

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Don Griffith
 Reading Chuck Medley
 Scripture Acts 8:4-8
 Lord's Table (N) *Joe Collins
 (S) *Tommy Crouch
 (N) Jeff Bond
 (N) Micah Lawrence
 (S) Tyler Boyd
 (S) Ryan Kesity
 (S) Bob Cantrell
 (S) Caleb Graves
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Tim Fisher
 Reading Shannon Griffin
 Scripture 1 Timothy 2:5-7
 Lord's Table *Don Sullivan
 *Willie Newby
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (474-2632) Steve Hillis
 Lead Singing Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer Eddie Palmer
 Reading Lynn Gann
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

Welcome Committee

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 P.M. Marty Boles Family

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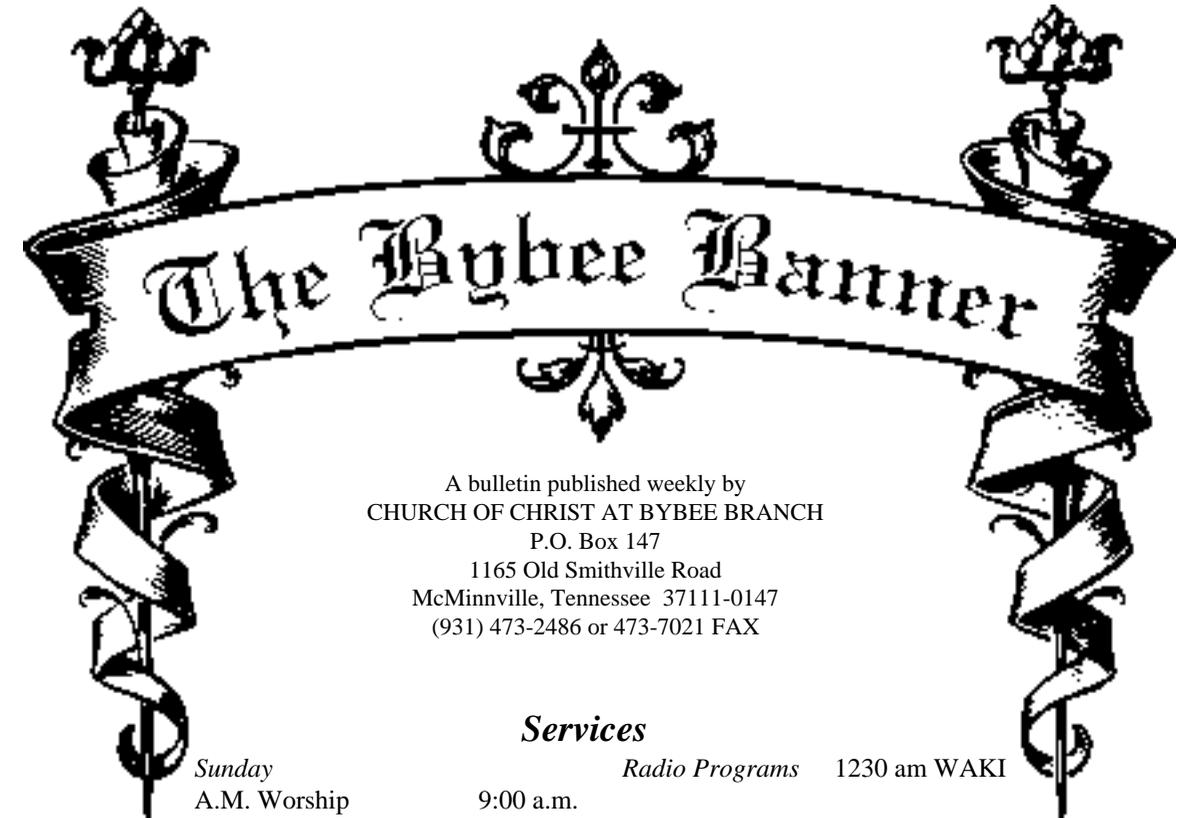
Pantry Item: Tomato Sauce

Record For The Week...

	12/24	12/31
A.M. Worship	349	269
Bible Study	246	231
P.M. Worship	169	216
Wednesday Bible Study	228	224
Contribution	\$4,305	\$6,182

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SICK

At Home:

Mildred Gambrell
Clyde Christian
Lawrence Lane

Sherry Pelham
Nan Cantrell

In The Hospital:

Roeba Jones-Riverpark
Please help us keep our sick list updated. We do not intentionally overlook anyone.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. The Gospel To The Samaritans
P.M. A Wonderful Savior (Intercessor)

POLICY ON

HAZARDOUS WEATHER

As winter arrives weather can sometimes make travel conditions treacherous. Here is a reminder of the policy of the elders.

When weather conditions make it dangerous for you to get outside the elders want you to be wise and take care of yourself. At the same time, they want those who are able to arrive safely to have an opportunity to meet for worship. The elders intention is that all services be conducted as scheduled. If you can get to the building safely you are encouraged to do so, but you are also encouraged to exercise precaution and good judgment in deciding what is best for you.

The Elders

TEN REASONS TO BE INVOLVED IN ORGANIZED VISITATION

1) You must visit anyway. James 1:27 and Galatians 6:1,2 are clear. Are you visiting like you know that you should? No one else can fulfill these commands for you!
2) Organized Visitation lets you do what you've always wanted to do. How many times have you told yourself that you should volunteer more for something to do in the church. Here's your chance!

3) Organized Visitation is best for communication between brethren. Let's say that there are five sick people and four visitors that need visiting. If you make one sick visit and visit one visitor you have done well. But what about those who were never visited? Without an organized visitation program some visits might never be made. We could fail to visit some and never even know it! Quality is just as important as quantity. Communication between brethren also helps us to keep from "casting our pearls before swine" (i.e. continually visiting (for evangelism) someone who has no interest in the truth).

4) We must fellowship. Read 1 John 1:3-7 and Acts 2:42. Let's have organized visitation "that we may have fellowship."

5) The organizational meetings do not take long and do not conflict with other church activities. Surely we could work on setting aside one or two hours a month in addition to the four hours a week that we spend in worship. Remember, the Lord gives us all of our time.

6) Being involved in visitation is at the same time a fulfilling work and a rewarding blessing. You may be visited if there is a need, and you can even be a part of the program if you are unable to get out yourself.

7) You have opportunity to visit, so God wants you to do it! Will you disappoint Him and yourself in that which you know you could do? (James 4:17)

8) Your invitation could make the difference in the eternal destiny of someone's soul. Read Matthew 25:31-46.

9) The gospel is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16). Invite people to come and hear it! Your preacher wants to preach to more than just the choir!

10) "For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Note: This article appeared in Viewpoint, the Newsletter of the North View church of Christ on August 10, 2000. According to their preacher, Michael D. Greene, these ten reasons to be involved in an organized visitation program were presented by Tim McHenry, preacher for the Culleoka congregation, at the visitation reorganization meeting at North View.

~From Messenger, West 7th Street, Columbia, TN~

Visitation Teams For January - June 2001

Team #1 — First Sunday

Bob & Ada Mayfield*
Bruce & Susan Pryor
Don & Susie Griffith

Angie Caldwell
Calvin & Nancy Rogers
Elaine Goodman

Asa & Sarah Kell
Chuck & Pat Boles

Team #2 — Second Sunday

W.C. & Nelma Chilton*
Doug Hendrixson & Missy Biles
Jason & Sonia Vandagriff

Doris Smith
Teresa Atnip
Jeff & Mary Flatt

Dot Foster
Helen Morgan
Rodney & Patsy Reynolds

Team #3 — Third Sunday

Ken & Nona Martin*
Johnny & Donna Anderson
Linda Cantrell
Becky Maynard

Joe & Marsha Collins
Kurt & Stephanie Maynard
Lucille Newby
Mary Davis

John & Pearl Biddle
Leonard & Avie Clemons
Lynette Maynard

Team #4 — Fourth Sunday

Don & Judy Sullivan*
Ricky & Rita Prince
Steve & Sharla Hillis
Woodrow & Mildred Glenn

Mike & Sharon Driver
Ronnie & Cindy Rogers
Tony & Corretta Lawrence

Mildred Bumbalough
Ryany & Tammy McKinney
Ricky & Maggie Hurst

SHUT-INS

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett
Lena Mai Gribble
Houston Stiles
Carol Sue Taylor
Magdalene Taylor
John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell
Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
Jane Golden
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Bessie Parker
June Slatton
Robbie Vandagriff
Violet Webb

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Larry Flatt
 Reading Bill Womack
 Scripture Acts 8:36-39
 Lord's Table (N) *Mike Driver
 (S) *Doug Hendrixson
 (N) Jason Vandagriff
 (N) Asa Kell
 (N) Eugene Wilcher
 (S) Jeff Templeton
 (S) David Chilton
 (S) Leonard Crouch
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Dennis Gann
 Reading Paul Hurst
 Scripture 1 Peter 2:21-24
 Lord's Table *Ricky Prince
 *Ronnie Rogers
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Allen Hughes

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (474-2632) Steve Hillis
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard
 Reading Noel Pepper
 Invitation Danny Duncan
 Dismiss Jeff Flatt

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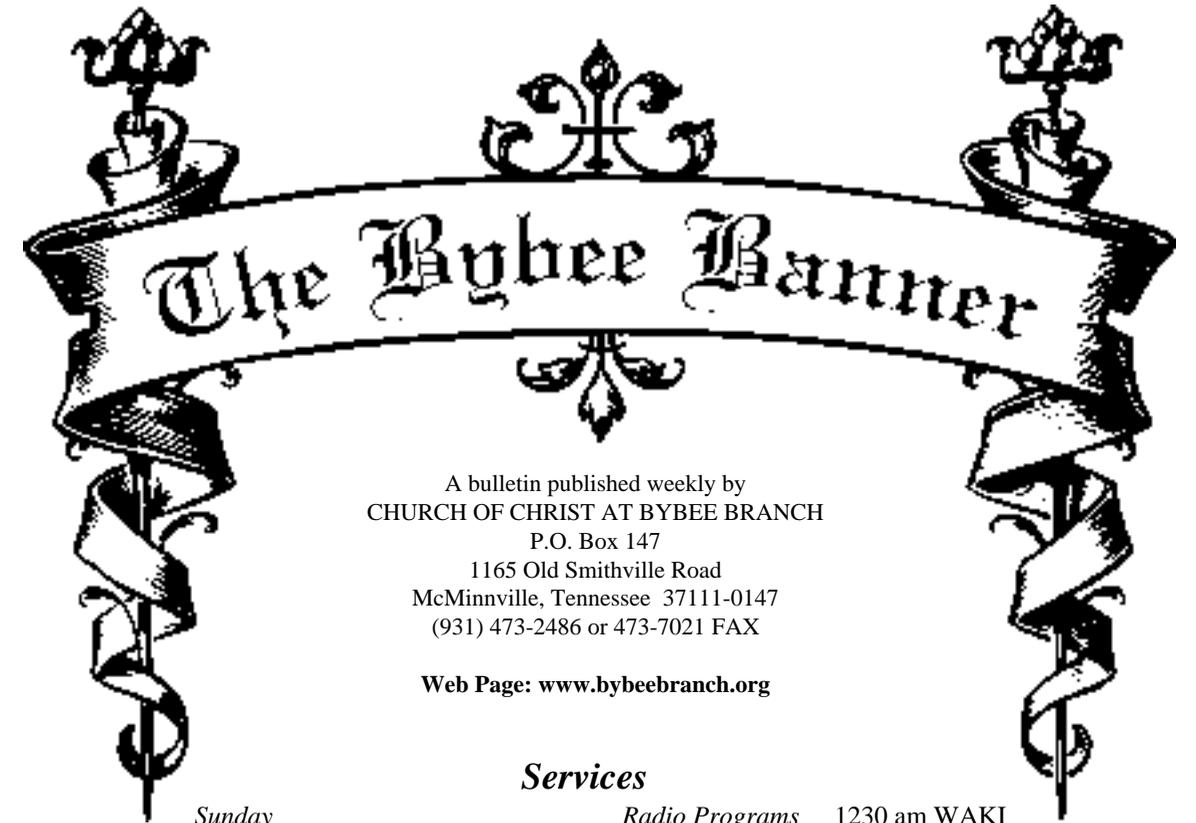
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Bible Study	274
P.M. Worship	274
Wednesday Bible Study	226
Contribution	\$5,890

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Roeba Jones

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Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A Eunuch Hears And Obeys
P.M. A Wonderful Savior (Our Perfect Example)

New Arrival

We want to congratulate Duane & Jennifer Brooks on the birth of a baby girl, Carolin Brooks, born Friday, January 5. Grandparents are Franklin and Georgia Brooks

Ladies Bible Class "Bears Project" (children at Plaza Family Health Center)



Honest Hymn Singing

If we sang what we really meant, honestly, would some old favorites come out like this?

I Surrender Some
There Shall be Sprinkles of Blessings
Fill My Spoon, O Lord
Oh, How I Like Jesus
He's Quite a Bit to Me
I Love to Talk about Telling the Story
Take My Life and Let Me Be
It's a Big Secret What God can Do
It's Fair to Partly Cloudy in My Soul Today.
Onward, Christian Reserves
Where He Leads Me, I Will Think about Following
Just as I Pretend to Be
When the Saints Go Sneaking In

Let's live right from Monday to Saturday so we can sing right on Sunday.

~copied~

When I Was Absent From Worship

- (1) It made some people question the reality of my religious faith (James 2:17).
- (2) It set an example of neglecting the assembly and failing to obey an inspired command (Heb. 10:25).
- (3) I failed to observe the example set by the early church in partaking of the Lord's Supper on the Lord's day (Acts 20:7).
- (4) It made it impossible for the elders of the church to see that the entire flock was fed or taught the word of God (Acts 20:28).
- (5) It indicated that I was not concerned about assembling with my brethren and the Lord's promise to be in our midst (Matt. 18:20).
- (6) Some must have concluded that I found more pleasure in fellowship with the world than with the Lord and my brethren (2 Cor. 6:14).
- (7) I set the wrong example before my children and before others who were influenced by my absence (1 Tim. 4:12).
- (8) If I chose to be absent on a pleasure trip and made no plans to worship God, it would prove that I love the Lord too little and the world too much (2 Tim. 4:10).
- (9) It set a pattern of irregular church attendance, violating the steadfastness in teaching, fellowship, and worship which was practiced by the apostolic church (Acts 2:42-47).
- (10) On the day that I willfully chose to be absent, I failed to walk in the light and did not enjoy the fellowship of my brethren (1 John 1:7).

~J. A. McNutt~



You Might Be a Backslider

Someone has made a humorous record called, "You Might Be a Redneck." This has made me think of "You Might Be a Backslider." Consider the following, which might identify you as a backslider.

If a 30-minute sermon seems too long, but a two-hour movie seems too short... If you start believing your own excuses... If you endure rather than enjoy the singing praises to God, you might be a backslider.

If you dread the sight of the preacher's car pulling up in the driveway... If you start avoiding your Christian friends... If you say, "It's nobody's business what I do," you might be a backslider.

If you cease to pray and start to complain about your problems... If you say, "Yes, but what has God done for me lately"... If you think about what you could be buying with that money you contribute at church, you might be a backslider.

