635-2775

## Hats Off

There are some people who give so generously all of the time and often are not appreciated as they should. Occasionally we need to recognize some of these.

Thanks to Dale Bennett and Willie Newby on organizing the recent Family Retreat at Rock Island. Dale did a superb job with the food! You would be surprised to find out how many of our church wide activities that Dale and Willie are behind.

Thanks to Steve & Sharla Hillis on their dedicated work with our young people. Steve organized the activities at the Retreat. He also organizes the monthly visitation to the elderly and shut-ins. In addition, Steve has planned and organized the various activities to the Space & Rocket Center, and the Prom-alternative trip. They give so much and deserve our appreciation.

Thanks to Kelly Thaxton, Rodney Reynolds, and Ronnie Prince for driving the bus. Kelly drives more than half of the time himself, plus he keeps the bus in repair. This takes a lot of time and dedication.

Thanks to Woodrow and Mildred Glenn for having everything just right before services begin. They check the communion to be sure everything is prepared. They unlock the building, turn on all the lights and make sure everything is just right. Brother Glenn takes care of turning on the PA system and changing the sermon tapes.

Thanks to Leonard Clemons and Billy Gilbert for the organization of the program each week. Leonard keeps up with the various individuals and what each is willing to do. He prepares the list each month and then when someone cannot serve he and Billy find a replacement.

Thanks to Don Griffith for the many hours he puts in above his other duties to see that there are qualified teachers in every classroom on Sundays and Wednesdays.

So many good people, and we all owe them a debt of thanks! T.L.

October 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Martha Maxwell		
				1	2	3
Mickey Whiteaker	Stephen Boyd  <i>Ladies "Bears" project</i>	Georgia Womack Bernice Fults		Larry Flatt Donna Newby	Carol Felty Daniel Boyd	Dot Powell
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.C. & NELMA CHILTON Missy Lee  <i>Bible Bowl at Bybee Branch 2:00 p.m.</i>	Willene Kell Bill Biles Bruce Pryor  <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo at 7:00 p.m.</i>	Nelma Chilton	JACK & ANNA JEAN BOND LARRY & JANE FLATT Heath Griffith			Jennifer Maynard Joe T. Cantrell Andy Slatten
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	MORRIS & SCARLETT GRIFFITH Derrick Pennington	Mildred Glenn Jim Slatten Lawrence Lane Christian Barrett	GREG & DAWN WANAMAKER CHIP & SHEILA CANTRELL	Mildred Bumbalough Hazel Bennett	Julie Slatten	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Kelly Thaxton	BRUCE & SHIRLEY NUNLEY Mary Flatt  <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo at 7:00 p.m.</i>	Brandon McGinness Darrell Chilton		Cassie McGinness	BOBBY & CAROLYN CANTRELL Harold Mitchell	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Chip Cantrell  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table (N) \*John Biddle  
 (S) \*Kelly Thaxton  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (N) Shane Fisher  
 (N) Jason Vandagriff  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 (S) Eugene Wilcher  
 (S) Lynn Gann  
 Sermon Keith Young  
 Dismiss Chuck Boles

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton  
 Reading Shannon Griffin  
 Scripture Acts 1:9-11  
 Lord's Table \*Ronnie Rogers  
 \*Ken Lee  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Rodney Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Paul Davis  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Dorothy Foster & Lucille Newby  
 P.M. Don Sullivan Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Ronnie Prince

**Attend Nursery:** Cindy Rogers

**Lock Building:** Shannon Griffin

**Pantry Item:** Crackers

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 304  
 Bible Study ..... 250  
 P.M. Worship ..... 229  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 195  
 Contribution ..... \$5,525

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Eugene Jones*  
*Daisy Maxwell*  
*Merietta Mitchell*  
*Scarlett Griffith-(following back surgery)*

### In The Hospital:

*Lilman Nobles (mother of Carolyn Cantrell)-in critical condition in Buchanan, MI.*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Guest Speaker: Keith Young  
 P.M. .... The Second Coming Of Christ

## Congratulations

We want to extend congratulations to Tommy & Gail Crouch on the birth of a granddaughter, Sarah Faith Stender, she was born this past Tuesday and weighed 8 lbs. 4.5 ozs.

Also, congratulations to Shannon & Janie Griffin on the birth of a son, Justin Michael, born this past Wednesday afternoon weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ozs.

## Bible Bowl This Sunday!

The new Bible Bowl season begins this Sunday with the first meeting being here at Bybee Branch at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and encourage our young people. Keith Young will speak to the adults while the young people are taking the test and Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon will speak to the young people.

There will be a study session this Saturday evening at 5-8 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Mary Flatt. Everyone is asked to bring \$2.00 for pizza.

*"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": (Ecclesiastes 12:1, NKJV).*

## Shut-ins

*We try to keep as "up-to-date" list as possible but occasionally we unintentionally overlook someone. If we do, please let us know.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

*Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)*  
*Pauline Greene*  
*Houston Stiles*  
*Carol Sue Taylor*  
*Belle Young*

### Raintree Health Care Center:

*Yuriko Biles*  
*Edith Morrow*  
*Flossie Smartt*

### Woodbury Nursing Home

*Minnie Lane*

### McMinnville Boarding Home

*Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)*

### Hillcrest Health Care:

*Edith Collins*

### Home:

*Katherine Bennett*  
*Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)*  
*Rozelle Goodman*  
*Lena Mai Gribble*  
*Willene Kell*  
*Joe Maxwell*  
*Harold & Pearl Mitchell*  
*Bessie Parker*  
*June Slatton*  
*Bertha Stewart*  
*Magdalene Taylor*

## Fall Festival

Mark your calendar now for October 24, at 5:00 p.m. for the annual Fall Festival. More details will be given later. If you have questions, please contact Chip Cantrell.

## What If King David Had Been A Baby Boomer?

By William H. Smith

My fellow countrymen, I have requested this air time on ISRL to speak to you about questions regarding my relationship to a woman you've heard a lot about in recent months. I mean, of course, my newest wife Bathsheba. You may have wondered about our marriage so soon after the death of one of our national heroes, her late husband Uriah. Many rumors have been spread concerning the tragic death of our son shortly after his birth.

As you can well imagine, this has been a painful time for me and my family. I acknowledge that there was something inappropriate about my relationship with this woman before our marriage. I realize that my silence coupled with my previous statements may concern you. My assertion that I did not have sexual relations with my wife before our marriage was technically correct (for she was not my wife before our marriage). I was also correct when I affirmed that when Uriah was killed in battle I had nothing to do with it, because the battle orders were issued by General Joab. I, however, did not volunteer to reveal any information. You may feel you have been misled. There are reasons for my silence and my previous statements. For one thing, I did not see any reason I should suffer public embarrassment by revelations about one of my personal relationships. I have also been concerned about the impact of this information on my other wives and children. And I did not feel it proper for anyone to cast a shadow over my latest marriage or the sorrow of a recently widowed woman I have tried to comfort.

But there is another reason, and it is the cause of the anger you discern in my voice and demeanor tonight. I have had enough of that meddling investigative and judgmental prophet Nathan. What happened between Bathsheba and me should have remained a matter to be handled within the royal family-and it would have if Nathan had not burst uninvited into my palace and tricked me, by taking advantage of my compassionate nature, into saying things better left unsaid.

You need to know that this prophet Nathan is mean-spirited. In addition to exposing my private life, he has heartlessly announced "judgments," short-term and long-term, for my mistake. You won't believe this, but he says the death of our son was the result of what he calls "my sin." Can you imagine the anguish this has caused grieving parents?

He also has the audacity to predict that, while I may be forgiven, I must live with the consequences of my actions the rest of my life. He says my family will always experience conflict and that I will be humiliated "in broad daylight" for what I did "in secret." All this after I replaced a failed king, united the country, defeated its enemies, and moved the ark to Jerusalem. What kind of man is this?

Enough is enough. This matter is between me and my family and our God. It is not the business of the prophet or anyone else. It will be settled within our family and in the privacy of our personal consciences. I'm sure you agree. Which of the elders of Israel or which of you could stand up under the scrutiny of a prying prophet like Nathan?

Citizens, and yes, even kings, have a right to privacy. It is time to move on. My family and I need time to heal from the tragedies we've experienced and from the unmerciful probing of this prophet. As a nation we need to deal with the current threats of the Philistines and Ammonites, to deepen our national unity, and to build on the prosperity I've brought you during my reign.

I am confident of your understanding and support. You and I are flawed people. What we need is not confrontation and condemnation by priggish prophets. Let us forgive each other, feel each other's pain, and sympathetically help each other deal with the many arbitrary and unwelcome providences that disturb our personal peace.

Good night. And God bless us, as we so richly deserve.



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Don Griffith  
 Scripture Galatians 6:1-5  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Tim Fisher  
 (S) \*Jim Slatton  
 (N) Bob Cantrell  
 (N) Brandon McGinness  
 (N) Caleb Graves  
 (S) Don Sullivan  
 (S) Brett Merritt  
 (S) Tom McColloch  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Johnny Anderson

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture Isaiah 40:26  
 Lord's Table \*Lemmie Bratten  
 \*Bruce Pryor  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dennis Gann

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Dale Bennett  
 Reading Bob Mayfield  
 Invitation Chuck Medley  
 Dismiss Noel Pepper

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Joe Maynard Family  
 P.M. Denice Reynolds & Dana Roller

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Ronnie Rogers & Rodney Maynard

**Attend Nursery:** Judy Nussbaum

**Lock Building:** Shannon Griffin

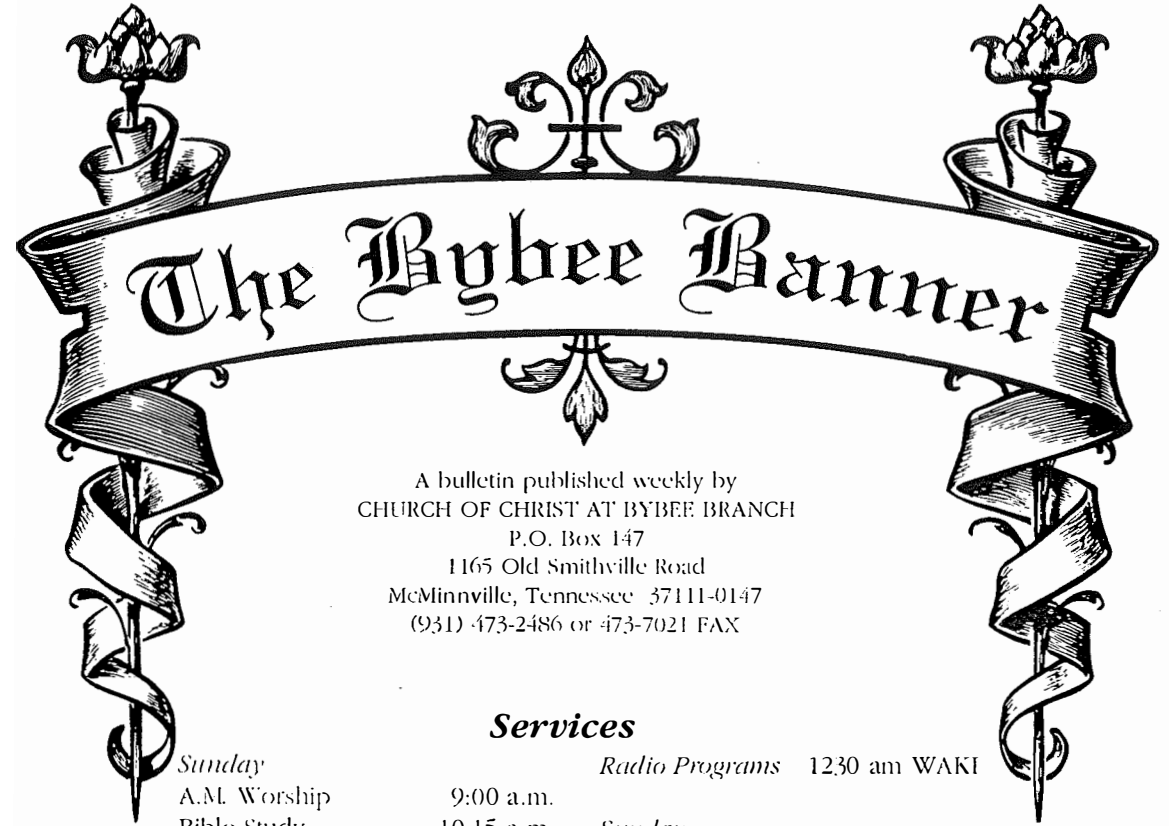
**Pantry Item:** Pork & Beans

**Record For The Week...**

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Bible Study .....	239
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### At Home:

*Daisy Maxwell*

*Scarlett Griffith-(following back surgery)*

*Ralph Crouch-(following surgery)*

### In The Hospital:

*Lilman Nobles (mother of Carolyn Cantrell)-in critical condition in Buchanan, MI.*

*Marietta Mitchell-Stones River*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Restoring The Fallen

P.M. .... Lift Up Your Eyes

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Phillip and Teri Smith on the birth of Thomas Lindsey. He was born Saturday evening, weighing in at 8 lbs 5 1/2 ozs.

## Restored

This past Tuesday sister Missy Biles requested the prayers of the congregation for herself that she might be a better example to her family and friends. Please pray for her.

## Bible Bowl Record!

Sunday afternoon 312 assembled for the first Bible Bowl of the year. Sixteen congregations participated. Congratulation to Rome, Mt. Leo, and Bybee Branch for coming in first place missing none on the test. In the tie breaker Rome took home the banner. Thanks to all who helped make this great!

## Fall Festival

Mark your calendar now for October 24, at 5:00 p.m. for the annual Fall Festival. Everyone is asked to bring a two-liter drink and your favorite dessert. If you would like to contribute to the other items please see one of the elders. If you have questions, please contact Chip Cantrell.

## Can You Imagine?

PETER saying: "Baptism is not essential?"

READ: 1 Peter 3:21

JAMES saying: "Man is saved by faith only?"

READ: James 2:24

ANANIAS saying: "Brother Saul, pray through and get rid of your sins, calling on the name of the Lord?"

READ: Acts 22:16

PAUL saying: "You cannot fall from grace?"

READ: Gal 5:4

PAUL saying: "It doesn't matter what you believe in religion just as long as you are honest?"

READ: 2 Thess. 2:11,12

PAUL saying: "You don't have to obey the Gospel to be saved?"

READ: 2 Thess. 1:7-9

PAUL saying: "We are sprinkled with him by baptism?"

READ: Romans 6:4

PETER saying: "There is nothing in a name?"

READ: Acts 4:12

LUKE saying: "Those that were saved joined the church of their own choice?"

READ: Acts 2:47

JUDE saying: "I don't think it is right to argue the scriptures?"

READ: Jude 1:3

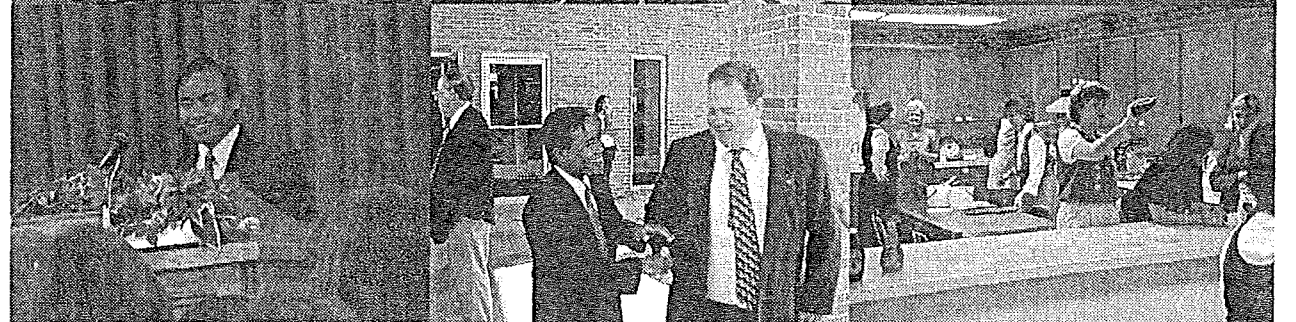
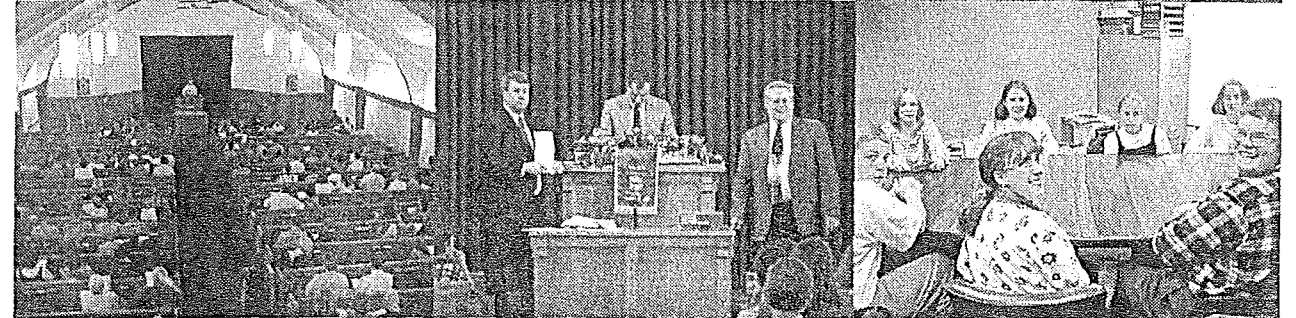
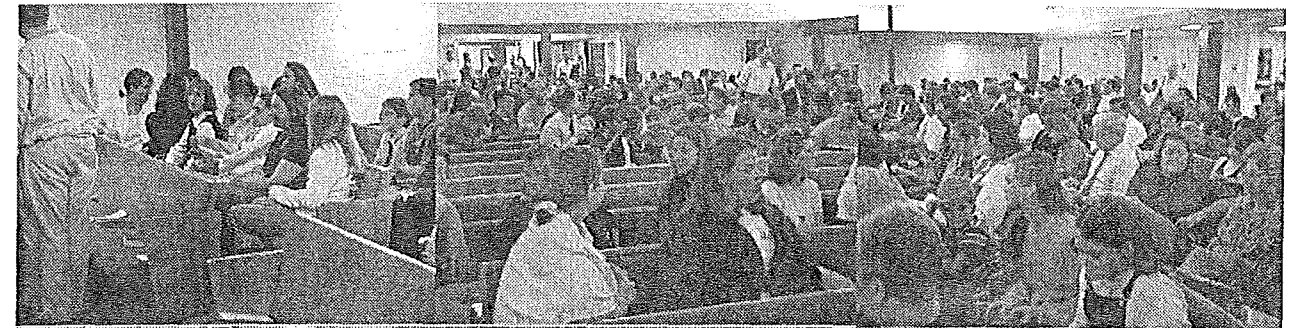
## T.A.B.S.

The TABS program will be this Sunday evening at the Hickerson Station congregation. The group will leave at 5:00 p.m.

## Pictures Legend

Pictures from left to right, top to bottom: 1-Bybee's students; 2-crowd assembles; 3-crowd grows; 4-Devotional; 5-tests are passed out; 6-Hebron students; 7-Leoni students; 8-Rome students; 9-Keith Young speaks; 10-Bo speaks; 11-Keith & Bo congratulate one another; 12-Ladies prepare "sundaes."

## Bible Bowl Pictures (See legend to the left)



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Kevin Judkins  
 Scripture Galatians 6:6-10  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Bob Mayfield  
 (S) \*Bob Bonner  
 (N) Harley Northcutt  
 (N) Jeff Templeton  
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (S) Buell Warren  
 (S) Joe Maynard  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Kurt Maynard  
 Scripture 1 Peter 2:4-8  
 Lord's Table \*Willie Newby  
 \*Calvin Rogers  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing Tyler Boyd  
 First Prayer Eddie Palmer  
 Reading Billy Gilbert  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Martin

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Dennis Gann Family  
 P.M. Bill & Freda Womack

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesity

**Attend Nursery:** Lynett Maynard

**Lock Building:** Shannon Griffin

**Pantry Item:** Spam

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	312
Bible Study .....	222
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Wednesday Bible Study .....	218
Contribution .....	\$3,677

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## Sick

### At Home:

Daisy Maxwell  
Scarlett Griffith-(following back surgery)

### In The Hospital:

Jack Bell (father of our Glenda Faye Bell)-VA  
Hospital/Nashville  
Marietta Mitchell-Stones River

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Law Of Sowing And Reaping  
P.M. .... The Rejected Stone

### Are You a Crank or a Christian?

A Crank?



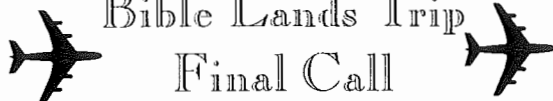
A Christian  
(Turn him upside down)

### The Grumbler

In every town and city, some people can be found,  
Who spend their time in grumbling at everything around.  
They grumble if you speak to them, they grumble if you don't,  
They grumble if you visit them, and grumble if you don't.  
They grumble at the preaching, and grumble at the prayer.  
They grumble at the singing, they grumble everywhere.  
But if we live for Jesus and persecutions bear,  
When we all get to heaven, there'll be no grumblers there.