Being a backslider is no laughing matter. Peter said it is better to have been an unbeliever than a backslider (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

~Darrell Beard~

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 (N) Shane Fisher
 (N) Lee Gann
 (N) Don Johnson
 (S) J.B. Gribble
 (S) Tom McColloch
 (S) Joe Roller
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Biles

Sunday Evening Worship

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds
 Reading Eric Fisher
 Scripture 1 Peter 1:18,19
 Lord's Table *Bob Mayfield
 *Bruce Pryor
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Martin

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (474-2632) Steve Hillis
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert
 Reading Don Sullivan
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Rodney Reynolds

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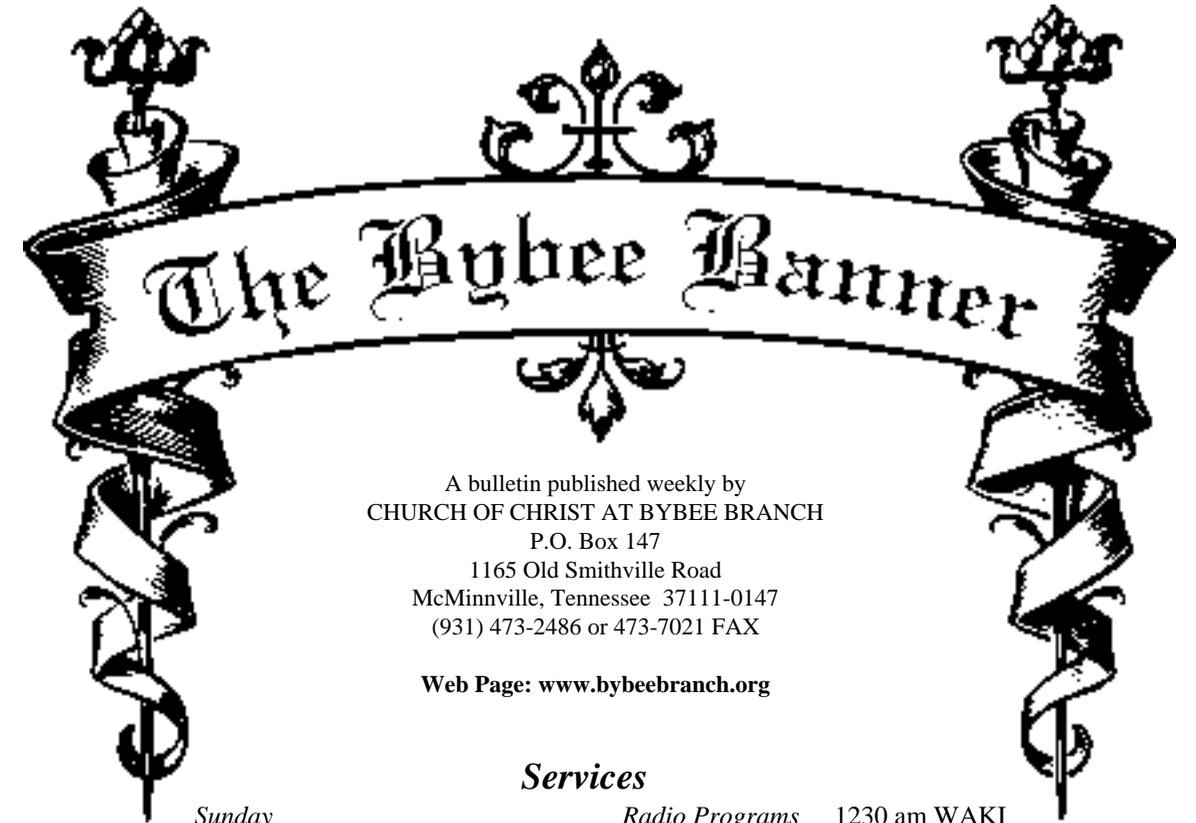
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P.M. Worship	222
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Sick

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Mildred Gambrell

Sherry Pelham

Clyde Christian

Lawrence Lane

Marvin Anderson (Johnny's father) recovering from eye surgery

In The Hospital:

none known at this time

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A Blinded Man Sees

P.M. A Wonderful Savior (The Precious Blood)

Baptism

The Hispanic congregation continues to grow with the baptism of Norma Romero this past Sunday. We rejoice as the congregation grows both spiritually and numerically.

Spring Youth Retreat

There will be a Spring Youth Retreat, March 16-18 at Hylake Christian Camp for 5th grades and up. Chaperones are needed! There will be a meeting this Sunday, January 21 at 5:00 p.m (before the evening services)

Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl this month was a resounding success for all the congregations. Of the 19 congregations that participated, all 19 placed in the top four positions with the most that any missed was 3 questions. Congratulations to the young people from the Rome congregation, they took first place again this month. Our young people came in second place missing only 1. Next month the Bible Bowl will be at New Union on February 11.

'You Ain't Got A Chance'

P.T. Barnum's cynical view of the public was seen in his oft-quoted words, "There's a sucker born every minute." If he was right it is also true that there are those who are just waiting to take advantage of that "sucker." Last week some blue collar workers in Ohio won the big \$297 million "Powerball" prize, but for every winner there were over 80 million losers. This is a government scheme to get our money without calling it taxes. They call it "Lotto," "lottery," or "Powerball," but it is merely another form of gambling. As usual, the odds are overwhelmingly against anyone who plays. With a jackpot worth millions, people fought to buy the tickets. When people think there is a chance to get something for nothing, some will hock their cars and kids to take that chance. Their real chance of winning? Just about as remote as their chance of guessing the unlisted number of President Clinton, which translates into odds of 80,000,000 to 1 (Yes, that's 80 million to one!). Now, people will read about the winner's luck and then go out and buy more tickets. Maybe Barnum was right after all.

Gambling is not a new pastime; it has been around for centuries. Knuckle-bones were common in Greece in Homer's day. To satisfy the people, Rome used a lottery for government revenue instead of taxes. We have played pitch-penny, marbles and other games that are merely a smaller form of gambling. Big or small, gambling takes people's money without giving a reasonable and just return. Whether you buy a raffle ticket from a high school club or play the numbers in a pool, it's still the same "game." Whether it is for a "good cause" or "just for fun," it is still gambling. And gambling is just another form of stealing, but it has the consent of the loser. Gambling is stealing just as surely as dueling is murder. With or without consent, it's a dishonest, dirty, selfish, exploitative business.

WHAT IS GAMBLING?

Defining a term is vital to understanding and evaluating that which it represents. Webster defines gambling

thus: *To play games of chance for money or some other stake; to take a risk in order to gain some advantage; to bet, wager; an act or undertaking involving the risk of a loss.* Economist Arthur A. Smith has defined it in these words: *The deliberate creation of a risk of a kind not inherent in or necessary to the functioning of an economic society. Encyclopedia Americana defines the lottery as: A public gambling scheme by which, for a valuable consideration, one may by favor of the lot obtain a prize of a value superior to the amount or value of that which is risked.* With these clear definitions in mind, we now see that gambling, in whatever form, is not merely a game, but is a means of gaining the possessions of others without rendering its equivalent return either in service or value.

ALL OF LIFE IS A RISK

It has been argued that if I forbid gambling, in order to be consistent I would have to sell my car, cancel my insurance policies and cash in all my investments. "Life is just one big risk," they said. Yes, life consists of many risks, but that proves nothing. Gambling involves the *creation* of risks – risks that are unnecessary to the supplying of every-day goods – risks that do not produce the staples of life and health. The farmer takes a risk, all right, but *necessary* risks for producing goods for the sustaining of life. A stock market investment is a risk, but not an *unnecessary* risk, in that it provides capital needed for financing facilities and goods. When you buy an insurance policy you do not create any new risks; you merely spread out the already existing risks of illness, injury, casualty or death upon the public, thereby easing the possibly devastating effects of those already-existing risks. No, that argument cannot be sustained.

IS GAMBLING RIGHT FOR CHRISTIANS?

Those who follow Christ should abstain for the following reasons:

- The Bible teaches the principle of honesty, giving a "day's work for a day's pay," not exploiting weakness in his neighbor. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good," Ephesians 4:28. See also Romans

12:17.

- The principle of the Golden Rule will never allow me to take by fraud or deception that which I cannot obtain by honest labor. "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," Matthew 7:12.
- Gambling thrives on an attitude of covetousness, an inordinate desire to possess that which belongs to another. The gambler becomes an economic and social parasite, living off the productive work of others.
- The Bible demands we be good stewards of our talents and our funds. Everything we possess is ours only in the form of a "stewardship," held in trust for the Lord, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 10:23-24, Psalm 24:1. The "something for nothing" appeal still exists – but Christians must reject it.

SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Have your taxes gone down since the lottery was legalized?
- Have you ever read of a *decrease* in crime in the wake of legitimizing gambling and lotteries? Are you aware of the association between gambling and organized crime?
- Could you be a successful gambler while maintaining the Christian principles of charity and generosity?
- Do you think Jesus would be standing in the lottery lines today?

Why not leave it *all* alone; from the raffle tickets to the office pool to the race-track to the lottery. Even if it's for a "good cause," it's a bad gamble, both for the here-and-now and the here-after. Unscrupulous men and women stand ready to take your money whenever you are foolish enough to give it to them. It may or may not seem strange to you, but government agencies and law-makers are now in on it.

~Carl B. Garner~

(Consider this article written by a brother from Texas as the issue is debated here in Tennessee)

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 First Prayer Chip Cantrell
 Reading Marty Boles
 Scripture Acts 10:1,2
 Lord's Table (N) *Jeff Flatt
 (S) *Rickey Hurst
 (N) John Stembridge
 (N) Rodney Maynard
 (N) David McColloch
 (S) Chris Jones
 (S) Ralph Crouch
 (S) Marc Martin
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kraig Campbell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Calvin Rogers
 Reading Kevin Judkins
 Scripture Acts 2:36
 Lord's Table *Eddie Palmer
 *Larry Flatt
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Buell Warren

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (474-2632) Steve Hillis
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Joe Collins
 Reading Kelly Thaxton
 Invitation Kurt Maynard
 Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

Welcome Committee

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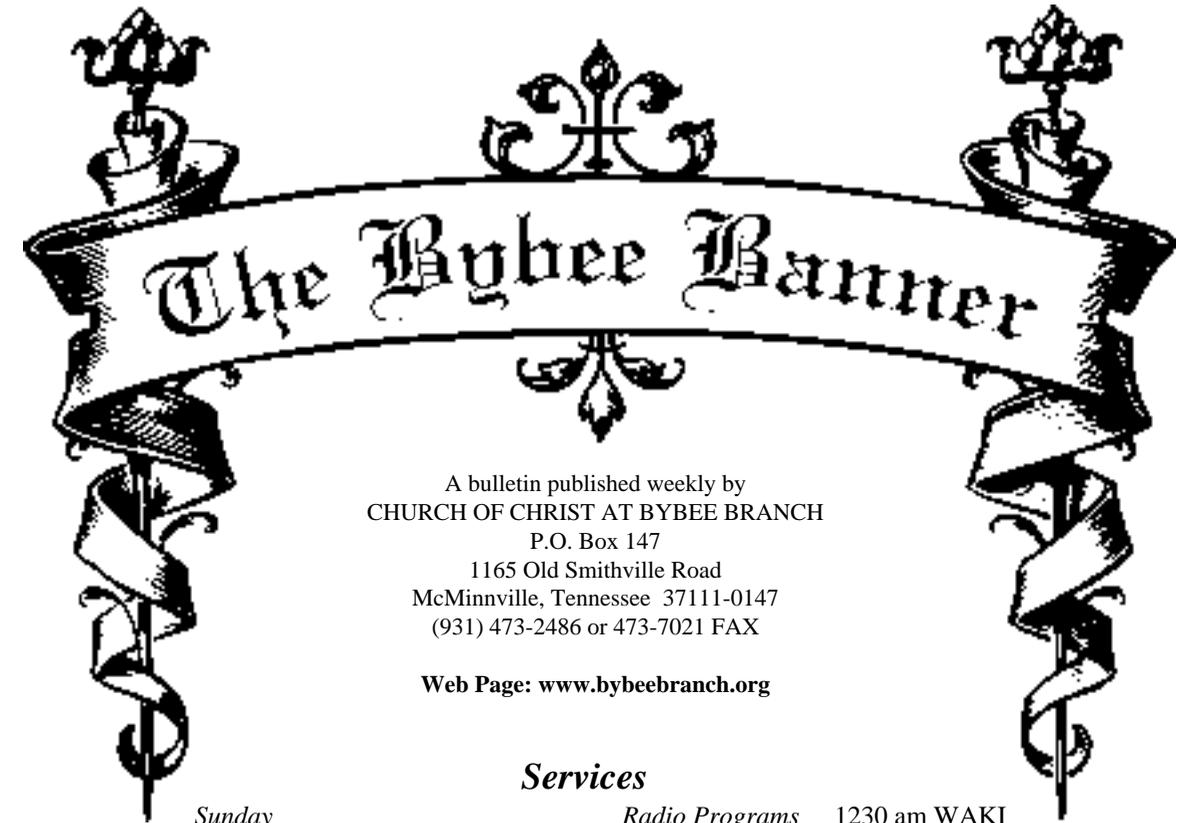
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Lawrence Lane-St. Thomas
Josh Templeton-ear surgery

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Joe Lawrence (father of Teresa McGinness). He has been sick and shut-in for an extended period of time. He passed away Monday evening. Arrangements were incomplete at this writing.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Cornelius, A Centurion From Caesarea
P.M. A Wonderful Savior (Lord & Master)

Pantry Low

This time of year there are numerous requests for help and the pantry is getting low. If you have any canned goods you wish to bring to help replenish the pantry, please do so. You are always extra generous so thanks in advance.

Responses

We rejoice that this past Wednesday evening sisters Denice Prince and June Slatton came forward requesting prayers. On Sunday morning Abram Pryor came forward requesting prayers. Please remember these precious souls in our prayers.

Voice of A Shut-In

Being a Christian and church member, just like you, this writer has sit on a variety of pews over the years to worship the Lord our God. We have prayed together, sung together, listened to great discourses, and were thoroughly edified in our worship. However, now my life has changed with a permanent disability causing me to be a long-term shut-in. During the holidays, shut-ins are generally presented with a fruit basket, in fact, last year this shut-in was presented with four such baskets. Beloved, there are twelve months per year, three hundred sixty-five days in a year, and shut-ins have needs during this entire period and should not be neglected. Letters and occasional phone calls can be very encouraging and positive as we attempt to deal with each passing day.

Shut-ins are normally seasoned and mature Christians who have given much during their earthly pilgrimage. Brethren as a whole have missed a rare opportunity in failing to tap into that valuable resource that would offer positive blessings. They can offer much sage advice and counsel that would benefit the church. Shut-ins love the lost and care about the growth of the church in which they have given so much. Keep them informed so they may feel they are a part of the on-going activities of the church. Shut-ins are deeply concerned about the purity of the church and seeing the Gospel preached in the local congregation and mission areas as well. Christian shut-ins of my acquaintance, who are confined on a permanent basis, are deeply concerned about the church and its determination to following the "old paths" (Jer. 6:16). It is this writer's opinion that without this special group the church of the Lord would be much weaker than what it is currently. How fortunate to have this special group of stalwart members who has been the underpinning of virtually every congregation.

Since shut-ins have been so valuable before,

during, and after their confinement, we would all do well to remember them. Be cognizant of them in your daily prayers. Communicate with them frequently with cards and visits. But, most of all, make them feel like they are a part of the church and not an outsider. Far too many shut-ins have suffered neglect and feel discarded by the church at large; who have been derelict in their duty. Why not resolve to make amends by changing our attitude and conduct toward those who have given so much. It will be a blessing to them and we will derive more benefit than what we have invested in time and energy.

James, the inspired writer penned these words. "Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). Certainly the fatherless, orphans, widows, widowers, and the shut-ins fall under the Christian admonition to visit. Literally, visit means to supply, sustain, and furnish that which is needed. All too often simple encouragement and having an attentive ear is a great blessing to our shut-ins, From personal experience this preacher, when in good health frequently visited shut-ins and gained far more from them than this writer could ever hope to benefit. Being a shut-in for more than five years, yet prior to my illness we would visit shut-ins with great frequency and we were always received well and treated as though we were someone important. One of the keys is to make short visits and not spend the entire morning or afternoon with them. Such long periods of time can wear out the shut-in, and possibly create embarrassing moments that could be avoided with a modest call. Many shut-ins are generally intuitive about the work of the church, seeking information about the attendance, contribution, and the mood of what's going on in the congregation they love so dearly. Many of those confined to bed and having great difficulty with their health nonetheless will refuse to give a detailed account of how they really feel. Having a desire to know what is going on

outside in the world is more vital to them. Visiting one particular shut-in on a regular basis, although having a difficult time, wanted to know about certain members that were delinquent and if they were present the previous Lord's day. Many times she would take note of it and would make a phone call to encourage the individual to faithfulness. Faithful Christians, who become shut-ins, are always concerned about others and took a real interest in what was going on within the church. This particular Christian shut-in made an impression on me that caused this writer to live closer to the cross than before making the visit. Let us visit our shut-ins and make a real difference in their lives.

NOTE: The above article is taken from a new book entitled *Tackling Life's Troubles* written by Bob Spurlin. Brother Spurlin is a faithful Gospel preacher of many years experience (I believe he preached at Algood a number of years ago). He is now retired as a result of being stricken with multiple sclerosis. This 154 page book is evidence that brother Spurlin has not lost his faith, his courage or his determination to do what he is capable of doing. Copies of this book can be ordered from brother Spurlin at the address given below for \$10.00 each plus shipping and handling. Sales of the book will be used for the mounting medical bills the Spurlin family faces.