~Author not known~  
Copied from Morrison Messenger

## Bible Lands Trip Final Call



The time has come for those who would like to go with us on the trip to the Bible Lands and travel through Greece, Israel and Jordan finally to make their decision. Obviously we would love to have as many as possible to go with us. It will provide a great Bible education for you, strengthen your faith to see the very places the Bible talks about and provide and excellent time for fellowship with fellow Christians.

We will leave Atlanta, GA on Monday, December 28 and fly to Athens and will return on Saturday, January 9. The cost for the trip is \$2595 and includes all transportation, lodging, taxes, tips, and meals with the exception of lunch each day. You will need to get a passport. If you plan to go the money must be sent in by November 1.

## Fall Festival

The Annual Fall Festival is *this Saturday*, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a two-liter drink and your favorite dessert. There will be a pumpkin judging contest and a hayride (so dress warmly). If you would like to contribute to the other items please see one of the elders. If you have questions, please contact Chip Cantrell.



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

By Dub McClish

*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"* (Heb. 10:25).

There is surely more to being faithful to the Lord of heaven and earth than "church attendance," but can one be faithful to him without it? Is it necessary (to please God, to grow spiritually, to be saved) for one to assemble faithfully with the saints? If the New Testament teaches anything, it answers "yes"! We are obviously not speaking of the sick and shut-ins and others who are hindered beyond their control, but those who are able to come. We aren't merely asking if the preacher or elders care, but does God care? Consider the following:

*Lord's Day assembly.* Saints are commanded to partake of the Lord's supper to remember Christ (1 Cor. 11:24). The apostolic example (Acts 20:7) and uninspired early church history confirm that the church ate the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. To provide the money needed to do the work of the church, the saints were commanded to give of their money every first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2). These things were to be done "everywhere in every church" (1 Cor. 4:17). To willfully miss the Lord's Day assembly is to disregard these commands.

*Other assemblies.* What about Sunday evening, Sunday morning Bible school or Wednesday night? Are such meetings scriptural or unscriptural? Various meetings besides Sunday were held in the early church with apostolic approval (Acts 2:46; 4:23; 12:12, etc.). It is certain that such additional meetings for study, worship and fellowship (gospel meeting series, vacation Bible schools, workshops, etc.) greatly strengthen those who attend them and do untold good. In spite of scriptural precedent and practical need for these meetings, some still weakly cling to the "Lord's Supper only" approach to church attendance.

*A direct command.* As clearly as the New Testament teaches not to commit adultery, not to steal, or not to murder, it teaches "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25). To forsake is not the same as merely being absent. The sick man will be absent without forsaking the assembly if he would have been there except for sickness. To forsake is to abandon for something deemed more important. It is mere speculation to limit this command only to the Lord's Day assembly. Whenever there is a meeting of the saints at which we could be exhorted to pure living, we ought to be there. Moreover, we ought to want to be there!

*Miscellaneous principles.* Lovers of God have always cherished worship and study opportunities (Ps. 42:1-4; 84:1-2, 10; Mt. 5:6). Can one "seek first the kingdom" while forsaking its assemblies? (Mt. 6:33). Does God care where we are when the saints meet?

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Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Bruce Pryor  
 Reading Noel Pepper  
 Scripture Galatians 6:14-16  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 (S) \*Ronnie Prince  
 (N) Ryan Kesey  
 (N) Joey Reynolds  
 (N) Jeff Bond  
 (S) Don Johnson  
 (S) Lemmie Bratten  
 (S) Rodney Maynard  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Kraig Campbell

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading Bob Cantrell  
 Scripture 2 Timothy 3:1-7  
 Lord's Table \*Larry Flatt  
 \*Chip Cantrell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Eric Fisher  
 Invitation Rodney Reynolds  
 Dismiss Caleb Graves

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Roger Kalonick Family  
 P.M. Ricky Prince Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Joe Maynard & Tom McColloch

**Attend Nursery:** Nelma Chilton

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

**Pantry Item:** Tuna Fish

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 329  
 Bible Study ..... 246  
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# Sick

## At Home:

- Daisy Maxwell
- Scarlett Griffith
- Marietta Mitchell
- Rosetta Bain
- Jack Bell (father of Glenda Faye Bell)
- Lena Mai Gribble

## In The Hospital:

none known

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The True Israel Of God  
 P.M. .... THE Message for this Messed Up Age

# Welcome New Members

We want to extend a warm welcome to Roger, Jan, Heather, Cody, and Kees Kalonick. They live at 124 Windrift Court, McMinnville, TN 37110-3716. Phone: 473-5855.

# Lectureship

**Leoni church of Christ**, November 6-8. Theme: *The Christian Home*, speakers include: Paul Sain, James Watkins, Clark Elkins, Kent Bailey, Tony Lawrence, Carol Boyd, George King, Alan Adams, Keith Mosher, Chad Ramsey and Glenn Ramsey

# Gospel Meeting

**Viola church of Christ**, October 25-29, services at 7:00 p.m. with Joe Gray preaching.

# Hats Off

Hats off to Chip Cantrell for coordinating the Fall Festival this year. He was assisted by many helpful volunteers. Thanks to all who helped!

# "SON, WE DON'T WANT THE CHURCH TO GROW INTO WHAT WE LEFT"

Alan Highers

Some time ago I heard Leroy Brownlow speak on "WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST." The name and title were both familiar to me, as they would be to most members of the church. Brother Brownlow is the author of the book by the same name. My oldest copy of his book is the ninth edition. My most recent copy is the forty-second edition. It numbers into the hundreds of thousands.

Brother Brownlow is beyond three score and ten, but he has lost none of his power and effectiveness as a proclaimer. He enunciated his points with clarity, simplicity, and good humor. In the course of his remarks, he pointed out that many people are what they are religiously, because they grew up that way. He said this is not true, however, in his case. He and his parents studied their way out of prominent denominational bodies in order to become undenominational New Testament Christians.

He spoke of how his father gave up his creed book when he obeyed the gospel. He carried his New Testament with him thereafter, wherever he went. He described the excitement, happiness and joy his parents experienced in becoming members of the New Testament church. They were thrilled to wear no name but Christians, to have no creed but Christ, and to hold membership in no institution except the church revealed in the New Testament.

A short time before his mother passed, she began to observe the changes promulgated by some within the church. Once she said to him, "*Son, we don't want the church to grow into what we left!*"

What a powerful expression for the undenominational nature of the New Testament church! She had studied her way out of denominationalism. She knew the difference. She understood what it meant to be a simple New Testament Christian and a member of the church as people were in the first century.

When we see denominational trends and modernistic departure taking place around us, let us remember that fervent entreaty: "*Son, we don't want the church to grow into what we left!*"

# November 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
T.A.B.S at Woodbury, speaker Lynwood Mathis 1	Woodrow Glenn Lori Judkins  Ladies Bear Project for sick children 2	Barry Hendrixson Matt McColloch Teresa Gann  3	Mary Beth Atnip  4	Joe Thomas Cantrell III  5	  6	Bible Bowl study session at home of Steve & Carol Boyd 7
Bible Bowl at Mt. Leo 2:00 PM 8	Chad Graves  School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00-8:30 PM 9	WOODROW & MILDRED GLENN  10	  11	Rodney Maynard Helen Morgan Bran Merritt  12	Taylor Felty  13	Bruce Nunley  14
Stacey Bonner  15	  16	  17	LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS David King  18	Steve Atnip  19	Georgia Brooks Alan Collins  20	WALTER & DAISY MAXWELL Cristy Caldwell Cody Kalonick  21
  22	Iona Northcutt Olivia Newby  23	CHUCK & PAT BOLES  24	Holly Barrett  25	Anna Jean Bond  26	Willie Newby Joe Collins  27	Corretta Lawrence Lauren Roller  28
Pearl Mitchell  5th Sunday Ronnie Rogers speaker at PM service 29	Stefanie McColloch  30					

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Leonard Crouch  
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Frank Reynolds  
 (S) \*Calvin Rogers  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (N) John Nussbaum  
 (N) Steve Wilcher  
 (S) Harry Felty  
 (S) Paul Davis  
 (S) Dickie Kesey  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture James 1:22-25  
 Lord's Table \*Jim Slatton  
 \*Noel Pepper  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Shane Fisher  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dale Bennett

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ken & Glynda Lee  
 P.M. Kraig & Heather Campbell

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Ronnie Prince

**Attend Nursery:** June Crouch

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

**Pantry Item:** Spam

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 Bible Study ..... 245  
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### At Home:

Scarlett Griffith  
 Marietta Mitchell  
 Rosetta Bain  
 Jack Bell (father of Glenda Faye Bell)  
 Kaci Chilton  
 Joe Maynard  
 Lynette Maynard

### In The Hospital:

Lena Mai Gribble-Stones River/Woodbury

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A.M. .... A Church Of Faith, Hope, & Love  
 P.M. .... A Look Into God's Mirror

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## Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl for this month will be hosted by the Mt. Leo congregation this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. We will *not* be carrying the bus since the Bible Bowl is in town. The test will cover Acts 6-10.

There will be a study session at the home of Don & Susie Griffith this Saturday evening from 5-8 p.m.

## Shut-ins

We try to keep as "up-to-date" list as possible but occasionally we unintentionally overlook someone. If we do, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
 Pauline Greene  
 Houston Stiles  
 Carol Sue Taylor  
 Belle Young

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
 Edith Morrow  
 Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Minnie Lane

### McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

### Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
 Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
 Rozelle Goodman  
 Lena Mai Gribble  
 Joe Maxwell  
 Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
 Bessie Parker  
 June Statton  
 Bertha Stewart  
 Magdalene Taylor

## Gambling

The November 1993 Mayo Clinic Health Letter dealt with gambling, "A pastime that can turn destructive. "It begins: "Weeknights you play bingo. Fridays you buy lottery tickets. Weekends, it 's the casino or the track Just simple pleasures? Maybe. They can also be symptoms of an illness that's both hidden and progressive. Compulsive gambling can start as an innocent pastime. But it can quickly turn into a habit that escalates to an addiction" (page 6).

Our society looks upon addictions as illnesses with no relation to sin or wrongful conduct. If a compulsion wears the "illness" label, it renders the user void of moral responsibility. He is a victim of circumstances or heredity, who is not to be held accountable for his choices and actions. In reality, however, sin is not so easily acquitted. A compulsion may become an illness, but it is still a sin, and therefore a sin-sickness.

There is no one who engages in sinful activity that for one moment thinks that he will be one of those who cannot walk away from it. There are many addictive enterprises, such as drinking, smoking, pornography, drugs and gambling. These, and other things, can take hold of a person physically and/or psychologically and render him captive in mind and body. Jesus would call him a slave to sin (John 8:34). Our society would call him a hapless, helpless victim who is enslaved to something perfectly legitimate.

The aforementioned Mayo Clinic Health Letter is interesting from the standpoint of dealing with something that is both sinful and addictive. It lays out the facts relative to compulsive gambling. Here are the statistics: "Age: the typical age range of compulsive gamblers was 30 to 55 in the 1970's. Today: it's 17 to 70. "Number: in 1986, 3 million Americans were compulsive gamblers. Today: Gamblers Anonymous estimates 6 to 10 million." "Earnings: America's gambling habit has grown from about \$80 billion a year in 1986 to \$300 billion in 1991. Earnings continue to rise." "Prevalence: within states; 39 have lotteries, six have video gambling, nine allow casinos, and 16 have federally sanctioned casinos on Native American reservations."

The state of Arkansas is feeling the pressure of other southern states to join in the casino craze. News reports are looking at Tunica, Mississippi as a glaring example of the benefits to be had with casino gambling being legalized. The money-hungry and covetous around us are all for any means to solve economic shortfalls. To them the end justifies the means. Are Christians going to look the other way on this and ignore or deny the many Scriptural principles that make gambling, in any amount and to any degree, sinful? No matter what is said, there will be those who intend to gamble. Even some brethren. It is a shame and travesty against the truth for Christians to defend gambling.

~Dennis Gulledge~

### Making You Think:

Criticism is the one thing that most of us think is more blessed to give than to receive.

Constructive criticism is when I criticize you. Destructive criticism is when you criticize me.



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Kelly Thaxton  
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 2:18-20  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Larry Flatt  
 (S) \*Ricky Prince  
 (N) Joe Roller  
 (N) Micah Lawrence  
 (N) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) David McColloch  
 (S) Abram Pryor  
 (S) Harold McGinness  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Scripture Acts 11:26  
 Lord's Table \*Ken Lee  
 \*Doug Hendrixson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Don Griffith  
 Reading Steve Hillis  
 Invitation Danny Duncan  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Doug & Wanda Hendrixson  
 P.M. Gilbert & Willene Kell

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

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**Attend Nursery:** Glenda Hughes

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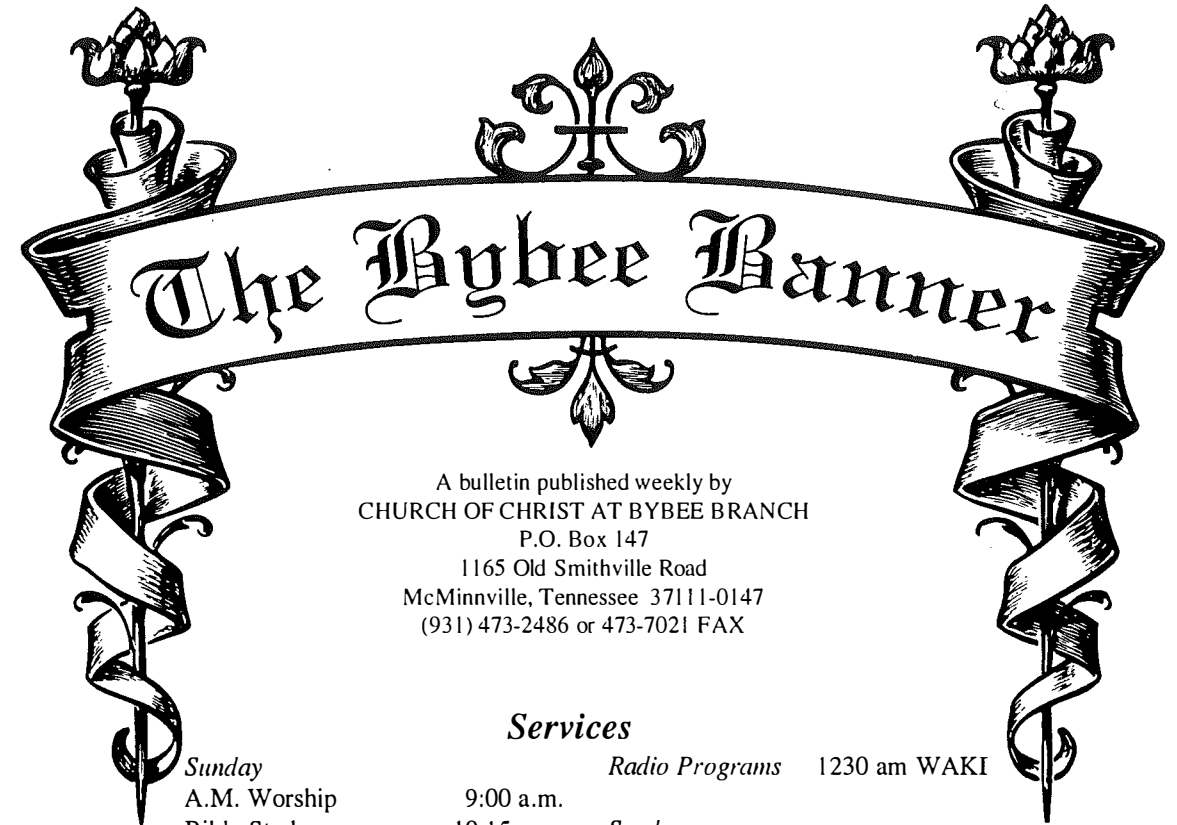
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## Sick

At Home:

Ada Hensley  
Eugene Jones

In The Hospital:

Lena Mai Gribble-moved to NHC 121A

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Satan's Hindrances  
P.M. .... What Is A Christian?

## Bible Bowl

Congratulations to our young people! They tied with Rome for first place missing none on the test. In the tie-breaker, Rome won taking home the banner. Coming in second place was Earleyville and Hebron, third place was Bluff Springs, New Hope, and Mt. Leo, fourth place was Main St. Be sure to congratulate all of the young people for their commitment to a diligent study of the Bible.

## Restoration

Sunday morning brother Jim Bailey came forward requesting prayers and expressed a desire to place membership.

## Youth Visitation

The monthly youth visitation to the shut-in and elderly will be this Saturday from 10:00-12:00. All the young people who can are encouraged to come and visit.

## Do You Have Library Books At Home?

There are literally dozens of library books that have been checked out and have been out for some time. If you are using them, great, but if they are just setting on your shelves, why not return them so others can use them? Still don't think you have any, why not take a second look and see?

## Sin Is No Laughing Matter

Today, few people take sin seriously. It is commonplace for comedians to base their jokes on such sin as infidelity in marriage, homosexuality, and drunkenness. Have we heard this type of joking so much that these things have become funny to us? Solomon said long ago, "Fools make a mock at sin" Proverbs 14:9. He is saying that those who joke about sin are fools.

Sin is not funny, and it is too deadly to joke about. Sin entered the Garden of Eden and separated man from God. Problems, sorrow, suffering and death often come directly or indirectly as its result. One has to have a twisted sense of humor if he can stand by an open grave and laugh; Sin entered the Garden of Eden and separated man from God. Problems, sorrow, suffering and death often come directly or indirectly as its result. One has to have a twisted sense of humor if he can stand by an open grave and laugh; yet sin often causes death. The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death" Romans 6:23. If we can laugh at sin, we should be able to laugh at the grave.

To be eternally separated from God is an burning hell is not funny. Neither is sin which brings this just punishment.

Sin is no joke!

Let us remember always the terrible consequences of sin when we are tempted to smile at the wrong things. Perhaps some of us even need to clean up our own jokes.

REMEMBER . . . SIN IS A VERY SHORT WORD BEGINNING A VERY LONG SENTENCE.

~Roy Pruitt~

## WHAT IS PERSONAL WORK?

I would like to suggest eight different points that help to answer the question of our title. *First*, personal work is being **READY WORKMEN**. This takes preparation. Paul told Timothy to "*study to show thyself approved*" (II Tim. 2:15). We are to be "*ready always to give an answer*" for why we are Christians (II Pet. 3:15). Being ready workmen also takes willingness. We must have the attitude that Peter showed in saying, "*We have left all, and have followed thee*" (Mark 10:28). This will be proved by "*the spirit of faith according to what is written, we believe, therefore we speak*" (II Cor. 4:13).

*Second*, we must be **AWARE OF THE NEED**. There are so many lost, in fact, the vast majority (Matt. 7:13,14). There are well over 5 billion people in the world. Most have never heard of Christ, and most of those who have, have a false idea about what a Christian really is. If the number of true Christians is accurate (none can know for sure how many there actually are), at a generous estimate of 3 million, this means **EACH CHRISTIAN** must try to teach 1.6 million people **THEMSELVES**. This **does not** take into consideration the population **increase**.

*Third*, we must **KNOW WHAT WE HAVE**. It is the truth that makes men free (John 8:32). We have it and the lost world needs it. There is a great deal of unrest and dissatisfaction in the denominational world. Where are we when these people leave their "churches"?

*Fourth*, we must **KNOW THE JOB**. Our part is to plant and persuade (Acts 8:35; II Cor. 5:11). It may be ours, but it will likely be some other's job to reap (I Cor. 3:10). Finally, we must remember it is God's part to bring the increase—let us not become discouraged (I Cor. 3:5-7).

*Fifth*, we must **KNOW WHAT WE ARE WORKING WITH**. There are four kinds of "soil" with which we must work. According to what Jesus taught in Matthew 13, there is the hard soil, the rocky soil, the thorny soil, and the good soil. We cannot know which is which... sometimes not even after we have "reaped." Sometimes, the soil turns out to be bad, when we thought we saw good results from our teaching. Not to worry; God will take care of that; we will suffer no personal loss (I Cor. 3:12-15), though we may grieve for the person who has rejected the Gospel. Failure for people to listen and obey is to be expected. Remember the four soils (one out of four was good), and the ten lepers (only one out of ten responded to Jesus).

*Sixth*, we must **HAVE CERTAIN TRAITS**. We must avoid laziness. We will not convert all, not even most, but we shall be able to convert some. We will convert *none* if we do not teach! Consider the character traits of "the Lord's servant" as Paul describes him/her from II Timothy 2:24-26. Now, go and be likewise.

*Seventh*, we must **AVOID HINDRANCES**. We ought never to think, "Oh, they won't be interested" (Acts 8:31). Or, "Well, they'll never change" (Rom. 1:16).