Bob Spurlin
122 Brooks Lane
Somerville, AL 35670

*The above article and note appeared in **The Gospel Light** from the Smyrna congregation in Cookeville where brother Dan Jones preaches. Even if you are not a part of the visitation program, please remember our shut-ins.*

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Noel Pepper
 Reading W.C. Chilton
 Scripture Acts 11:19-26
 Lord's Table (N) *Ricky Prince
 (S) *Chuck Medley
 (N) Bran Merritt
 (N) Dickie Kesey
 (N) Ronnie Prince
 (S) Brandon McGinness
 (S) Barry Hendrixson
 (S) Joe Maynard
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Hoyt Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Mike Driver
 Reading Asa Kell
 Scripture Proverbs 4:23
 Lord's Table *Chip Cantrell
 *Tim Fisher
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss David Chilton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Steve Hillis
 Reading Bill Biles
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Paul Hurst

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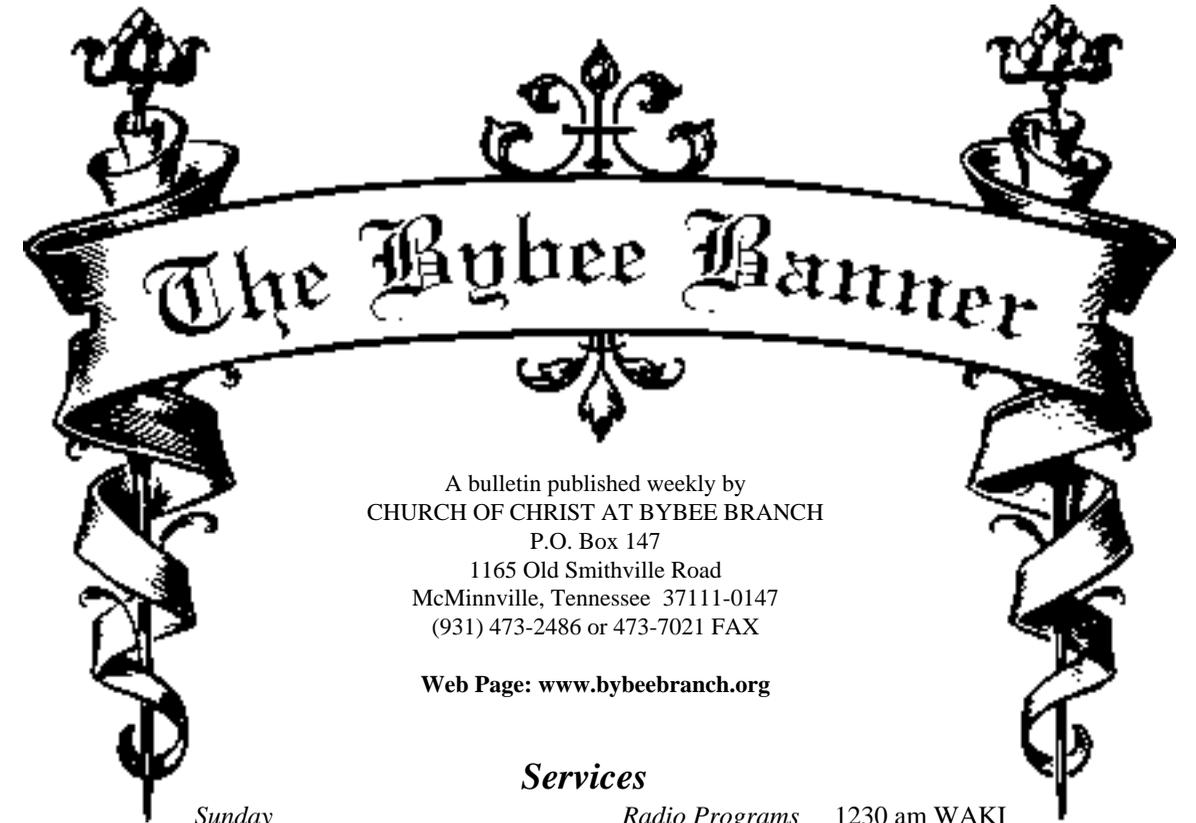
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 Eunice Simpson
 Dawn & Katie Wanamaker
 Lawrence Lane
 Barbara King
 Mike Driver

In The Hospital:

Glenda Bell-Riverpark

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The "Christians" In Antioch
 P.M. Keep Your Heart With All Diligence

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly elders-deacons meeting will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm.

General Business Meeting

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

Youth Retreat Sign-up

There will be a youth retreat on March 16-18. Everyone who plans on attending must sign up by February 11.

Prom Alternative Trip

There will be a meeting on Sunday, February 4, following the evening services to discuss plans and money.

If you make Sunday your strong day the rest of your days will not be weak days.

What Do Friendly Churches Do?

- Expect Visitors:** Hundreds of neighbors are invited each year to our services. Many of these are face-to-face invitations, others are by advertising, mail, TV, radio or print. Many of our members invite others on a regular basis. Think how foolish it would be for us to come any Sunday without the thought that someone will be visiting. Let's expect them, because they will be here. We are blessed to have guests each week. Do you expect them?
- Come Early and Stay Late:** If everyone arrived at two minutes 'til and left immediately following the amen", there would be no one to visit with visitors. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to search out visitors. It is part of the "Royal Law of Love" (John 3:16).
- Visitors First:** Don't wait until you have visited with everyone else before you search for visitors. They will probably be gone. Give the first few minutes before and after worship to find and welcome visitors.
- Offer Them Four Invitations:** Invite them to sit with you during worship. Invite them to your class or help them find a class. Invite them to lunch with you. And invite them to the next service. Just because they are here doesn't mean the invitations stop!
- This Means YOU:** No one else can obey the royal law of love for you. We do not all have the same abilities or personalities. But all of us can offer a kind word and a welcome. ***With joy in our heart and a smile on our face greet, invite, and welcome those who visit and worship with us.*** Let's treat our guests as we want to be treated when we are the visitor.

~Borrowed~

February 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Dot Foster	Bill Womack
	Amy Graves	HAROLD & TERESA MCGINNESS	Stanley Graves Ricky Prince Parker Smith	Tim Fisher Buell Warren Ashley Newby	Cory Prince HUSTON & LISA THAXTON	Scott Griffith
						<i>Bible Bowl study session at home of Joe & Marsha Collins 5-8 pm</i>
			Joe Maynard	Harley Northcutt	Dickie Kesey Florene Nokes Abram Pryor	Daisy Maxwell Jonathan Anderson
<i>Bible Bowl at New Union 2:00 pm</i>	<i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 pm</i>					
Nona Martin	Mark Lawrence Chuck Boles		Avie Clemons	Beth Reynolds Joey Reynolds	JIM & JUNE SLATTON	Rozelle Goodman Leslie Pepper
<i>TABS at Hickerson Station 6:00 pm</i>						
	Gilbert Kell		Loy Watson			
	<i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 pm</i>					

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 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds
 Reading Billy Gilbert
 Scripture Acts 13:1-3
 Lord's Table (N) *Eddie Palmer
 (S) *Larry Flatt
 (N) Harry Felty
 (N) George Trail
 (N) Ryan Kesey
 (S) Shannon Griffin
 (S) Abram Pryor
 (S) John Nussbaum
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Frank Reynolds

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer John Biddle
 Reading Micah Lawrence
 Scripture Matthew 6:25-34
 Lord's Table *Allen Hughes
 *Winfrey Hennessee
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan
 Lead Singing Ricky Hurst
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt
 Reading Tyler Boyd
 Invitation Dale Bennett
 Dismiss Don Griffith

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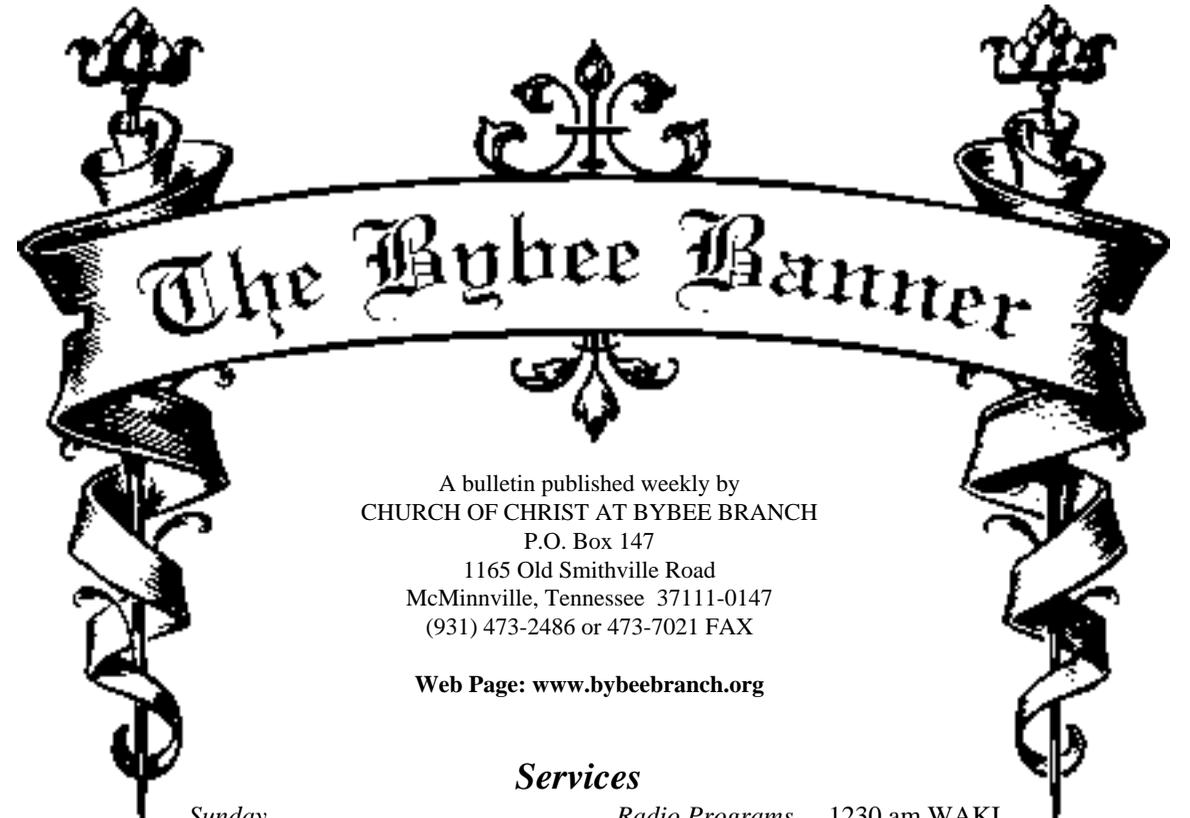
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Sick

At Home:

Mildred Gambrell
Sherry Pelham
Clyde Christian
Eunice Simpson
Louise Stiles (daughter of Eunice Simpson)-
throat surgery last week.
Lawrence Lane
Glenda Faye Bell-home following surgery
Clercie Delon-home from hospital
Ada Mai Church (Donna Anderson's mother)-in
pain from ruptured disc & may need knee
surgery.
Marvin Anderson (Johnny Anderson's father)-
recovering from cornea transplant

In The Hospital:

Jonathan Allen-Centennial Medical Center
(requested prayers of church-collapsed
lung)

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A Mission Minded Church
P.M. Heart Disease: Worry & Doubt

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Lawton Brown, Jr. who was killed in a gun accident last week. He was the son of Stella Brown that occasionally attends services with us here.

Requested Prayers

We want to remember Sarah Beth Hurst who came forward Sunday evening requesting prayers.

Youth Retreat Sign-up

There will be a youth retreat on March 16-18. Everyone who plans on attending must sign up by February 11.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett
Lena Mai Gribble
Houston Stiles
Carol Sue Taylor
Magdalene Taylor
John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
Stanley McNery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell
Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
Jane Golden
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Bessie Parker
Robbie Vandagriff
Violet Webb

Please help us keep our list updated. If you know of others that need to be on the list that are not or changes that need to be made, please let us know.

Also, help us keep an accurate update on the sick.

Hats Off To A Tennessee Principal

By now, perhaps many of you have heard of the courageous statement made by Principal Judy McCloud over the public address system just before a Roane County (Tennessee) high school football game on September 1, 2000. What she had to say is worth everyone's careful attention:

"It has always been the custom at Roane County High School football games to say a prayer and play the National Anthem to honor God and country. Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a prayer is a violation of Federal Case Law. As I understand the law at this time, I can use this public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it an alternate lifestyle, and if someone is offended, that's OK. I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity by dispensing condoms and calling it safe sex. And if someone is offended, that's OK I can even use this public facility to present the merits of killing an unborn baby as a viable means of birth control - if someone is offended, no problem. I can designate a school day as earth day and involve students in activities to religiously worship and praise the goddess, mother earth and call it ecology. I can use literature, videos and presentations in the classroom that depict people with strong, traditional, Christian convictions as simple minded and ignorant and call it enlightenment. However, if anyone uses this facility to honor God and ask Him to bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship, Federal Case Law is violated. This appears to be inconsistent, at best, and at worst, diabolical. Apparently, we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone except God and His commandments. Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules (with) which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be inconsistent, at best, and at worst, hypocritical. I suffer from that affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression. For this reason, I shall render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and refrain from praying at this time. However, if you feel inspired to honor, praise and thank God, and ask Him in the name of Jesus to bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that's not against the law...yet."

It was reported that one by one, the people began bowing their heads in prayer. The teams gathered together, knelt and prayed. Even in the concession stands, buying ceased as people bowed in prayer. And, yes, there was "volunteer" prayer even in the announcer's booth. What an incisive statement she made and what a great response followed! My "hat is off to Ms. McCloud!

When you think of what is happening in our country, it is enough to make one sick. Forbidden to pray at a football game or in schools by the Supreme Court which ruled that such would be a violation of the Constitution, yet with the "full clout" of government, the theory of evolution, which is atheistic to the core, is freely taught and encouraged. The teaching of Biblical morals and values in our schools is now largely taboo, due to the threatening intimidation of the ACLU and fear of lawsuits. No wonder our nation is in such a mess with its youth. And yet, ironically, each session of congress still begins with a prayer. And the pledge of allegiance to our flag still includes, "one nation under God" and our coins still say, "In God we trust." At the rate things are going, however, it won't be long until the radical left wing elements make a concerted effort to rid this once "Christian nation" of even these last vestiges of our wonderful heritage. And the Supreme Court, which used to be the "tower of justice" for what was right, but in recent years has become the "friend and champion" of "political left-wing activism," will probably rule in their favor. It breaks my heart when I see ungodly, evil forces slowly but surely taking over our country as they have during the last thirty to forty years, and especially so at an accelerated speed in recent times. The oft quoted statement by Edmund Burke still rings true: "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to triumph is for enough good people to do nothing." And that, my friends, is exactly what too many have done nothing!