*Eighth*, we must **KNOW OURSELVES**. There is a personal evaluation that each of us must administer. What do we believe about such questions as: "Are people really lost? Are my non-Christian friends really lost? Am I their only hope? Will I escape if I purposefully fail to tell them the saving Truth?" Be careful not to take rejection personally. When folks fail to listen, they reject Christ, not you. If preachers took this personally, there would be very few of us left to preach! Please read and meditate upon these next few Scriptures. They will help you to be brave and courageous in speaking to your friends and neighbors: Matthew 20:40; Mark 9:37; Luke 10:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:8. **NEVER, never** quit (I Cor 15 58, II Cor 4 7-9).

Robin W. Haley ~ *The Eastside Edifter*

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Tim Fisher  
 Reading Rodney Reynolds  
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 3:8-10  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Eddie Palmer  
 (S) \*Billy Gilbert  
 (N) Kurt Maynard  
 (N) Tom McColloch  
 (S) Chip Cantrell  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 (S) Chuck Medley  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Dale Bennett  
 Scripture II Peter 1:1-4  
 Lord's Table \*Lemmie Bratten  
 \*Chuck boles  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss John Biddle

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Tyler Boyd  
 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
 Reading Allen Hughes  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Bond

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Tony Lawrence Family  
 P.M. Jason & Sonia Vandagriff

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** David McColloch & Dickie Kesey

**Attend Nursery:** Denice Reynolds

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

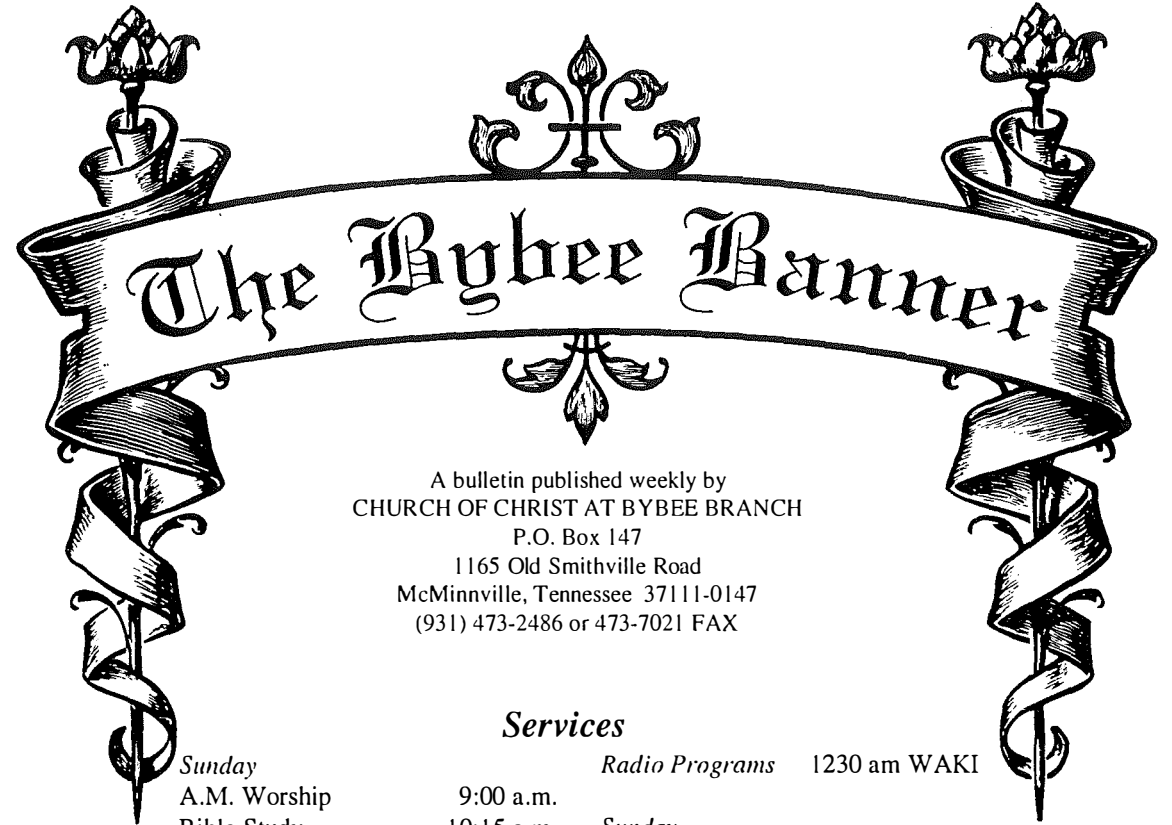
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 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert  
 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Ada Hensley  
Tommy Smith

### In The Hospital:

Georgia Womack-Riverpark  
B. F. Wilson (father of Melba Bonner)-St. Thomas  
following quadruple by-pass surgery.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... What Is Lacking In Your Faith?  
P.M. .... Standing On The Promises

## Sympathy

We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Jack Bell (the father of our Glenda Faye Bell). His funeral was this past Sunday.

## Help for Honduras

Most of us are aware of the devastation of that occurred in Central America as the result of Hurricane Mitch. The elders announced Sunday that all who could bring in canned items to send are asked to do so. Those wishing to contribute money may do so as well. This will be need to be at the building by next Sunday. If you have any questions you may contact one of the elders.

## Upcoming Events

November 29 .. 5th Sunday P.M. - Young Men Serve  
December 6 ..... T.A.B.S. Program at Bybee Branch  
December 13 ..... Bible Bowl at Woodbury  
December 13 ..... Holiday Church Fellowship

*Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. (Heb. 13:1,2, NKJV).*

## Is Everything We Do In Life, Worship?

Some try to argue that everything we do in life is worship. If you cut your grass or wash the dishes at home, this is worship. This question then is very important for us to understand and be able to answer anyone who might ask us about our hope (I Peter 3:15).

In the Old Testament we find God commanding Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac to God (Genesis 22:2). The Lord told him that it would be shown him which mountain to carry Isaac to for this event. After three days journey Abraham saw the mountain "afar off" (vs. 4). Abraham told his servants to wait there for him. Abraham said to his servants, "...I and the lad will go yonder and worship..." (vs. 5). If everything I do is worship, then Abraham worshipped when he gathered the things necessary for worship and made the journey. If such is true, don't you think Abraham's statement about going to worship is somewhat confusing? The statement is not confusing, however, when we understand that everything we do is not worship.

Think about the Lord's statement about worshipping in spirit and truth (John 4:24). How can washing your dishes or cutting your grass, be in truth, that is according to the Lord's will? The blind man who was healed in John 9 declared that God hears only those that worship Him and do His will (John 9:31). If everything we do is worship, why use the phrase "...doeth His will"? No, everything we do is not worship, because worship must be regulated by God.

~Charles Blair~

## "I Want A Church That Meets My Needs"

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that "meets our needs." The phrase itself has virtually become a new religious term. Many persons praise or blame a particular congregation because it is or is not "meeting my needs."

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression. For surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are being addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love, and be called to repentance.

But being a part of the church to some means reaching for goals of "self-actualization." So if the church doesn't fulfill certain expectations, wants and preferences, then they must move on to another emotional department store with different merchandise more appealing to their "tastes."

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that "we have to do all these things and plan all these activities to meet people's needs so they won't leave." Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God's church into a merchandising institution. So we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christian's heart of "I'd like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs?" When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met? Or when we meet the needs of God's church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation, not so that our needs can be met, but rather so that we may best meet the needs of God's work.

Christians need to recall the truth of the Scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and become filled serving others. Jesus taught us "whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant).. ...even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (serve)" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Paul said of his own heart, "I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live; yet, not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). And again, "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). "Reasonable service" is not being served (having your needs met), but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Let's not demand that God's church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences... Let's turn it right-side up again and be a part of a congregation, not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it.

~William Woodson~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	Tommy Crouch
Scripture	1 Thessalonians 4:1-7
Lord's Table (N)	*Johnny Anderson
(S)	*Ken Martin
(N)	Matthew Young
(N)	Brett Merritt
(N)	Shannon Griffin
(S)	Ralph Crouch
(S)	Joe T. Cantrell
(S)	Brandon McGinness
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(473-6418) Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Shane Fisher
First Prayer	Tyler Boyd
Reading	Eric Fisher
Scripture	John 20:30,31
Lord's Table	*Dennis Gann
	*Lynn Gann
Sermon	Ronnie Rogers
Dismiss	Joey Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Frank Reynolds
Invitation	Joe Collins
Dismiss	Willie Newby

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Angie Caldwell & Helen Morgan  
 P.M. Bruce Pryor Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Bob Cantrell & Jeff Templeton

**Attend Nursery:** Stefanie McCollch

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

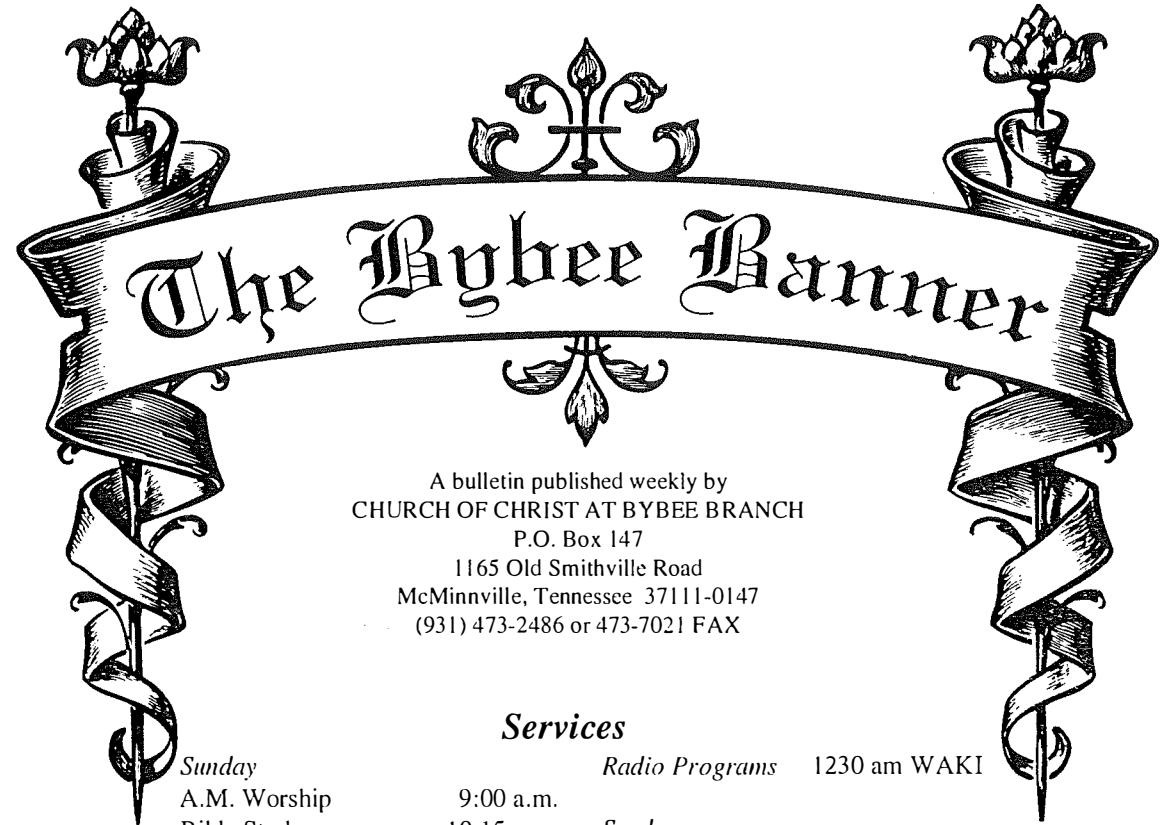
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Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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Jim Slatton	

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence	473-8079
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## Sick

### At Home:

Ada Hensley

B.F. Wilson (father of Melba Bonner)

Georgia Womack (at the home of her sister,  
Virginia Johnson)

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... A Vessel Of Honor

P.M. .... GUEST SPEAKER: Ronnie Rogers  
*Young people will conduct the services this Sunday evening.*

## Sympathy

We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Lilman Nobles, mother of our Carolyn Cantrell. She passed away this past Saturday and her funeral is Tuesday in Buchanan, MI.

## Ladies Bible Class Meal

The Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class will have their annual holiday meal December 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room. Secret sisters will be revealed then. All ladies are invited to attend. Please see sister Mildred Glenn about what to bring.

## Restoration

We rejoice with the restoration of sister Myra Bell this past Sunday morning. She is the mother of Glenda Faye Bell.

## Singings

Nov. 27, at 7:00 p.m. .... Main St./Manchester  
Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m. .... West Riverside

## Help for Honduras

Thanks to all who brought canned goods and gave money for the help of the survivors of Hurricane Mitch. The items were loaded Monday afternoon on the trailer going to the Forest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA and a check for \$5,500 was sent.

## Youth Nursing Homes Project

Every year the young people collect money and buy presents for the residents of the nursing homes that do not have family. They will be doing this project again this year. If you would like to assist them in this project, please give your money to Steve Boyd, W.C. Chilton, or Steve Hillis.

## Youth Activity

This Wednesday night, November 25, there will be an activity for the young people following the evening service.



"DON'T YOU HAVE IT ON VIDEO?"

## "I'm a Young Person, Can You Help Me?"

"I am at a difficult time in my life. You see, I struggle to be independent without being rebellious. I want to do the right thing, but it is not always clear what that is. I long to be a good example to my friends, but I also want to fit in with my peers. I enjoy Christian living, but the pull of the world is strong."

AS A YOUNG PERSON, I NEED FOR YOU TO . . .

**"ENCOURAGE ME."** You may not remember what it was like to be a teenager, but it is a discouraging time. Teenagers are very hard on themselves. When I make a mistake, I tend to make too much out of it. What I need is for the adults whom I respect to speak words of cheer and give me a pat on the back for the things I do well. I need to know that all people make mistakes.

*"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint"* (Isa. 40:30-31). Paul wrote, *"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged"* (Col. 3:21).

**"TEACH ME."** Yes, even though I sometimes act like I know everything, I realize that I am still learning! The greatest need I have is to learn the Bible. The basic truths which you have known for years. I still do not know. I want to know about Jesus and the love He has shown for me. I yearn to be free from the guilt of my sins. I want to know when I will be old enough to be baptized. I long to know what Christ wants me to do with my life. How does He expect a teenager to act? What is right and what is wrong?

*"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from the commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee"* (Psalm 119:9-11). Solomon wrote the Proverbs, in part, to give *"young men knowledge and discretion"* (1:4).

**"SHOW ME."** I appreciate your instructions, but I find it easier to follow your example. Your *life* is a better teacher than your *lips*. What I really want are *role models*. When I see adults adorning the gospel of Christ, it is easier to understand what the precepts mean. When I see the importance you place on worshipping God and studying His word, it motivates me to be interested. When you sacrifice to live right, it does not bother me so much when you ask me to sacrifice.

*"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways"* (Prov. 23:26). Jesus faced a young man who asked, "What lack I yet?" To which He responded, *"If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me"* (Matt. 19:20-21). Jesus taught the lesson on priorities and exemplified how it applied.

**"CORRECT ME."** You did not expect to see this one, did you! I act as if discipline were the curse of my life, but it is important to me. It shows that you care about me. I need boundaries set. I must know the difference between right and wrong, truth and error, good and bad. I will test you here. I am curious and want to know what lies outside the boundaries you have set for me. If you remain steadfast in your restrictions, then I will understand your conviction and see it as love for me.

The Proverbs say, *"Withhold not correction from the child . . ."* (23:13); *"Foolishness is bound in the heart of the child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him"* (22:15); *"He that spareth his rod hatheth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes"* (13:24).

Thank you for blessing my life and helping me through this difficult time.

~Allen Webster~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Roger Kalonick  
 Reading Ronnie Rogers  
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Boyd  
 (S) \*Danny Duncan  
 (N) Marty Boles  
 (N) Eugene Wilcher  
 (N) Leonard Crouch  
 (S) John Stembridge  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 (S) Jason Vandagriff  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Bond

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-6418) Chad Graves  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Lynn Gann  
 Reading Caleb Graves  
 Scripture Colossians 3:1-5  
 Lord's Table \*Micah Lawrence  
 \*Kelly Thaxton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Paul Davis

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading Harold McGinness  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Don Griffith

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Mike Driver Family  
 P.M. All Teenagers

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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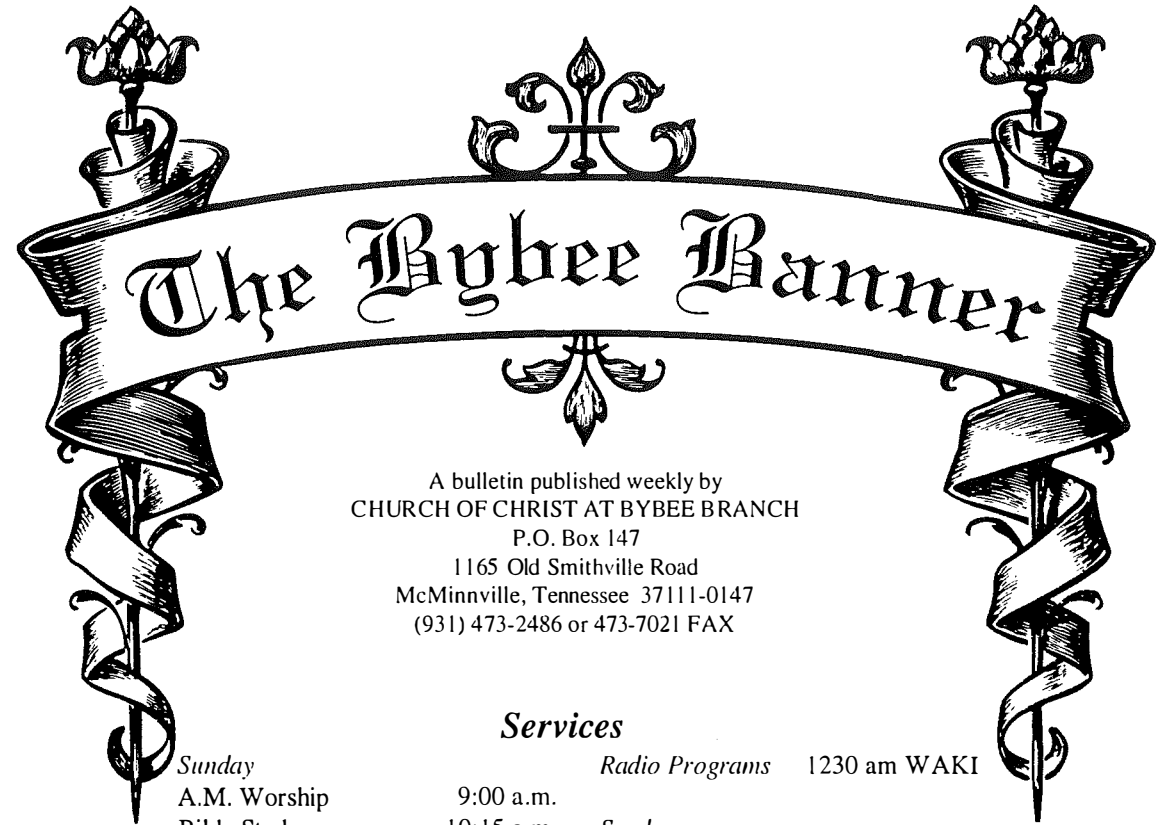
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# Sick

## At Home:

Ada Hensley  
 B.F. Wilson (father of Melba Bonner)  
 Bob Bonner

## In The Hospital:

none known

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Comforting Words  
 P.M. ... Choices: Seeking Things On Earth or Setting Affection Above

# Welcome New Members

We are honored with several who have chosen to place their membership with the church here at Bybee Branch over the past couple of weeks. The elders announced last week that Jim Bailey placed membership and Sunday that Myra Bell and the Mike Driver family (Mike, Sharon, and Alicia) also were welcomed into the congregation. Be sure to let these members feel welcomed into our church family. You will need to add their addresses to your church directory.

Jim Bailey  
 932 Old Smithville Road, Apt. E-1  
 McMinnville, TN 37110  
 473-0628

Myra Bell  
 305 Shadowlawn  
 McMinnville, TN  
 473-8745

Mike, Sharon & Alicia Driver  
 883 Oak Grove Road  
 McMinnville, TN 37110  
 934-2687

# T.A.B.S. Program

Each month one of nine congregations hosts a program for the young people referred to as T.A.B.S. which is an acronym for TeenAge Bible Studies. Young people from these congregations will come to the host congregation and worship with them at their evening service and the lesson will be on a chosen theme. This year the theme is "Choices." This Sunday evening Bybee Branch will host the program. We will have young people from several congregations visiting with us. Be sure to extend to them a cordial welcome. After the services the young people will have a fellowship.

# Youth Nursing Homes Project

Every year the young people collect money and buy presents for the residents of the nursing homes that do not have family. They will be doing this project again this year. If you would like to assist them in this project, please give your money to Steve Boyd, W.C. Chilton, or Steve Hillis.

# Holiday Fellowship

The annual Holiday Fellowship will be Sunday evening, December 13. If your last name begins with the following letters you are asked to bring the following items:

- A-K ..... Desserts
- L-S ..... 1 1/2 dozen sandwiches
- T-Z ..... 2 large bags of chips and dip

If you have questions, please see June Crouch.