~ Maxie Boren~

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 First Prayer Calvin Rogers
 Reading Jim Slatton
 Scripture Acts 13:1-3
 Lord's Table (N) *Ken Lee
 (S) *Bob Mayfield
 (N) Joey Reynolds
 (N) Harold McGinness
 (N) Harley Northcutt
 (S) Rodney Maynard
 (S) Brett Merritt
 (S) Kevin Judkins
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Buell Warren

Sunday Evening Worship

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Bill Biles
 Reading Tom McColloch
 Scripture Matthew 6:25-34
 Lord's Table *Dennis Gann
 *Steve Hillis
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Chuck Boles

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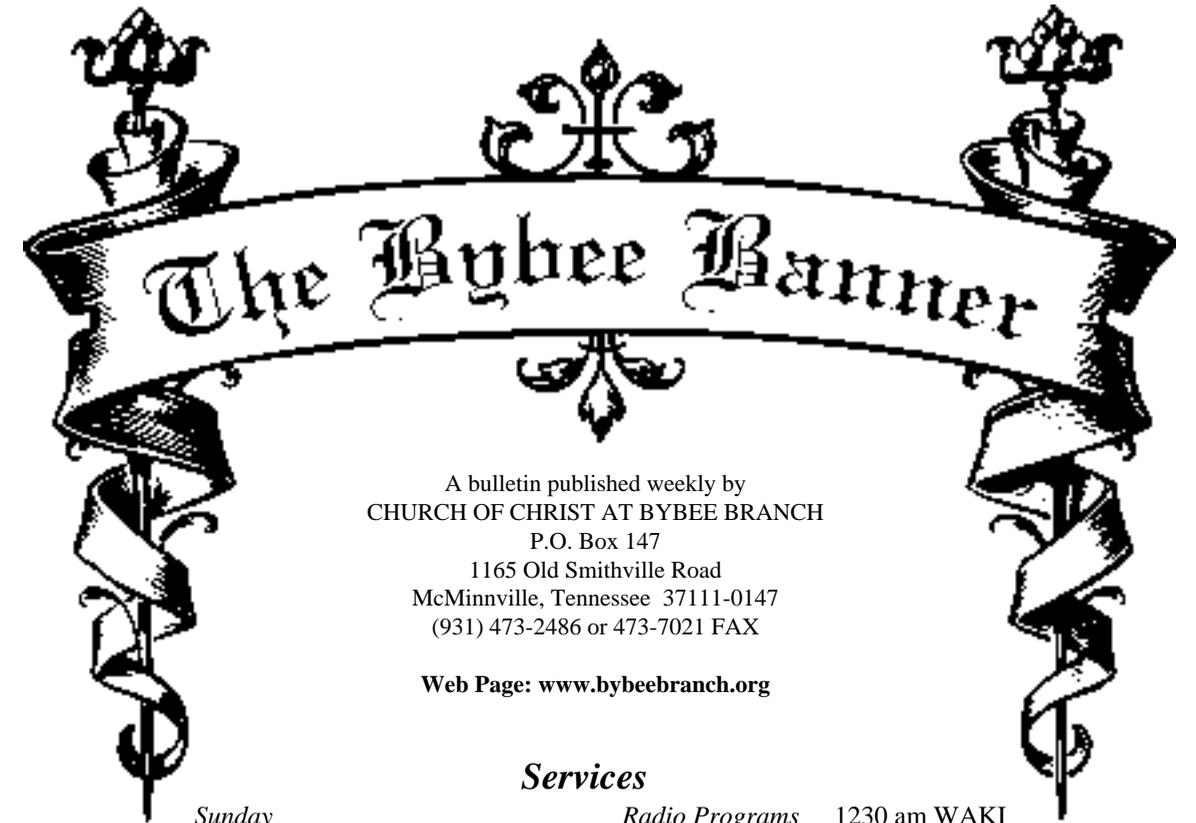
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Sick

At Home:

Mildred Gambrell-improving
Sherry Pelham-chemo treatments
Glenda Faye Bell-slowly improving
Clercie Delon-improving
Kathy Thaxton-foot surgery last Tuesday
Ricky Prince

In The Hospital:

Clifford McClain (uncle of Frank Reynolds)-
Riverpark ICU
Mickie Whiteaker-gall bladder surgery Monday

Restoration

Last Wednesday evening sister Junetta Gilbert came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation.

Hispanic Baptism

We rejoice that another precious soul, Darwin Barrera, was baptized into Christ this last Saturday. There were 72 young people gathered for a Gospel Meeting at the Iglesia de Cristo on Saturday.

Bible Bowl

Our young people did an amazing job again at the Bible Bowl. This month they came in first place missing none on the test. Congratulations also to the young people at Mt. Leo and Rome for coming in second; Earleyville for coming in third and to Bluff Springs, Central and New Hope coming in fourth.

T.A.B.S.

This coming Sunday evening will be the TABS program. It will be at the Hickerson Station congregation in Coffee County.

*“Truth does not hurt,
Unless it ought to.”*

Thanks from Tony

Thanks to all who called to check on me this past weekend. A nasty stomach virus has a way of bringing you to your knees in a hurry! Thanks so much to Larry Vinson for preaching and Bob Mayfield for teaching my class.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A Mission Minded Church
P.M. Heart Disease: Worry & Doubt

A Little More

We recall the kind old grocer,
When the sugar, he would pour;
How he'd tip the scales to balance,
Then he'd add **a little more.**

His business, how it prospered;
Folks were always at his store,
For he gave an honest measure,
And he'd add **a little more.**

So it is with life, my brother;
We would write a better score,
When we've done what's expected,
If we'd add **a little more.**

~author unknown~

Area-wide Singing

The Bonner church of Christ will host an area-wide singing on Friday night, February 23, from 7:00 pm.

Article to Right

There has been a lot written lately about the subject of the Holy Spirit and not all of it good. Please read the excellent article to the right by brother Gary Colley. It appeared in last week's East End Bulletin.

Is The Holy Spirit In The Christian?

Questions have arisen of late concerning whether the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian personally and directly. Some believe that the Holy Spirit operates directly on the heart of the Christian today in many different ways. These questions have had to be settled by each generation. The debates of a few years ago settled the matter in the minds of Christians then, but some have attended the “schools of higher learning” and then with their degrees, they have come to teach in our schools. Too many of them have sopped up modernism, and liberalism, and Calvinism.

THE GOD-HEAD DOES IN-DWELL

There are many New Testament passages that teach clearly that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit dwell (live) in the one who hears and does the will of the Father (Eph. 3:16-19; Matt. 7:21; I Cor. 6:19; Jas. 2:22-25). One may have knowledge of the Bible, but until such time as he or she is willing to be governed in their life by the Word, neither God, Christ, nor the Holy Spirit dwell in that life because they refuse to be guided by the Word (Col. 3:16-17). Christians are said to be “led by the Spirit of God” showing they are sons of God (Rom. 8:14). The first two verses of Romans 8 explain how this is done. Christians “walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (His revealed teaching). For THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom. 8:1-2) (Emp. Mine. GC).

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAME AS THE WORD?

When anyone suggests the Bible teaching that the Holy Spirit dwells in, guides, and directs the Christian by the Word, many then question, “You mean then that the Bible and the Holy Spirit are the same!” No, not at all. Ephesians 6:17 informs us of “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” When the Holy Spirit acts in the life of the Christian, He acts by means of the Word of God. We would speak amiss to say that the Holy Spirit and the Word of God are the same, just as we would be wrong if we said that God and His Word are the same, but that is the instrument through which They work.

THE WORD EFFECTUALLY WORKS IN THE CHRISTIAN

Paul wrote to “the church of the Thessalonians” (II Thess. 1:1), “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” (I Thess. 2:13).

Hence we should be able to understand that THE WORD OF GOD IS WHAT EFFECTUALLY WORKS IN THE CHRISTIAN WHEN HE OBEYS, and is the only medium through which God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit work today. Most understand that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit work on the alien sinner in conviction and conversion by the Word (Acts 2:36-38). And further that They sanctify (set apart) the Christian by the Word (Jn. 17:17). This same thought should be understood about the Holy Spirit and His sword, the Word of God. If God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit operate on sinners' hearts, and dwell in the Christian's obedient hearts, in some other way other than by the word, the church would not have to send missionaries to preach to the lost (since the Holy Spirit would do the work directly). And Christians would not have to study to know how to be approved unto God (II Tim. 2:15), since the Holy Spirit would just nudge, push, give “extra-literary” thought, and do that work directly in addition to the Word of God. Calvinism's teaching has been adopted by far too many in the churches of Christ today! Study brethren, and do not be fooled. One of these teachings (the' direct operation theory) is of men, the other is of God (II Tim. 4:1-4).

~Gary Colley~

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 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Bruce Pryor
 Reading Ken Martin
 Scripture Acts 13:16-12
 Lord's Table (N) *Ronnie Rogers
 (S) *Kelly Thaxton
 (N) Joe Roller
 (N) Jeff Templeton
 (N) Marc Martin
 (S) Don Johnson
 (S) David McColloch
 (S) John Stembridge
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kurt Maynard

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Steve Boyd
 Reading Jason Vandagriff
 Scripture Proverbs 16:18,19
 Lord's Table *Jeff Flatt
 *W.C. Chilton
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

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 P.M. Tony Lawrence Family

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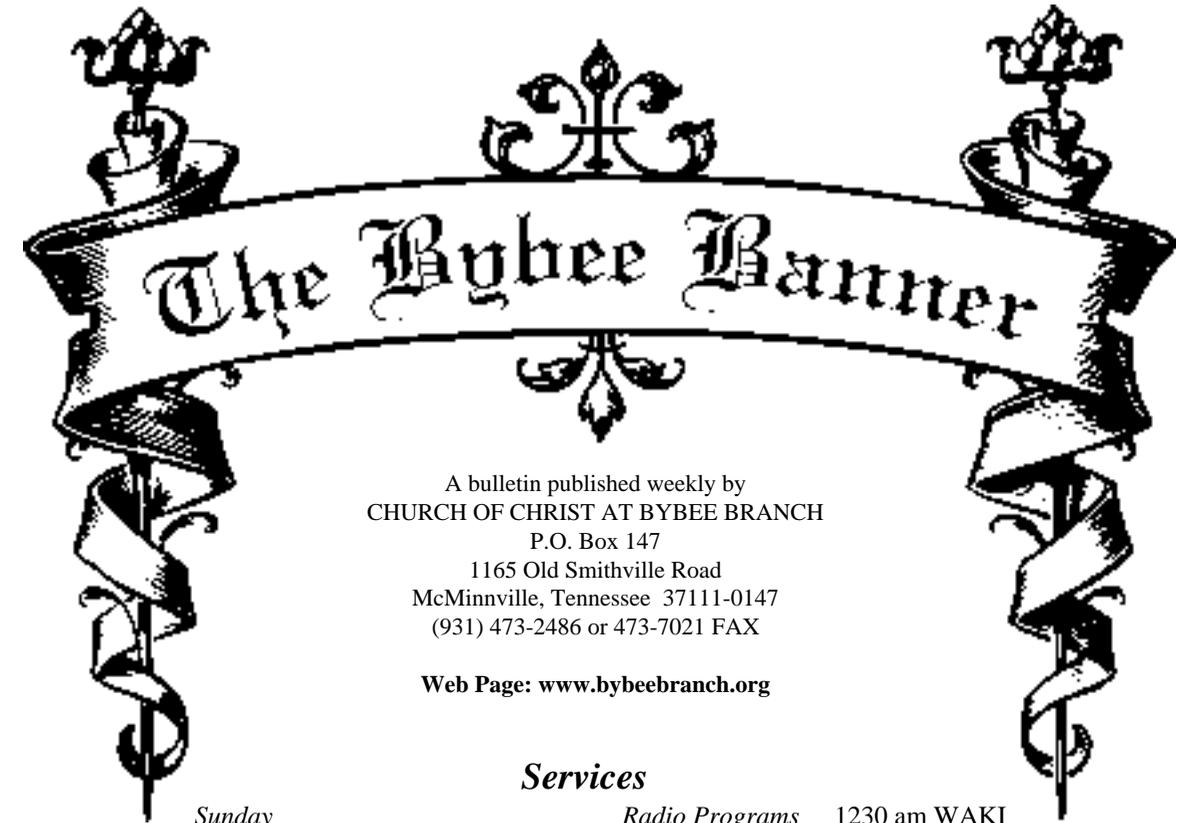
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Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	343
Bible Study	257
P.M. Worship	215
Wednesday Bible Study	230
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Sick

At Home:

Sherry Pelham-weak after treatments

Alicia Driver-home after knee surgery

Mickie Whiteaker-home after gall bladder surgery

Clifford McClain (uncle of Frank Reynolds)-home from hospital

Roeba Jones-improving at home

Ada Mai Church (Donna Anderson's mother)-recovering from back surgery last week

In The Hospital:

Ruby Glenn-arteriogram on Tuesday

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Persuading A Proconsul

P.M. Heart Disease: Pride & Arrogance

Area-wide Singing

The Bonner church of Christ will host an area-wide singing on Friday night, February 23, from 7:00 pm.

Bratten's Address

Lemmie and Brenda Bratten have settled in their new home. You may reach them at the following address and phone:

Lemmie & Brenda Bratten
51 Kelso Mulberry Road
Mulberry, TN 37359-5109
Phone: (931) 438-8978

Church mailing address

Whenever you mail cards or notes to the church be sure to use PO Box 147. We DO NOT have a mail box at 1165 Old Smithville Road. We receive some cards days (sometimes weeks) late.

Thailand Work Update

We received two reports on the Gospel Meeting in Udorn, Thailand from brother Christian and Rapin. It was one of the most successful ever. There were 469 people at the Gospel Meeting with 18 baptisms!

There was also an English school at the Mukdahan province. Brothers Kevin Williams, David Williams, and Rick Lawson taught on the subjects of "Creation," "Scheme of Redemption," and "Existence of God." About 160 students participated in this school.

A Piece Of Clay

I took a piece of plastic clay,
And idly fashioned it one day;
And, as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.
I came again, when days were passed;
The bit of clay was hard at last.
The form I gave it, still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.
I took a piece of living clay,
And deftly formed it day by day,
And molded, with my power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart.
I came again, when years were gone;
It was a man I looked upon,
lie still that early impress bore,
But I could change it never more.

~Selected~

The real strength of a man is not physical, but moral and spiritual

It is right to be content with what you have, but not with what you are.

Four Things Missing In Heaven

In Revelation chapters twenty-one and twenty-two we read a lengthy and lovely description of heaven. The language is designed to stir our hearts, arouse our interest and to cause us to desire to go there no matter what the cost. But in studying these two chapters it is evident that at least four things are missing in heaven and it is evident they are missing by God's design. God does **not** want them there! God will not allow them to be there! In fact, by their very nature, it is **impossible** for them to be in heaven.

No Sin There

First, there is no sin there. Sin has been left for hell. "Nothing unclean or that is an abomination or a lie" is allowed in heaven. Sin has been a curse to the entire human race since Adam and Eve were in the garden. It resulted in the first disobedience to God (Gen.3), and caused the first murder (Gen. 4), and has been found in the life of every accountable being ever since, except in the life of Jesus Christ, the Sinless One. Sin has cursed our world with all the immoralities man has ever devised. Sin is responsible for all the wars, crimes, abortions, child abuse, pornography, wife-swapping, tax evasion, and religious error found in our world. Sin is a cruel task master (John 8:44; Rom 6:16-18), and keeps the whole world in bondage (1 John 5:19). Thank God sin will, be missing in heaven!

No Sickness There

Secondly, there will be no sickness there. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve they were driven out from the garden and their bodies began to degenerate and all manner of sickness became endemic to man. The "halt, the maimed, the lame and the blind" are found in all societies of the world. Periodically, one epidemic after another sweeps our land and untold millions die. Some deaths are horribly painful and ugly. Man constantly battles the germs, viruses and illnesses of this world, but ultimately most of us die from one sickness or another. Thank God no sickness will enter heaven!

No Sorrow There

Thirdly, there will be no sorrow there. Just as sin and sickness are common to man, so is sorrow. Happiness in our lives is like a few scattered raindrops on a dusty street, while sorrows of a hundred kinds plague our days. We cry over so much in our world! There are world conditions, personal problems and mental anxieties that wreck their havoc in our lives, bringing sorrow to our hearts. Quite often, to no avail, we simply have to suffer. Thank God there will be no sorrow in heaven!

No Separation There

And finally, there will be no separation ever again. All separations are reserved for life and the judgment. After that, once heaven is entered there will be no separation ever again. One of the most disappointing things about life is the constant separations that take place. Some are temporary; some are permanent. Jobs, families, wars and death constantly separate us and are a burden to be borne. But once heaven is entered no further separations shall ever be known. We do not propose to know how total and complete happiness can be realized in heaven after being separated from family and friends at the judgment, but we trust God Who will make it all right. Thank God there will be no separations in heaven!

That heaven is a prepared place for prepared people is taught by God (John 14:1-3; Matt. 25:31-46). Our task is to get ready by obeying the gospel (John 8:24; Luke 13:3-5; John 3:3-5) and living faithfully till death (Rev. 2:10). When eternity is ushered in, all the joys and happiness an infinite God can provide will be ours. And thank God four things will be missing in heaven! There will be no sin, sickness, sorrow or separation there.