**A New Quarter begins this Sunday. If you have not been attending Bible Study, why not make your plans to do so now?**

# December 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		TRENT & DANA ROLLER Susan Pryor  <i>Ladies Bible Class Fellowship Meal at 6:30 p.m.</i>	Janie York Hoyt Crouch	Elaine Goodman	<i>Singing at West Riverside at 7:00 p.m.</i>	Claudia Huntley Johnny Smith
DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER  <i>T.A.B.S. at Bybee Branch</i>	Sherry Pelham  <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.</i>	LOY & PAULINE WATSON Irene Lawrence		Joshua Foster Elma McNery Kane Maynard	Brandi Wilcher J.B. Gribble	RAY & DORIS SMITH Shane Nunley Iona King <i>Bible Bowl Study Session at Steve Boyd Home at 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Bible Bowl at Woodbury at 2:00 p.m.</i>  <i>Annual Holiday Fellowship following evening services</i>	Jane Wilcher	Jeff Bond	John Biddle Thelma Glenn	EDGAR & VIOLET WEBB	Lisa Thaxton	Shirely Nunley
BOB & MELBA BONNER Christine Gribble Dawn Hobbs	Don Sullivan	Allison Boyd	Sabrina Merritt	BILL & FRED WOMACK FRANK & SHARON REYNOLDS Paul Davis	Rachel Everett	JOE & MARSHA COLLINS Chuck Medley Hunter Chilton
STEVE & JANE WILCHER Dale Bennett  <i>Elders present budget at P.M. service</i>	Lee Edward Cantrell	Edith Collins				



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Allen Hughes  
 Reading Lemmie Bratten  
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ken Lee  
 (S) \*Bob Mayfield  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (N) Buell Warren  
 (N) David McColloch  
 (S) Shane Fisher  
 (S) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) Kraig Campbell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dennis Gann

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Ricky Prince  
 Reading Dale Bennett  
 Scripture Ps. 122:1  
 Lord's Table \*Willie Newby  
 \*Steve Hillis  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jim Bailey

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading Bob Bonner  
 Invitation Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Noel & Martha Pepper  
 P.M. Ronnie & Cindy Rogers

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Ronnie Prince

**Attend Nursery:** Heather Kalonick

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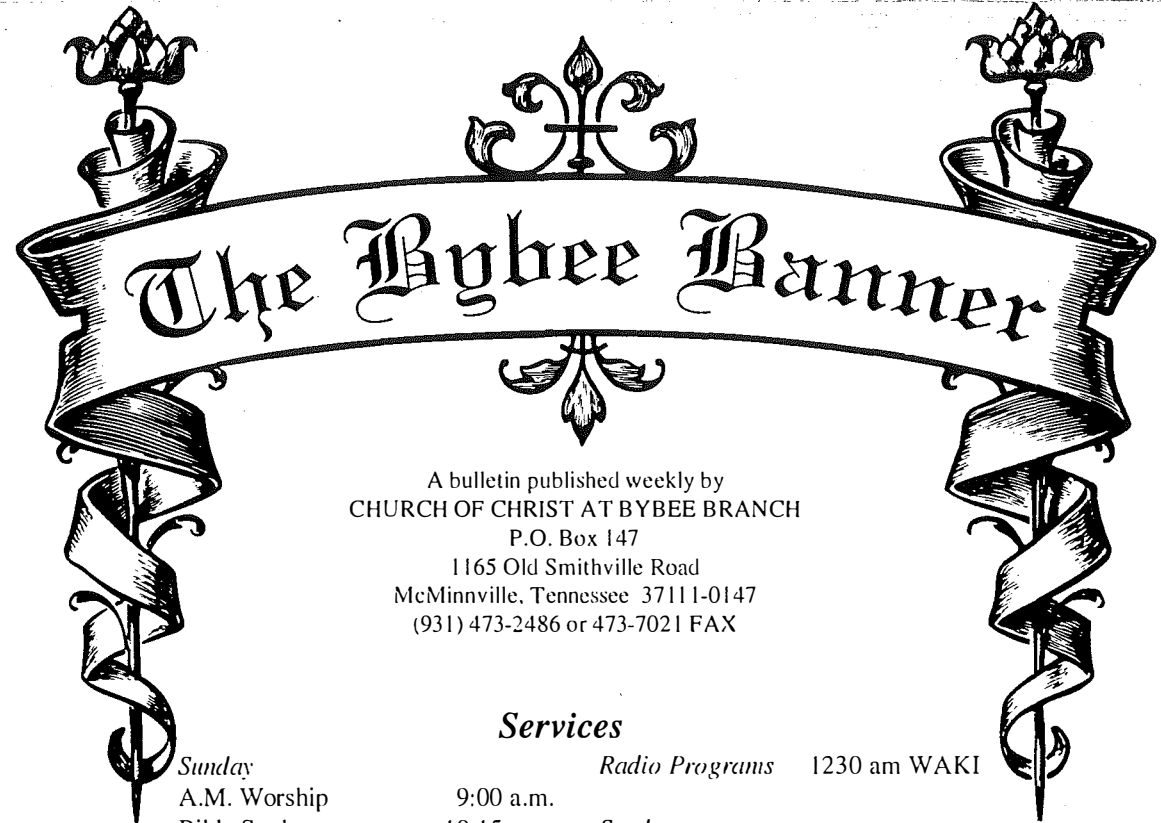
**Pantry Item:** Vienna Sausage

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 315  
 Bible Study ..... 273  
 P.M. Worship ..... 292  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 237  
 Contribution ..... \$4,562

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## Sick

### At Home:

Ada Hensley

### In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Baptist Wound Center

## Memorial Donation

From time to time the church receives generous donations from various individuals for books for the library and other things. Just this past week, Elaine Alexander, cousin of Robert "Doc" Mullican, sent \$500 to help the young people in their projects in memory of "Doc." \$250 of this will go to their project in buying gifts for the residents of the nursing homes and the remaining \$250 is for their "Prom-Alternative" trip.

## Holiday Fellowship

The annual Holiday Fellowship will be Sunday evening, December 13. If your last name begins with the following letters you are asked to bring the following items:

A-K ..... Desserts  
L-S ..... 1 1/2 dozen sandwiches  
T-Z ..... 2 large bags of chips and dip

If you have questions, please see June Crouch.

## Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl for this month will be Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Woodbury congregation. The bus will leave *promptly* at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a study session on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Steve & Carol Boyd. Those attending are asked to bring \$2.00 for pizza.

## Visitation Update

It is time for the visitation teams to be updated again. If you are on a team and want to be off for a time or if you wish to be added back to this program please see W.C. Chilton by this Sunday.

## Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Minnie Lane

### McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

### Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Some Practical Admonitions  
P.M. .... Why Go To Church?

## Communion Sign Up

If you can help prepare the communion for 1999, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

## All You Really Need To Know Can Be Learned From Noah's Ark

- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
- Don't listen to critics — do what has to be done.
- Build on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- If you can't fight or flee — float!
- Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
- Remember that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- If you have to start over, have a friend by your side.
- Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
- Don't miss the boat.
- And MOST IMPORTANT: No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.

~Copied from East Main/Tupelo Bulletin~

## Youth Nursing Homes Project

Every year the young people collect money and buy presents for the residents of the nursing homes that do not have family. They will be doing this project again this year. If you would like to assist them in this project, please give your money to Steve Boyd, W.C. Chilton, or Steve Hillis.

## Making God Second Best

I'm always prompt to punch the clock;  
I never miss a date;  
But when I go to worship God,  
I'm usually always late.

I wouldn't think of leaving work,  
To visit brother Fred;  
I just wait 'til Sunday comes,  
And forsake the church instead.

I never miss a day at work;  
Perfection's what I seek;  
But I miss the worship of my God  
Once or twice a week.

I talk with people daily,  
Of many subjects rife,  
But I never mention Jesus,  
Nor show Him in my life.

I spend extra on my family,  
For things I can't afford;  
But I don't remember, ever,  
Giving extra to the Lord.

When your life on earth is over,  
And they lay you down to rest,  
How can He say to you, "Well done,"  
If you've made Him second best?

~copied~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Bill Womack  
 Scripture 2Thessalonians 1:1-5  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Noel Pepper  
 (S) \*Chuck Boles  
 (N) Tyler Boyd  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (N) Tim Fisher  
 (S) Steve Wilcher  
 (S) John Biddle  
 (S) Tom McColloch  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Calvin Rogers

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Eddi Palmer  
 Reading Johnny Anderson  
 Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20  
 Lord's Table \*Ken Martin  
 \*Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing Young Men  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Matthew Young  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Billy Gilbert

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell  
 P.M. Lisa Chilton & Judy Payne

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Ronnie Rogers & Rodney Maynard

**Attend Nursery:** Debbie Glenn

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** Potted Meat

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 333  
 Bible Study ..... 264  
 P.M. Worship ..... 296  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 245  
 Contribution ..... \$3,872

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## Sick

At Home:

Clara Roller

In The Hospital:

none known

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Worthy Of The Kingdom

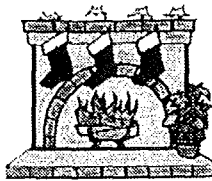
P.M. .... The Christian's Armor

## Bible Bowl #1

Our young people did it again! They came in first place in the Bible Bowl at Woodbury. They did not miss any on the test. In fact, they have not missed any all year long! Congratulations also to Hebron for coming in second place, New Hope, New Union, and Rome for third place and Woodbury for fourth. This month there were 18 congregations participating. Next month the Bible Bowl will be at Main St. in Manchester and will cover Acts 16-20.

## Communion Sign Up

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## Thanks Dear Friends

The Lawrence Family would like to express our deepest appreciation for the outpouring of generosity of the congregation this past Sunday evening. We were shocked when we received a card with \$818 inside. We feel so unworthy of your lavish gift. It is truly humbling to realize while we are in our 14th year here that you make us feel so loved and appreciated! Please accept our sincere thanks.

We hope that each one of you will have a safe and happy holiday season. Corretta, Micah and I will leave on Monday, December 28, along with 10 others from here for our trip to the Bible Lands. Lord willing we will return on Saturday, January 9. Please pray for our safe travel and return.

## Wednesday Night Classes

The elders have decided that on Wednesday night, December 23, there will be a special program with a devotional and Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon will speak. On Wednesday night, December 30, there will be classes as normal.