~Andrew M Connally~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Steve Hillis
 Reading Bob Bonner
 Scripture Acts 13:38-43
 Lord's Table (N) *Dennis Gann
 (S) *Don Griffith
 (N) Kraig Campbell
 (N) Ralph Crouch
 (N) Eric Fisher
 (S) Marty Boles
 (S) Paul Hurst
 (S) Lynn Gann
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Rickey Hurst
 Reading Tommy Crouch
 Scripture Genesis 4:5-7
 Lord's Table *John Biddle
 *Dale Bennett
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer Don Sullivan
 Reading Kurt Maynard
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

Welcome Committee

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 P.M. Buell & Flossie Warren

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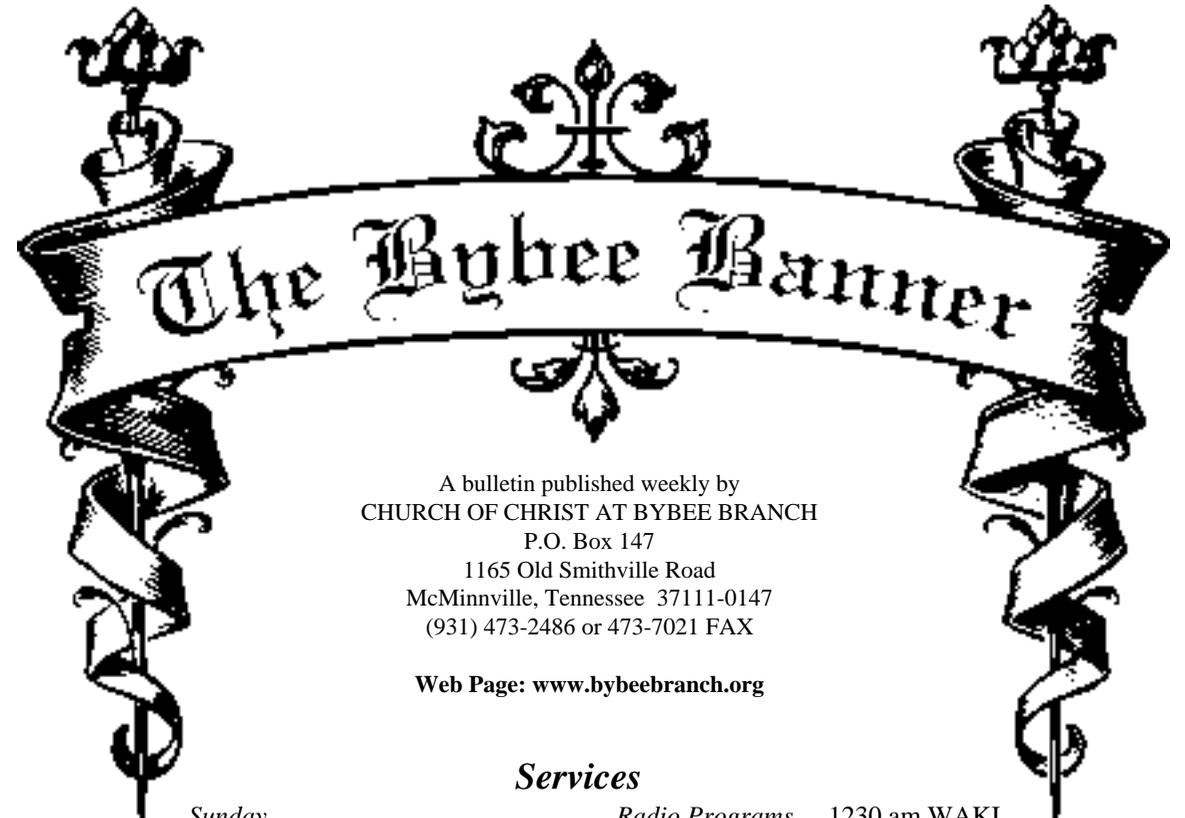
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Sick

At Home:

Sherry PelhamRoeba Jones-improving at home
 Ruby Glenn-scheduled to have by-pass surgery
 on March 8.
 Clyde Christian-doing better

In The Hospital:

Beverly Hertwig (sister of Shirley Nunley)-
 arteriogram on Friday at Centennial
 Medical Center

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Through This Man-The Forgiveness of Sins
 P.M. Heart Disease: Anger & Hatred

Spring Retreat Meeting

There will be a meeting for those planning on going
 on the Spring Youth Retreat this Sunday evening
 following services. Money for the trip will be collected
 and the rules will be reviewed.

Another Hispanic Baptism

We rejoice that last Wednesday evening Rosalio Garcia
 responded to the Lord's invitation at the Hispanic
 congregation and was baptized into Christ.

Meetings

The *Dunlap church of Christ* will conduct a
 lectureship on the theme "God's Pattern" on Saturday,
 March 3, beginning at 8:45.

East End church of Christ, March 11-16, services at
 7:00 pm each evening with Don Blackwell preaching.

Don't forget that our Gospel Meeting will be on April
 8-12, with brother Larry Acuff speaking.

The Touch Of The Master's Hand

Tw'as battered and scarred and the auctioneer,
 Thought it scarcely worth his while,
 To waste much time on the old violin,
 But held it up with a smile.

"What am I bidden, good friends?" he cried
 "Who'll start the bidding for me?"

A dollar, a dollar, then two, only two,
 Two dollars, who'll make it three?"

Three dollars once, three dollars twice,
 Going for three — but no!

From the room far back, a grey-haired man
 Came forward and picked up the bow.

Then wiping the dust from the old violin,
 And tightening the loose strings,
 He played a melody pure and sweet,
 As a caroling angel sings.

The music stopped and the auctioneer,
 In a voice quiet and low, said
 "What am I bid for the old violin?"
 And held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars? Who'll make it two?
 Two thousand, who'll make it three?
 Three thousand once; three thousand twice,
 And going and gone!" said he.

The people cheered but some of them cried,
 "We do not understand,
 What changed its worth?"

Quick came the reply:
 "The touch of the Master's hand!"

And many a man with life out of tune,
 And battered and scarred by sin,
 Is auctioned cheap by the thoughtless crowd—
 Much like that old violin.

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
 A game and he travels on...
 He is going once, he is going twice,
 He is going and almost gone!

But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd
 Ne'er can quite understand,
 The worth of the soul and the change that is wrought,
 By the Touch of the MASTER'S HAND!

~Author unknown~

March 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Eddie Palmer	Stanley McNery Lacy Pack	MIKE & SHARON DRIVER
					1	2
Drucilla Crouch Tara Leigh Felty	Tommy Crouch Ralph Crouch	BILLY & JUNETTA GILBERT Flossie Warren Benji Biles	David McColloch Kaci Chilton Minnie Whiteaker	Glyna Lee	RALPH & DRUCILLA CROUCH	Kaitlyn Reynolds <i>Bible Bowl study session 5-8 pm at Chilton's</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Bible Bowl 2 pm at Central</i>	<i>School of Bible Emphasis 7 pm at Mt. Leo</i>	STEVE & ANGIE CALDWELL				Lynder Holmes
11	12	13	14	15	Spring Youth Retreat	
Scena Christian Hallie Cantrell Matthew Young Kaitlyn Thaxton KEN & NONA MARTIN		Carol Boyd Ada Mayfield Michael Griffith Robert Garibaldi	Katie Wanamaker	JOE T. & MARY LOIS CANTRELL JOE & BECKY MAYNARD Ronnie Rogers Becky Maynard Calvin Rogers	Doris Smith	SIDNEY & JENNIFER GROVES
<i>TABS at Grundy St. 6 pm</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
Brett Merritt	Jonathan Goodman Johnny Anderson	Larry Goodman	JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM		STEVE & TERESA ATNIP	Delanie Sullivan
	<i>School of Bible Emphasis 7 pm at Mt. Leo</i>					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Larry Flatt
 Reading Steve Boyd
 Scripture Acts 14:1-7
 Lord's Table (N) *Winfrey Hennessee
 (S) *Willie Newby
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell
 (N) Caleb Graves
 (S) J.B. Gribble
 (S) Tyler Boyd
 (S) Jeff Bond
 (S) Lee Gann
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers
 Reading Joe Roller
 Scripture Ephesians 4;25
 Lord's Table *Kelly Thaxton
 *Billy Gilbert
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Noel Pepper
 Reading Shane Fisher
 Invitation Mike Driver
 Dismiss David Chilton

Welcome Committee

A.M. Danny Duncan Family
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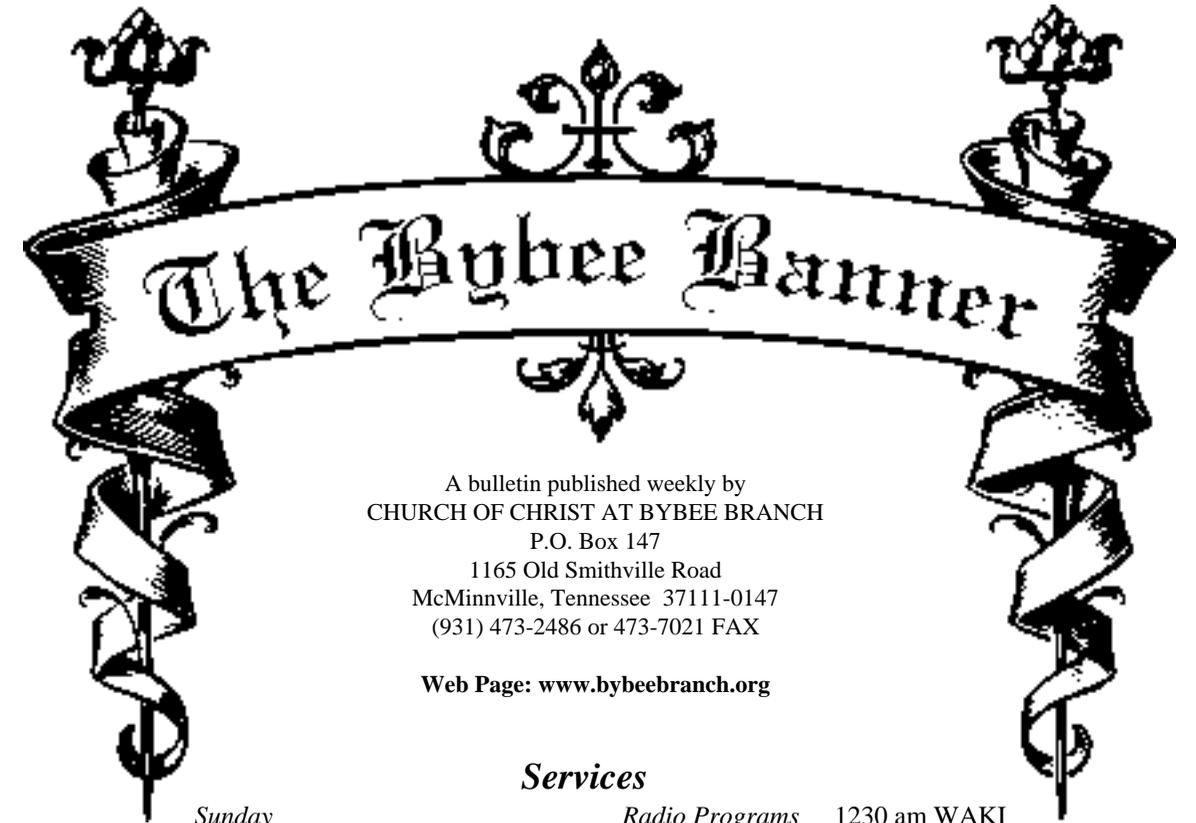
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Sick

At Home:

Sherry Pelham
Joy Trail
Gail Crouch
Ashley Boles

In The Hospital:

Ruby Glenn-scheduled to have by-pass surgery
Thursday at Skyline Medical Center; 3441
Dickerson Pike; Nashville , TN 37207;
(615) 769-2000
Craig Campbell-Cookeville Hospital for back
tests Wednesday

Another Hispanic Baptism

We continue to rejoice that another precious soul was baptized into Christ at the Hispanic congregation. On Friday evening Juan Carlos Garcia put the Lord on in baptism.

Restoration

On last Wednesday evening Allison Boyd came forward requesting prayers. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Bible Bowl

This month's Bible Bowl will be Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm at the Central congregation. The bus will leave the building at 1:40. Study session on Saturday evening from 5-8 pm at the home of W.C. and Nelma Chilton.

Gospel Meetings

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Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett
Lena Mai Gribble
Houston Stiles
Carol Sue Taylor
Magdalene Taylor
John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
Stanley McNery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell
Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
Jane Golden
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Bessie Parker
Robbie Vandagriff
Violet Webb

Help us keep our list updated!

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Divided Cities
P.M. Heart Disease: Lying & Deceit

Perplexing Facts

That human reasoning is capricious and often defies explanation can be easily demonstrated. Look at the following, only a handful of such fine examples that could be cited:

- We fine a man for dumping garbage in a public place but would pay the same man a huge sum for dumping mental garbage on the public.
- We force a man to clean up the filth on his property and to properly dispose of his garbage. This is a matter of law. At the same time the law protects a man and guarantees him the right to keep pornographic filth on the magazine racks of his store.
- We must isolate and quarantine a man who carries a disease germ but we protect the rights of freedom of circulation of those who propagate filth, and who corrupt healthy minds and morals with all forms of unhealthy and immoral filth.
- It is mandatory to protect our children from all manner of disease. Inoculations are demanded or children will not be permitted to go to school and parents will be jailed. Yet the law demands that sexual pervers be given the opportunity to associate with and teach our children and that special courses be taught that expose them to all manner of sexual perversion.
- We lawfully prohibit the distribution of Christian literature in numerous places but cannot control the publication and distribution of pornography. We are forbidden by law to do so.
- We rise up in a rage at a processor who packages his goods carelessly and thus exposes people to danger of disease and yet many argue for the legalized sale of drugs for recreation. The drugs are by far the greater danger.
- We abhor rape and curse the rapist while we glorify the styles and fashions which incite him. Even churches sponsor parties and activities where the human body is undressed and shown off to the opposite sex, where the body is wiggled and squiggled in every kind of sexually exciting way.
- We piously mourn the blind, the maimed, the mentally retarded who are innocent victims of venereal disease and yet we destroy all moral restraints which might help keep those diseases in check and under control. We institutionalize the tubercular person and turn the venereally diseased back on the public and guarantee his right by law to **continue to infect others if he so desires**. He can be arrested for spitting in a public place but not for sexual promiscuity.
- We count sacred the life of the snail darter, the baby seal, the whooping crane and many other species of beings. Some would even prohibit slaying animals for food whether by hunting or in a processing plant. Yet the same people are trying to force legislation which not only legalizes but would involve our government in subsidizing slaughter of innocent little babies.
- We endorse 55 MPH speed limits on highways because it saves lives. Then we guarantee the rights of people to make, sell and consume alcohol which accounts for more than 50% of all highway deaths.
- Prayer is legally eliminated from our schools while atheists and communists which purvey ideologies that totally destroy our freedom, are made professors at our universities, and we are taxed to pay their salaries.

The list could be continued ad nauseam. However, these should be sufficient to validate the saying, "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

~Don McWhorter~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Tim Fisher
 Reading Mike Driver
 Scripture Acts 15:1-2
 Lord's Table (N) *Allen Hughes
 (S) *Don Sullivan
 (N) Tom McColloch
 (N) Leonard Crouch
 (N) Don Johnson
 (S) Jason Vandagriff
 (S) Asa Kell
 (S) Eugene Wilcher
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Danny Duncan

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield
 Reading Ricky Prince
 Scripture Proverbs 14:30
 Lord's Table *Bill Biles
 *Paul Hurst
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Lee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell
 Lead Singing John Biddle
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton
 Reading Steve Hillis
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Welcome Committee

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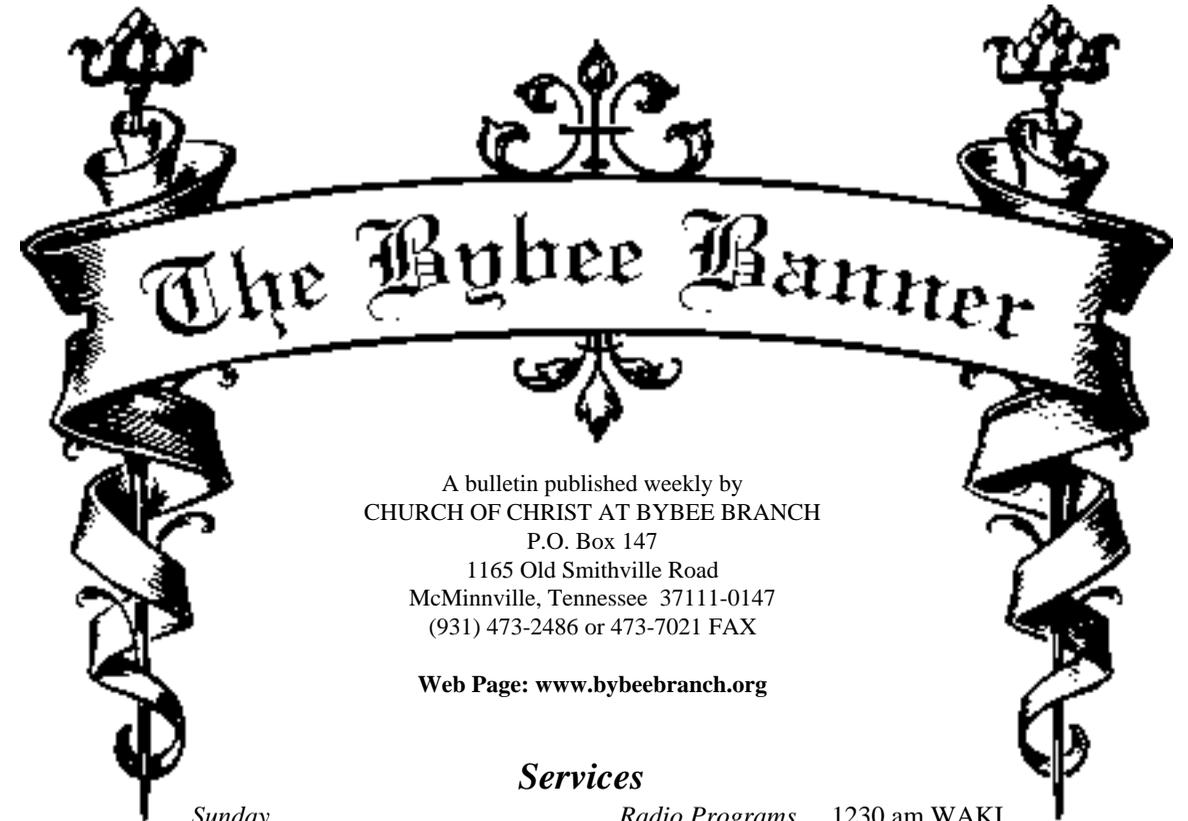
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Sick

At Home:

Sherry Pelham
Ruby Glenn-home following surgery
Eunice Simpson
Mary Flatt
Jacob Hendrixson

In The Hospital:

Evelyn Mason (sister-in-law to Drucilla
Crouch)-Riverpark following a stroke
Vada Campbell

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Stella Roach (aunt of our Doris Smith and Wanda Hendrixson). Her funeral was Sunday afternoon.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. People, Problems, and Potential
P.M. Heart Disease: Envy & Jealousy

Gospel Meetings

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Leoni church of Christ, April 1-4, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Gary Colley preaching.