## Hindrances To Happiness

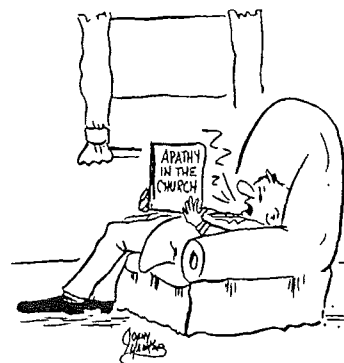
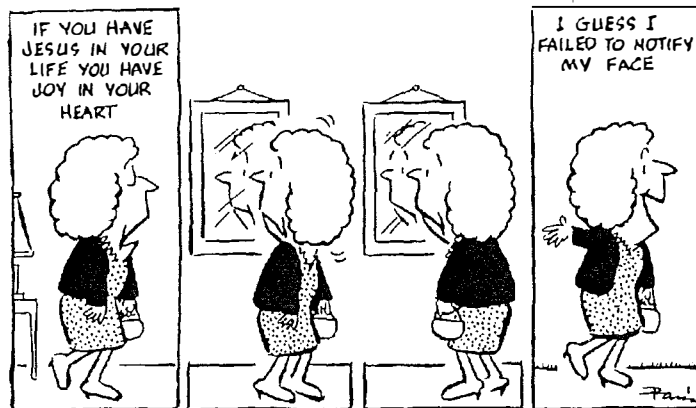
by Jerry L. Martin

Did you know that the approaching holiday season will be a time when more people will be depressed than any other time of the year? You might ask, "during a time when happiness should abound, why are so many unhappy?" First of all, one should realize that sometimes the cause of depression or unhappiness is caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain. One should never be ashamed to get medical help for such a condition. Yet, more times than not, happiness can be assured if one chooses to be happy and determines to avoid the hindrances to such. Note the depression experienced by the great Old Testament prophet Elijah (*I Kings 19*). He had accomplished many great things through the power of God for which he should have been happy, yet he became completely depressed because of evil Jezebel's threat on his life. His happiness was hindered by his focus, his fatigue, and his faith.

His FOCUS was self-centered. Listen to the description of Elijah's mind set: "*But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers*" (*2 Kings 19:4*). Elijah was involved in total self-pity. Happiness can only be obtained when we focus first, on the will of God and secondly, on the good of others (*Matthew 22:37-40; Philippians 2:3,4*).

His FATIGUE was self-induced. Notice from the passage above, "*he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness.*" The fatigue that caused Elijah to lie down under a juniper tree was brought on by him going on a journey the Lord had not directed him to go on. In fact, the Lord asked him in verse eight, "*What doest thou here, Elijah?*" When we travel without God's direction and provision, the self-induced fatigue will be too great for us and happiness will be left behind (*I Kings 19:7*).

His FAITH was self-sufficient. Elijah became depressed and disheartened because his faith was not focused on what God could do through him but it was focused on his own strength and ability. Listen to his words, "*...I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: ...and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away*" (*I Kings 19:10,14*). Our faith and trust must be in the Lord if we are to escape the hindrances to lasting happiness (*Hebrews 1:6; 12:1,2; I Timothy 4:10; Philippians 4:13*).



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 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Jeff Flatt  
 Scripture 2Thessalonians 2:1-4  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Don Sullivan  
 (S) \*Steve Hillis  
 (N) Joe Maynard  
 (N) Chad Graves  
 (N) David Chilton  
 (S) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Shannon Griffin  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessec

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Scripture Ephesians 4:1-3  
 Lord's Table \*Ronnie Prince  
 \*Bob Bonner  
 Sermon ELDERS present the Budget  
 Dismiss Bruce Pryor

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Danny Duncan  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Invitation Joey Reynolds  
 Dismiss Bob Mayfield

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Lemmie & Brenda Bratten  
 P.M. Jeff Flatt Family

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**Attend Nursery:** Junetta Gilbert

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

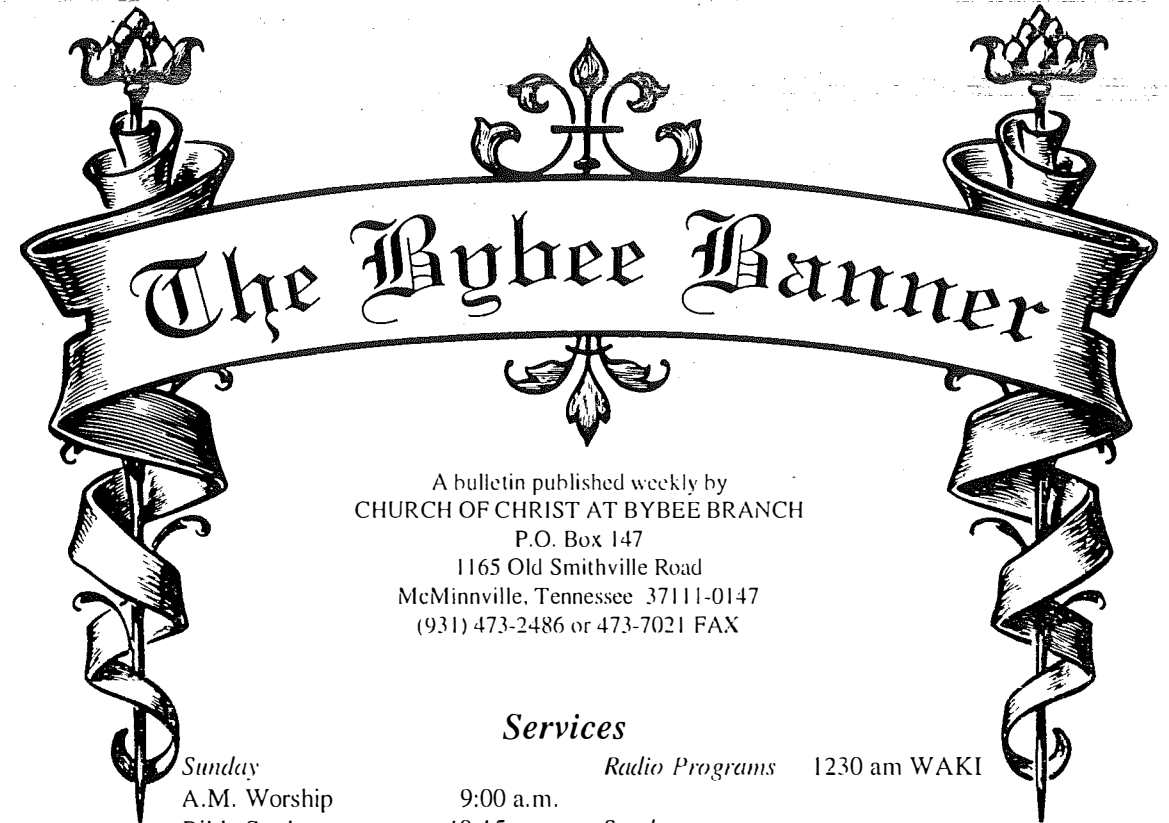
**Pantry Item:** Peaches

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Bible Study .....	274
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## Sick

### At Home:

*Don Griffith (please no visits or calls at this time)*  
*Bessie Atnip (mother of Eddie Palmer and Janice Mayfield)-following balloon surgery.*

### In The Hospital:

*none known*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Falling Away  
 P.M. .... ELDERS PRESENT BUDGET

## Communion Sign Up

If you can help prepare the communion for 1999, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

## Thanks for Help

On behalf of the Senior High Class we want to thank the congregation for your generous donation that went toward purchasing gifts for nursing home residents. We collected \$880.00 and bought for 160 people at NHC and Raintree.

## Wednesday Night Classes

The elders have decided that on Wednesday night, December 23, there will be a special program with a devotional and Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon will speak. On Wednesday night, December 30, there will be classes as normal.



Brethren in La Ceiba, Nicaragua receiving food

## Central America Relief Update

Most of you are aware that the church at Bybee Branch sent \$5500.00 and several boxes of canned goods to Central America via the Forrest Park church in Valdosta, GA (as did several of our sister congregations in the area). The church there has sent the first update on the progress of the benevolent work.

The assistance is going through the local congregations in Honduras. Distributions were made in Tegucigalpa, Danli, La Esperanza, and Choluteca. The initial amount of food delivered was 33.5 tons of beans, corn, rice, cooking oil, soup, sugar, salt, and milk. There was also more than 3,000 gallons of purified water for drinking. In addition a shipping container filled with hospital supplies and clothes are on the way.

In Nicaragua food was dispensed at congregations in the Leon and Chinandega provinces. Delievered there were: 4.5 tons of rice, 1.5 tons of beans, 150 gallons of cooking oil, 1/2 ton of sugar, 100 lbs of salt, 1800 eggs, 500 packages of powered milk, and 1000 bananas.

More details will be given as they become available. Forrest Park said a fuller report would be coming soon.



A sister's house destroyed in La Ceiba, Nicaragua

## Statistics For The Last Thirty Years at Bybee Branch

Year	Sunday A.M.	Bible Study	Sunday P.M.	Wednesday	Contribution
1968	275	241	136	121	\$476.21
1969	270	231	141	151	\$494.25
1970	253	213	133	121	\$513.04
1971	249	208	155	137	\$526.22
1972	272	246	196	190	\$634.71
1973	291	262	202	194	\$784.26
1974	299	253	200	179	\$796.79
1975	272	223	165	147	\$790.90
1976	249	198	149	126	\$765.30
1977	299	242	210	174	\$1,111.78
1978	336	287	234	206	\$1,329.94
1979	352	299	242	216	\$1,650.89
1980	363	311	246	232	\$1,745.64
1981	392	337	268	249	\$1,845.00
1982	367	328	263	251	\$1,902.00
1983	355	311	266	231	\$1,869.00
1984	334	282	252	211	\$1,898.00
1985	324	264	239	196	\$2,003.00
1986	335	260	244	197	\$2,198.00
1987	343	264	235	217	\$2,321.96
1988	344	269	233	216	\$3,297.92
1989	340	257	228	208	\$4,254.73
1990	335	245	221	200	\$4,233.00
1991	317	240	215	195	\$3,926.00
1992	309	233	202	186	\$3,462.82
1993	315	236	214	196	\$3,798.00
1994	310	230	210	189	\$3,455.00
1995	317	241	219	203	\$3,641.51
1996	314	238	222	204	\$4,086.37
1997	318	235	226	203	\$4,599.47
1998	326	244	241	216	\$4,408.78

A word about numbers:

Numbers can be both beneficial and detrimental. If we look back with an attitude of let us do better at bringing souls into God's Kingdom and look at each as a precious soul then we can do well. If we look at numbers as a strength in and of ourselves then we do wrong. In the book of Numbers God commanded the numbering of the people but in 2 Samuel 24 he condemned David for doing so. Jonathan wisely observed, "... For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."(1 Samuel 14:6, NKJV).