Don't forget our Gospel Meeting on April 8-12 with Larry Acuff.

Spring Youth Retreat

The Spring Youth Retreat will be this weekend (16-18) at Hylake Christian Camp. All those going should meet at the church building at 4:30 on Friday. Remember your bedding and your personal items!

Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl for this year concluded Sunday with a large number gathered at the Central congregation. Congratulations to all the young people who did so well this month as well as all year.

Here are the top four places for this month:

1st Place (missing 0) Ivy Bluff
2nd Place (missing 1) Rome
3rd Place (missing 2) Bybee Branch; Earleyville Mt. Leo; New Hope; Smyrna; Southside
4th Place (missing 3) Central; Hebron Leoni; Main St.; Woodbury

Overall for the year the groups finished like this:

1st Place (missing 6 all year) Rome
2nd Place (missing 8 all year) Bybee Branch
3rd Place (missing 11 all year) Mt. Leo
4th Place (missing 13 all year) New Hope

Restoration

We rejoice that Eric Fisher came forward to request prayers of the congregation on Sunday evening. Please continue to remember Eric in your prayers.

Could This Have Been You?

A member of the church had an opportunity to discuss religion with a Jew and was trying to convince the Jew that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

After hearing his religion downgraded, the Jew replied rather bluntly: "Friend, I don't believe a word you are saying, and furthermore, I don't believe that you believe it either.

"To my knowledge you have given more for the house you live in that you have given to your Jesus in the last 25 years. You paid more for your car than you have given for the Lord's work in the past 5 years."

"If I believed what you CLAIM to believe, I would make the church my first love and interest."

"Friend, I support my Hebrew religion with more than a tithe—so don't talk to me about faith in a living Savior until you are ready to support it with your actions!"

~Selected~

The Testimony Of An Ancient Tunnel

The water was cold and the tunnel was small; so small that I walked for almost half of the way, hunched over and with shoulders touching each side of the tunnel wall. The tunnel traversed from left to right for over 580 yards until I once again saw the precious light of day. It was a walk through history that has been forever imprinted upon my mind.

Dug nearly 2700 years ago, Hezekiah's tunnel still carries water from the Gihon Spring, located in the Kidron Valley, just east of the ancient city of David, to the well-known Pool of Siloam. The tunnel is an ancient landmark and testimonial to a long-ago king of the nation of Judah.

In the eighth century before Christ, neighboring countries were threatening the borders of the once-united Israel and Judah. Judah, under the capable leadership of Hezekiah, built a reservoir and tunnel to bring water inside the walls of its capital city Jerusalem (2 Kings 2:20; 2 Chron. 32:3-4, 30). This tunnel ensured a constant supply of water for the city's inhabitants during any possible lengthy siege of an opposing army. The planning and preparation paid off when in the late eighth century B.C. the Assyrian monarch Sennacherib, moving through and conquering most of Palestine, encircled Jerusalem, caging it like a bird. However, Sennacherib failed to conquer Jerusalem or weaken its inhabitants, in part because they had a flourishing water supply and could remain indefinitely within the city walls. Jerusalem and the nation of Judah were ultimately spared, while their northern brothers Israel were taken captive.

The testimony of the ancient tunnel is one more proof of the Bible's accuracy and validity. It demonstrates that the events and people of the Bible were real and credible. Not only does the tunnel exist, just like 2 Kings reveals, but the Bible accurately pinpoints its location as well. Second Chronicles 32:30 cites the flow of the water from east to west and places its pooling area west of the city of David. Archaeologists have excavated a part of the ancient city of David and its remnants and have placed its southern tip between the Gihon Spring and the Pool of Siloam. The pooling area would have been inside the wall of the city for easy access by the Jerusalem citizens. Today that pool still exists as it did in both Hezekiah's reign and during the Lord's public ministry. Once again, the Bible's accuracy continues to be upheld. It is not only accurate in its general stories, but gives us detailed and specific information which can be verified even 2700 years later.

~John W. Moore~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds
 Reading David McColloch
 Scripture Acts 16:6-10
 Lord's Table (N) *Ken Martin
 (S) *Calvin Rogers
 (N) Buell Warren
 (N) Noel Pepper
 (N) Kevin Judkins
 (S) Ryan Kesity
 (S) Micah Lawrence
 (S) Shane Fisher
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Womack

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Chuck Boles
 Reading Brett Merritt
 Scripture Luke 12:15-21
 Lord's Table *Jim Slatton
 *Steve Boyd
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Joe Collins
 Reading Rickey Hurst
 Invitation Bruce Pryor
 Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

Welcome Committee

A.M. Larry & Jane Flatt
 P.M. Rodney Maynard Family

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Willie Newby & Dale Bennett

Attend Nursery: Regina Templeton

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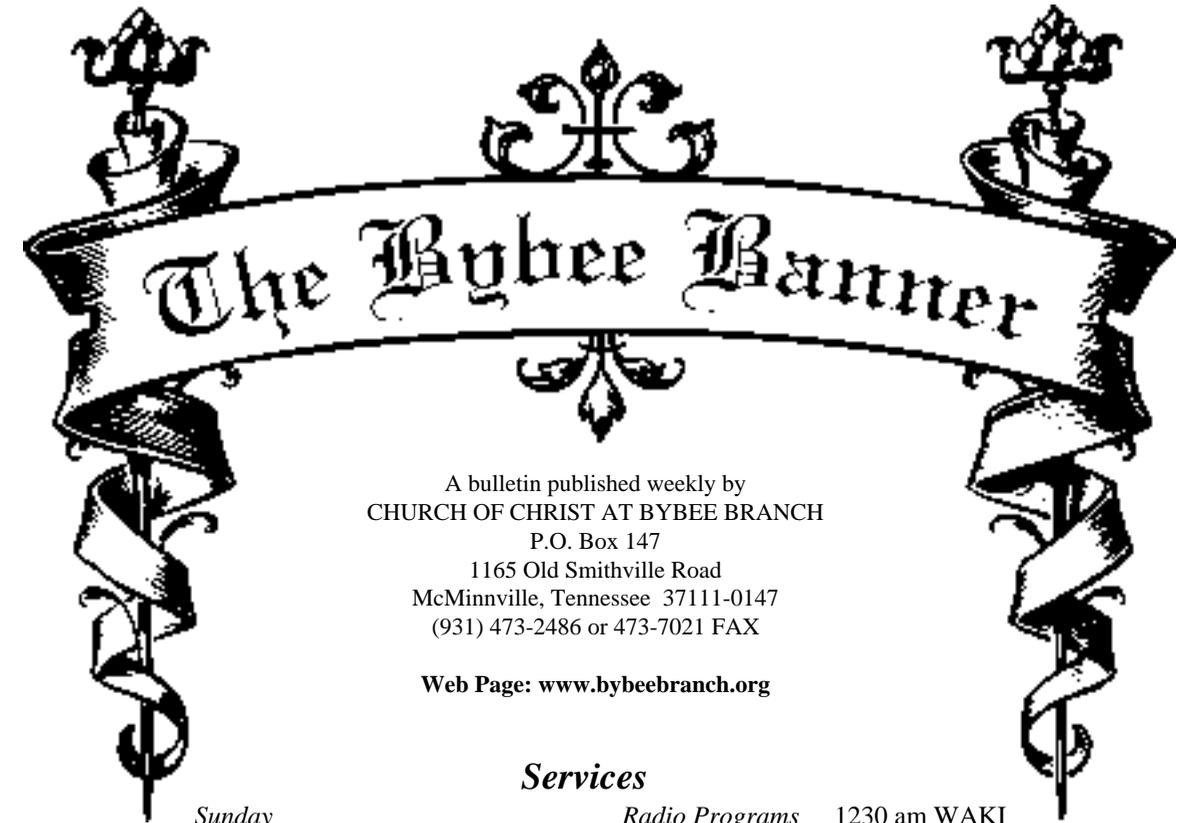
Pantry Item: Corn

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 260*
 Bible Study 180*
 P.M. Worship 216
 Wednesday Bible Study 223
 Contribution \$4,269
 *40+ young people at Spring Youth Retreat

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Ruby Glenn-home following surgery

Clercie Delon

Thelma Glenn

In The Hospital:

Evelyn Mason (sister-in-law to Drucilla

Crouch)-Riverpark following a stroke

Vada Campbell

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Willie Mai Passons (sister of our Janie York). Her funeral was Thursday afternoon.

Also sympathy to the family of Effie Boone (grandmother of our Don Sullivan). Her funeral will be Wednesday in Fairview.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A Macedonian Call

P.M. Heart Disease: Covetousness & Lust

Gospel Meetings

Earleyville church of Christ, March 18-21, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Lynwood Mathis preaching.

Leoni church of Christ, April 1-4, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Gary Colley preaching.

Don't forget our Gospel Meeting on April 8-12 with Larry Acuff. The theme for our meeting will be the Christian Home.

Ladies Retreat

A Ladies Retreat is planned for April 20-21. The theme for this year will be, "With This Ring," and living and maintaining the Christian marriage. Brenda Bratten will be speaking to our group. If you can attend please see Donna Newby, so arrangements can be made.

Hispanic Baptisms

It was a great joy to see two more men baptized into Christ this past Friday. Clemente Loyola and Angel Lopez were added to the Lord's Kingdom this past Friday.

Work Day

There will be a work day this Saturday morning (March 24) at 8:00 am weather permitting. If the weather is bad it will be the next Saturday. Please come and help clean up around the building to prepare for our Gospel Meeting. If you have questions, see either Jeff Flatt or W.C. Chilton.

Prom Alternative Trip

The meeting scheduled for this Sunday evening to collect money and release forms for the Prom Alternative Trip has been postponed to Sunday, April 8, following evening services. Remember, the cut off date to sign up is April 1. If you have any questions, please see Steve Hillis.

Don't gamble with your money or your soul. Be a faithful Christian!



Are You Growing In Faith?

In 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Paul commended the church for its growing faith. He said, "your faith groweth exceedingly and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth." Even in the midst of trouble and trials, these newborn babes were making spiritual progress. Wouldn't it be great if this could be said of you and me? Growing in faith is necessary and vital to our salvation. But, what does it mean to grow in faith? Growing in faith involves at least three basic elements.

First, growing in faith demands that we **listen** to the will of God. Paul wrote that faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17), and so to grow in faith one must study the pages of Holy Writ. We will never possess assurance or confident trust in God if we do not participate in a proper and diligent study of the Bible. We will never grow if we do not desire to be fed with the Word. As milk is essential to the growth of a baby, so is the milk and meat of the Word essential to the growth of a Christian (1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14). Saving, active, and growing faith cannot be sustained without a steady diet of Bible study. The Christian who is growing in faith has abundantly filled his life with the words of Christ (Col. 3:16). The weak Christian lacks the strength to quench the fiery darts of the wicked because he has neglected to take up the shield of faith (Eph. 6:16). Faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4), but it is only victorious when it grows (2 Pet. 3:18); and it grows by the means of the knowledge of God's will.

Second, growing in faith demands that we **live** the will of God. Faith apart from works is barren, useless, and dead (Jas. 2:14-26). It will never save. If you want to make your calling and election sure, then your faith must grow by adding to it the Christian graces (2 Pet. 1:5-7). You must acquire knowledge and learn to use it wisely and with all patience, godliness, and brotherly kindness. A growing faith is active, doing, and responsive. Only the man who believes *and* obeys can be blessed in his deeds (Jas. 1:25). Only the man who exercises his faith can be said to possess a growing faith (1 Tim. 4:7-8). Only when one acts upon what he reads can it be said that he possesses a growing faith.

Third, growing in faith demands that we **love** the will of God. "Perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John 4:18), and each of us should grow in faith enough to serve God because we love Him, instead of being entirely motivated out of a fear of going to hell. A Christian who has grown in faith does not view the commandments of God as grievous or burdensome, but as an honor and a privilege (1 John 5:3). He keeps the commandments because he loves God and seeks to please Him (2 Tim. 2:4). Those who keep the commandments of God out of convenience or for the favor of man (e.g., an individual who attends worship merely to please his spouse or parents) or simply to avoid hell, do not possess a faith that groweth exceedingly. Growing faith learns the joy and happiness of serving God. It loves the will of God and will hunger and thirst for its precepts (Mat. 5:6). It yearns for its decrees and finds solace in its instruction. A growing faith discovers peace and strength inexplicable to the world (Phil. 4:7). A growing faith is manifested by the one who can, like the psalmist, say "Oh, how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day." (Psa. 119:97).

Have you progressed in your faith enough to say that you **listen** to, **live**, and **love** the will of God? Has your faith grown exceedingly? If not, why not begin today to awaken your dormant faith. Study again the Word of God that it might cut to the thoughts and intents of your heart and motivate you to experience, once again, the graciousness of God (1 Pet. 2:3). May your faith grow exceedingly. May you then "continue in the faith, grounded and settled...not moved away," so that on that great and final day, Christ may present you holy and unblameable, and unreprouvable before our grand and glorious Judge (Col. 1:23). ~John W. Moore~

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 First Prayer Rickey Hurst
 Reading Bill Biles
 Scripture Acts 17:1-6
 Lord's Table (N) *John Biddle
 (S) *Tommy Crouch
 (N) Rodney Maynard
 (N) Abram Pryor
 (N) John Nussbaum
 (S) Harry Felty
 (S) Bran Merritt
 (S) George Trail
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kraig Campbell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Bob Bonner
 Reading Leonard Crouch
 Scripture Hebrews 12:14-16
 Lord's Table *Winfrey Hennessee
 *Joe Collins
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Allen Hughes

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson
 Reading David Chilton
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Steve Boyd

Welcome Committee

A.M. Mike Driver Family
 P.M. Glynda Faye Bell & Myra Bell

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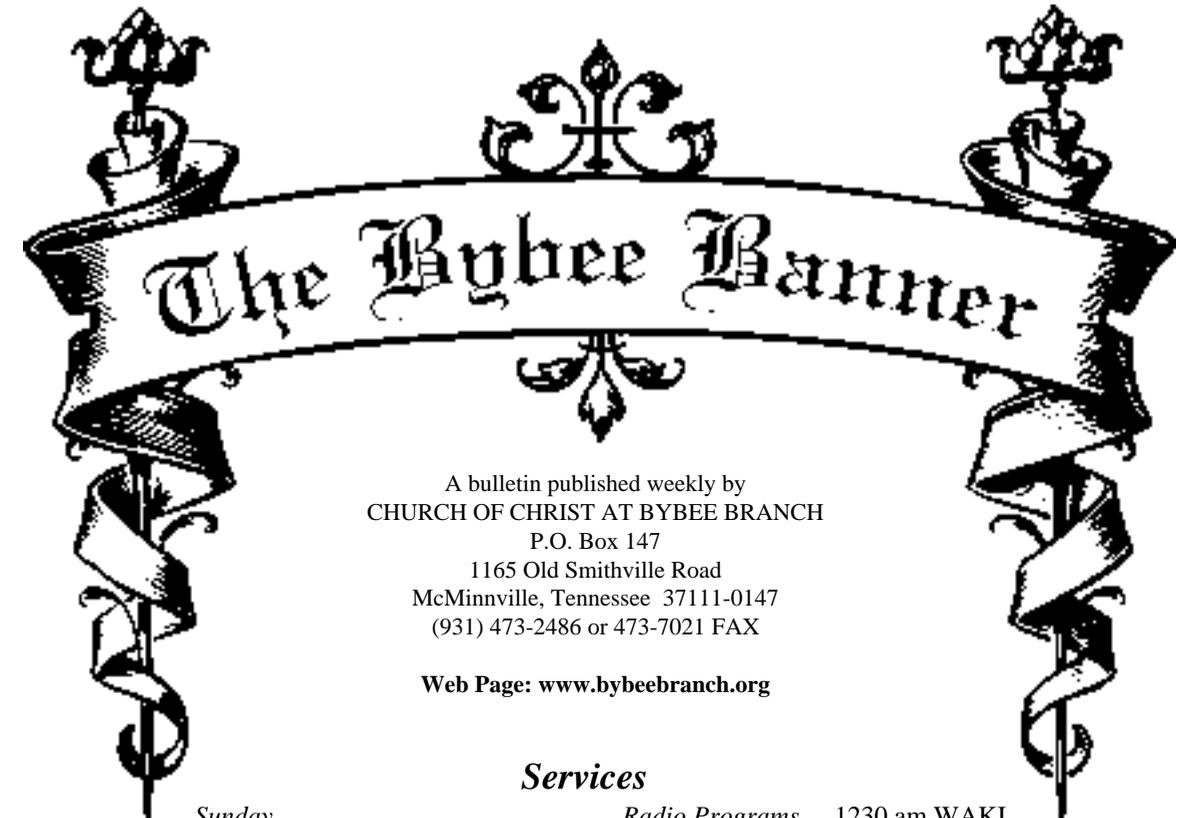
Pantry Item: Canned Juices

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P.M. Worship	220
Wednesday Bible Study	181
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 Clercie Delon
 Vada Campbell
 Bill Biles
 Jarah Anderson
 Myra Bell

In The Hospital:

Evelyn Mason (sister-in-law to Drucilla
 Crouch)-Riverpark Rehab
 Amy Hurst-Erlanger following an accident.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The scheduled Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this Sunday afternoon, April 1, at 5:00 pm.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Turning The World Upside Down
 P.M. Heart Disease: Bitterness

Gospel Meetings

Leoni church of Christ, April 1-4, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Gary Colley preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ, April 1-6, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Freddie Clayton preaching.

Morrison church of Christ, April 15-19, services at 7:00 pm each evening with William Woodson preaching.

Don't forget our Gospel Meeting on April 8-12 with Larry Acuff. There are flyers for you to give out and put in your windows on the table in the lobby. The theme for our meeting will be the Christian Home.

Prom Alternative Trip

Those who plan to go on the Prom Alternative trip need to sign up by this coming Sunday.

Daylight Savings Time

The time will change this coming Sunday and Daylight Savings Time will be in effect. Be sure to set your clocks AHEAD one hour or you will be late for services Sunday.

Web Site Update

For those of you with Internet connections, there have been several items updated at www.bybeebranch.org. There are several pictures of the recent Thailand trip in addition to updates at the youth page. All the bulletins for 2001 are accessible.

If you have recently added an Internet connection why not try receiving it by email? If you can receive it this way it will save the church approximately \$10 per year in postage and printing. We are sending almost 100 this way at the present.

"I Dreamed I Saw America On Her Knees"

I dreamed I saw America on her knees,
 I dreamed I heard her say, "God help us, please."
 I saw our children playing happy and free;
 I heard them sing, "My Country Tis Of Thee."
 I walked inside an old country school,
 I heard the children quote the Golden Rule.
 I saw people passing on their way,
 I heard them with kind words to say.
 I saw a family with happy boys and girls;
 They were a familiar scene in a godly world.
 I heard a mother call in words so kind,
 "Come to the house children, it's supper time."
 I see them around the table and I hear Daddy say,
 "We must thank God for our food, let's pray."
 I walked into a place of worship and I heard them sing,
 Not with style or glamour, just voices with a godly ring.
 I awoke from my dream with glad refrain:
 PLEASE HELP US BRING AMERICA
 BACK TO GOD AGAIN.
 ~C. L. Powell~

April 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Adelia Smith			Brenda Bratten Sherry Graves	Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles	Christine Cantrell
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ryan McKinney		Amy Prince	Dora Wilcher	Karla Garibaldi	Tyler Judkins	
Gospel Meeting with Larry Acuff - 7:00 pm Mon-Thur.						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Eugene Wilcher Donna Anderson Holly Prince	Betty Lane Lou-Shawna Scott	Bill Brown	Wanda Hendrixson Frank Reynolds	J.B. & CHRISTINE GRIBBLE Lynette Maynard Hannah Maynard	Tony Lawrence STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS	Jane Golden Denice Reynolds
Ladies Retreat						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Cody Lee Prince Junetta Gilbert		Betty Hill		Leslie Caldwell Angie Caldwell Betsy Hill Kristin Maynard	Lemmie Bratten Martha Pepper Dustin Rhea	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell
 Reading Kelly Thaxton
 Scripture TBA
 Lord's Table (N) *Chuck Boles
 (S) *Rodney Reynolds
 (N) Shannon Griffin
 (N) Joe Maynard
 (S) Dickie Kesey
 (S) Marc Martin
 (S) Harold McGinness
 (S) Jeff Templeton
 Sermon Larry Acuff
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Don Sullivan
 Reading Marty Boles
 Scripture TBA
 Lord's Table *Ronnie Prince
 *Dennis Gann
 Sermon Larry Acuff
 Dismiss Hoyt Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Gospel Meeting

Welcome Committee

A.M. Bill & Freda Womack
 P.M. Jeff Templeton Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Barry Hendrixson & Bruce Pryor

Attend Nursery: Rita Prince

Lock Building: Jason Vandagriff

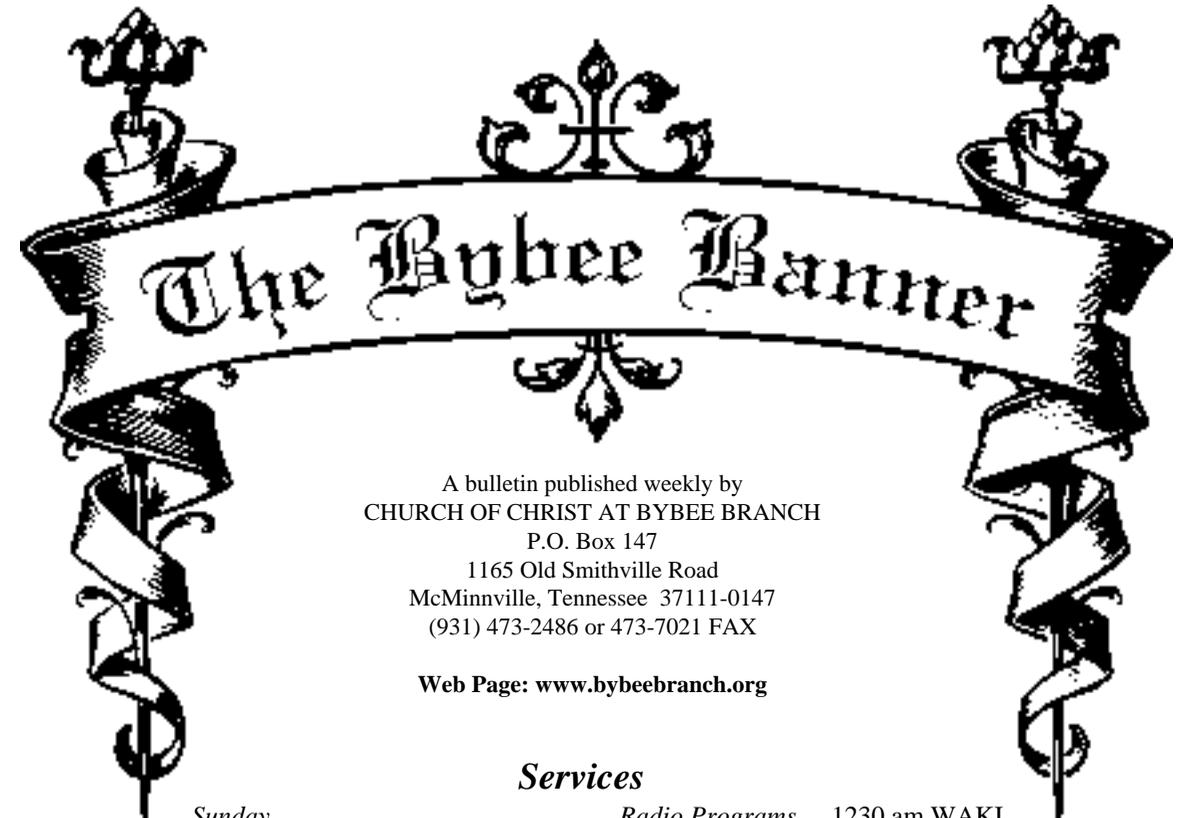
Pantry Item: Canned Fruit

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 315
 Bible Study 239
 P.M. Worship 221
 Wednesday Bible Study 214
 Contribution \$4,717

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 Vada Campbell Myra Bell
 Amy Hurst Georgia Jones

In The Hospital:

Evelyn Mason (sister-in-law to Drucilla
 Crouch)-Riverpark Rehab
 Carrie Thomas (Mattie Medley's grandmother
 and Bill Brown's mother)-Nashville
 Medical Plaza #427
 Perry Woodlee (brother of Nelma Chilton &
 Nona Martin)-MTMC/Murfreesboro
 following surgery
 David King-Riverpark surgery on Friday

Gospel Meetings

Leoni church of Christ, April 1-4, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Gary Colley preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ, April 1-6, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Freddie Clayton preaching.

Morrison church of Christ, April 15-19, services at 7:00 pm each evening with William Woodson preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 22-27, services at 7:30 pm each evening with Ken Willis preaching.

Ladies Day

Central church of Christ, April 7, will host their 24th annual Ladies Day. Starts at 10:00 am. The theme will be Freedom in Christ and the speaker will be Jean Savage.

Hispanic Baptisms

We were privileged to witness two more baptisms this past week among the Hispanic congregation. Rosolaly Blanco was baptized on Wednesday night and Pablo Garcia was baptized Sunday afternoon.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett Lena Mai Gribble
 Houston Stiles Carol Sue Taylor
 Magdalene Taylor John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
 Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
 Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell Clyde Christian (at
 daughter's home) Jane Golden
 Rozelle Goodman Willene Kell
 Bessie Parker Robbie Vandagriff
 Violet Webb

Help us keep our list updated!

Welcome

We want to welcome the Carl and Tamela Roberts family to Bybee Branch with their children Blake, Merek, and Chandler.

Restorations

We rejoice that Wednesday evening Blake Sadlon came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. Tamela Roberts requested prayers Sunday. Please continue to pray for them.

GOSPEL MEETING

April 8-12, 2001

with

Larry Acuff

(of Douglasville, GA)

Theme

The Christian Home

Services

Sunday Morning Worship 9:00
 Bible Classes 10:15
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
 Monday thru Thursday 7:00

Fellowship meal following morning services

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Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Joe Collins
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 Scripture Acts 17:10-12
 Lord's Table (N) *Steve Boyd
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 (N) Joe Roller
 (N) John Stenbridge
 (N) Jeff Bond
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 (S) Harley Northcutt
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 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

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 First Prayer Calvin Rogers
 Reading Larry Flatt
 Scripture Hebrews 9:27,28
 Lord's Table *Willie Newby
 *Frank Reynolds
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Brett Merritt

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer Don Griffith
 Reading Asa Kell
 Invitation Chuck Medley
 Dismiss Billy Gilbert

Welcome Committee

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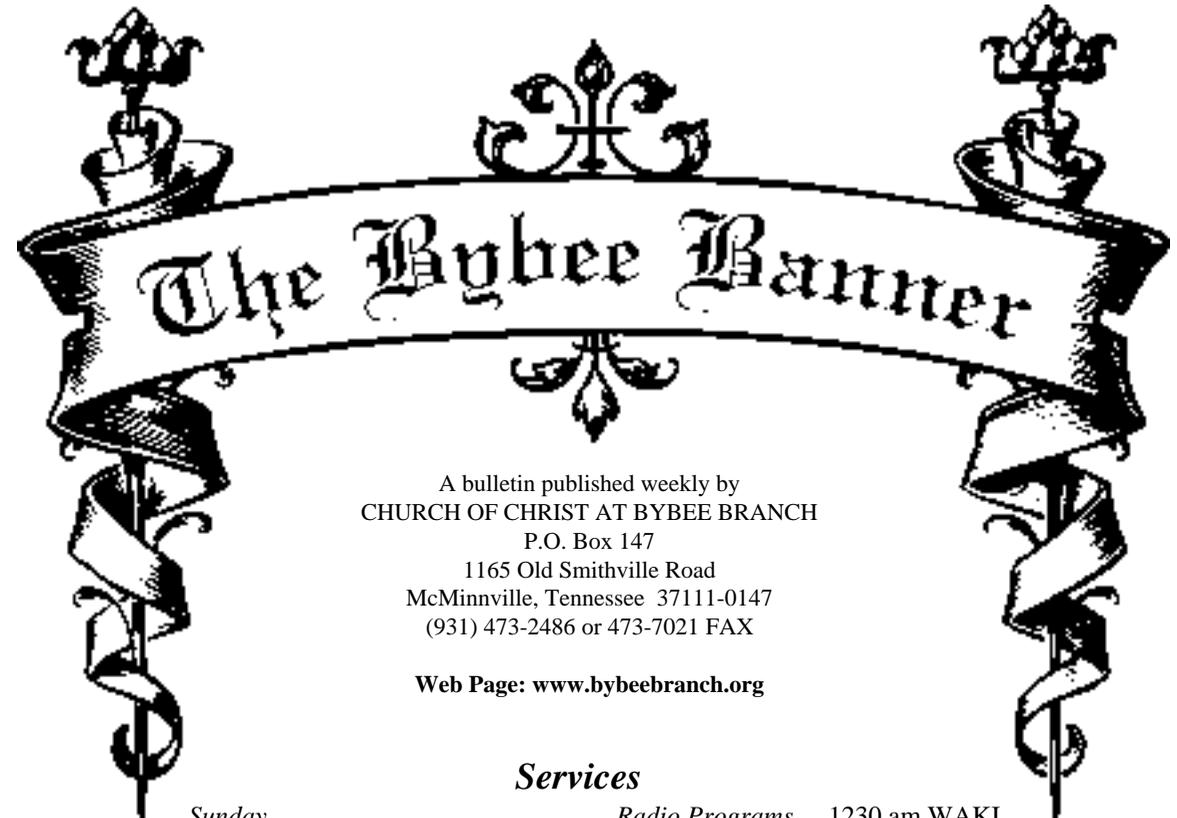
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Gospel Meetings

Morrison church of Christ, April 15-19, services at 7:00 pm each evening with William Woodson preaching.

West Riverside church of Christ, April 15-18, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Jim Dearman preaching.

Berea church of Christ, April 15-18, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Paul Meacham, Jr. preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 22-27, services at 7:30 pm each evening with Ken Willis preaching.

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 6-11, services at 7:00 pm each evening with different speakers preaching.

Ladies Day

East End church of Christ, April 28, will host their 1st annual Ladies Day. Starts at 8:30 am. The theme will be "The Seed Is The Word" and speakers will be Maggie and Cindy Colley.

Responses

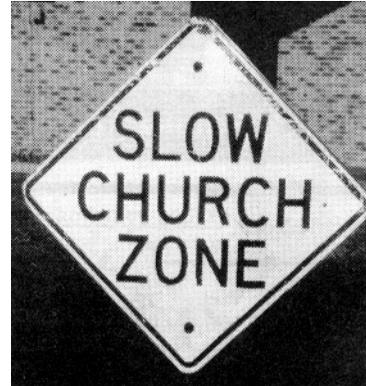
We rejoice with Regina Templeton in her restoration Sunday night. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Noble And Fair-minded People
P.M. After Death, What Then?

Great Gospel Meeting

At this writing our own Gospel Meeting is in progress and brother Larry Acuff is doing an excellent job of delivering the message of God's Word. We are also encouraged by the excellent attendance. The meeting will continue through Thursday evening. If you have not been here, you are missing out on some great lessons that can help you be a better husband, wife, father, mother, son or daughter.



A SCRIPTURAL CHURCH

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, **slow** to speak, **slow** to wrath;" James 1:19, NKJV.

Have you invited a friend or family member to services lately? Why not now?

Holes In The Floor Of Heaven?

By Steve Yeatts

There is a song out now entitled "Holes in the Floor of Heaven." It is a melancholy ballad about several scenarios involving the death of loved ones. The theme of the song is that when a loved one passes away, the family members who remain behind can be assured that the now deceased loved one is watching over them from heaven.

Undoubtedly this song will make its way into funeral services all over this country, and some folks will find solace in the concept that their loved ones are somehow keeping an eye on them, or will be their "guardian angel." The question to be considered in this article is the following: What does the Bible say about the subject? Do the dead, whether good or evil, have any knowledge of the **current** status of things on earth?

The answer according to the scriptures is a resounding No! Solomon, the writer of Ecclesiastes wrote in 9:5,6 "*For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they anymore a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.*"

The things done "under the sun" are the things done on earth, so clearly the Bible teaches the dead are not aware of the happenings on earth. In 2 Samuel 12, when King David's illegitimate son with Bathsheba had died, David was very distraught, but he made a very profound statement. He said regarding his son in 2 Samuel 12:23 "*But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me?*" David knew that his only hope of being reunited with his child was to join him in glory.

That's the key aspect of the subject of life after death. Our goal is to reach heaven, so that we can see our loved ones (who were faithful unto death) again there. The ones who are dead in Christ right now are enjoying the benefits of their faithfulness in the paradise side of Hades according to Luke 16. Luke 16 chronicles the account of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus was in a place of consolation and comfort as he rested in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man was in agony in those flames as he suffered in the torment side of Hades.

We learn the rich man had recollection of things on earth to be sure. He wanted Lazarus to be raised from the dead to go warn his five brothers about this place of torment and separation from God in which he found himself. His recollection was that his brothers were not in a saved condition, but he had no current or present knowledge as to their situation. This lets us know that the memory of one who dies without Christ is an acute memory, but they are no more aware of what is happening on earth than those who are in paradise. Perhaps it is the mind that will intensify one's discomfort who dies without Christ.

Since our ultimate goal as a Christian is heaven, we should understand some things about it according to the scriptures. One who dies in the Lord is blessed, will find rest, and leaves a legacy of good works for others to follow according to Revelation 14:13. Heaven is also a place according to Revelation 21:47 where "*God shall wipe away all — -tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.* Heaven could not be such a place if there were in fact, "holes in the floor of heaven," and those in heaven could see the sorrow, pain, injustices, and deaths that affect the lives of their loved ones here on earth.

Heaven is a place that is incomprehensible to us with our finite minds. It is such a wonderful place that God had to show the Apostle John signs (Rev. 1:1) so that he could express it in terms we can relate to. When a saved soul reaches the shores of glory, that one will have no desire, nor capability to concern themselves with the matters of the world. May we all have the attitude and desire of the Apostle Paul as he wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:8 "*We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*"

There are no holes in the floor of heaven, but we know it is the city foursquare (Revelation 21:16); it has gates of pearl (Revelation 21:21); and that there shall be no night there because the glory of god will light it up (Revelation 21:23,25). Heaven is a wonderful place prepared for God's own. May we all exhort one another to that end.

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Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Danny Duncan
 Reading Jason Vandagriff
 Scripture Acts 17:22-23
 Lord's Table (N) *Steve Hillis
 (S) *Jeff Flatt
 (N) Eugene Wilcher
 (N) Tyler Boyd
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell
 (S) Don Johnson
 (S) J.B. Gribble
 (S) Barry Hendrixson
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Mike Driver

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton
 Reading Brandon McGinness
 Scripture John 14:1-6
 Lord's Table *Bill Biles
 *Chip Cantrell
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Eddie Palmer
 Reading Joe Roller
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Buell Warren

Welcome Committee

A.M. Calvin & Nancy Rogers
 P.M. Harold McGinness Family

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Attend Nursery: Junetta Gilbert

Lock Building: Jason Vandagriff

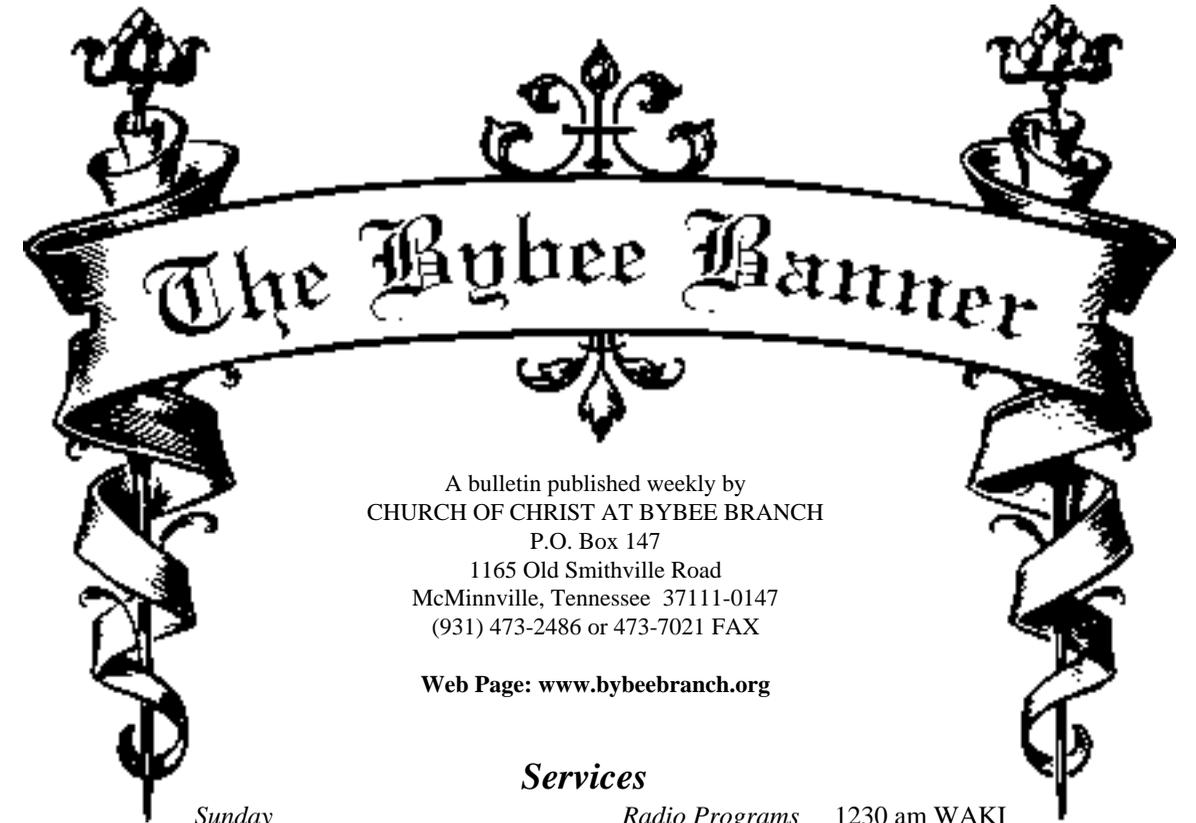
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Sherry Pelham
 Vada Campbell
 Georgia Jones
 Eugene Jones
 Evelyn Mason (sister-in-law to Drucilla Crouch)

In The Hospital:

Adelia Smith-Cookeville Hospital-surgery
 Wednesday

Gospel Meetings

Morrison church of Christ, April 15-19, services at 7:00 pm each evening with William Woodson preaching.

West Riverside church of Christ, April 15-18, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Jim Dearman preaching.

Berea church of Christ, April 15-18, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Paul Meacham, Jr. preaching.

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Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 6-11, services at 7:00 pm each evening with different speakers preaching.

Ladies Days

Church St. church of Christ/Lewisburg, April 21, will host a Ladies Day. Starts at 8:30 am with Martha Smith speaking.

East End church of Christ, April 28, will host their 1st annual Ladies Day. Starts at 8:30 am. The theme will be "The Seed Is The Word" and speakers will be Maggie and Cindy Colley.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A Superstitious City
 P.M. When The Lord Returns

Graduates

If you or one of your children will be graduating from high school or college this spring, please submit their name and picture (if high school) and degree/school (if college). We want to recognize our graduates in an upcoming bulletin.

Congratulations

On Tuesday of last week Traci Franks Piggot gave birth to a little girl, Alicia Mai. She was carried to Vanderbilt for heart problems but is doing better now. Great grandparents are Bill & Freda Womack.

Responses

This past week sister Judy Payne requested prayers to be restored to faithfulness to the church. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.



"I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN THE NAME, BUT THE SCORE WAS FAMILIAR"

"I'm Not Getting Anything Out Of Worship".... (A conversation between a bored worshiper and the Lord)

How must the Lord feel when his children regard church services as "boring"? It's like hearing one of your children tell his sibling that he is tired of seeing Mom or Dad come home from work. Instead of telling the preacher, or worse, a lost person in the community, why not tell God Himself how dull the prospect of adoring Him in the assembly really is!

"The preaching is so dull, Lord, I don't get a thing out of it."

For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them. (Acts 28:27)

"The singing is not good. How can I focus on You, God?"

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker (Psa. 95:6). Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms (Jas. 5:13).

"Why should I try to live right? After all, there are a bunch of hypocrites here."

Bring no more futile sacrifices; ... I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting (Isa. 1:13).

"God, I really didn't have time to help these people do your work this week. I had to have time to relax, don't I?"

When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear (Isa. 1:15).

"Do I really have to give again this week? What's the purpose?"

"To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats" (Isa. 1:11). "Nor is He served with men 's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all 4fe, breath, and all things (Acts 17:25).

"Why can't our worship be exciting like other groups?"

Take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise. ' You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way (Deut. 12:30-31).

Have you ever said, "I'm not getting anything out of worship?" Such a statement is true far beyond what the bored worshiper realizes. It is likely that you have not considered that the One on the receiving end may be saying the same thing.

Your New Moons and your Appointed feasts My soul hates; They are trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them (Isa. 1:14).

His love should be the catalyst for your worship, not the "performance" (or lack thereof) of other worshipers. If the assembly of true worshiper is wearisome to you, maybe eternal companionship with the wicked will seem more exciting. If God's simple pattern leaves you cold, then maybe the chaos of perpetual flames will arrest your attention. If you are not getting anything out of your worship, the chilling fact is your Lord isn't either!

David Powell - Bluefield, WV

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee
 Reading Kurt Maynard
 Scripture Acts 18:7,8
 Lord's Table (N) *Ricky Prince
 (S) *Noel Pepper
 (N) Ryan Kesey
 (N) Asa Kell
 (N) Steve Wilcher
 (S) Lee Gann
 (S) Caleb Graves
 (S) David McColloch
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Womack

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Tyler Boyd
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Joey Reynolds
 Reading Abram Pryor
 Scripture TBA
 Lord's Table *Brett Merritt
 *Bran Merritt
 Sermon Bruce Pryor
 Dismiss Lynn Gann

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing John Biddle
 First Prayer Chuck Boles
 Reading Micah Lawrence
 Invitation Bob Bonner
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

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 P.M. David & Iona King

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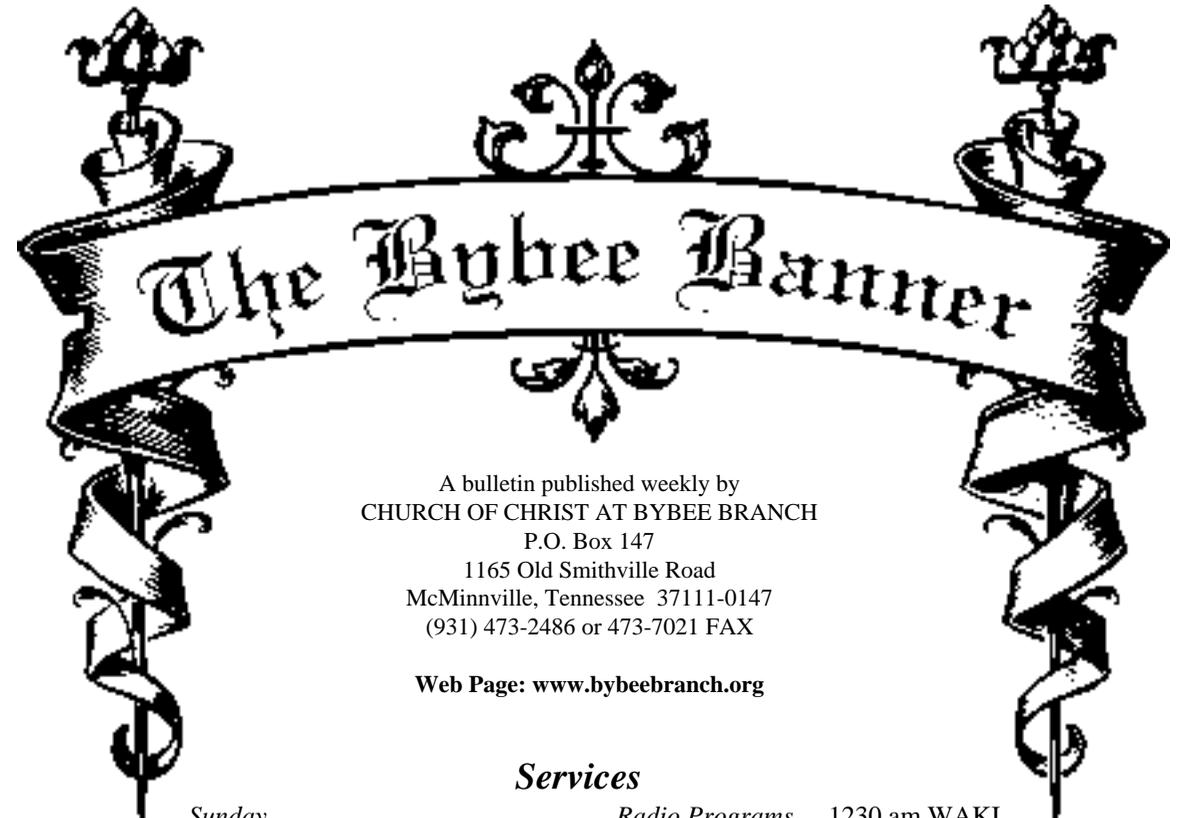
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Elaine Goodman

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Almetra Cunningham (mother of Susan Pryor)-

Manchester Medical Center room 103

Sarah Kell-Riverpark (surgery on Wednesday)

Congratulations

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Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Courage At Corinth

P.M. Young Men To Conduct Services

Just Be Sincere

A popular religious saying is: "It makes no difference what you believe just as long as you are sincere." Ironically, this is not true in any other realm...

Imagine a chemistry lab where there are three bottles on the table...

One bears the symbol H₂SO₄ (sulfuric acid), one bears they symbol HCL (hydrochloric acid), and yet another bears the symbol H₂O (water).

To the untrained eye, all three bottles appear to be the same... all are liquids and all are colorless. But a sincere person, mistaking the sulfuric acid for water, is no less dead than another person who drank the acid intentionally. One was sincerely wrong, but both are sincerely dead!

Thought: It does make a difference - in fact, an eternal difference in what a person believes. Some doctrines will condemn our souls, while other doctrines (teachings) will save our souls (cf. 2 John 9). Think about it...

~adapted from One A Day Spiritual Vitamins~

Hispanic News

We rejoice with our Hispanic brethren on the baptism of another precious soul this past weekend. On Friday evening, Alfredo Cordero was baptized into Christ. Also, this past Saturday night another attendance record was set for the congregation. There were 139 present for the Saturday night lesson of the Gospel Meeting.

Please pray for our Hispanic brethren as they grow in number and spirit.

An Open Letter To The Teachers Of My Children

Two or three times a week I trust you with my most prized jewels, and those two or three times a week, you live up to that trust and return them to me-though not quite the same. Somehow you manage to take them and gradually, week by week, polish them to make them shine a little more than I sometimes think possible. That, or you are patient and wise enough to see the potential for riches in what others may see as only rough ore.

I know you spend much unnoticed time in preparation to teach my children about Jesus. I've seen the literally hundreds of objects they bring home to remind them of your object lessons. You always win when I prematurely suggest discarding certain Bible class memorabilia. Much of it has a lot of your TLC, not to mention time and creativity, behind it.

I saw a note one of you wrote to one of my children, challenging her to be the great Christian leader and example you expect her to be. You even promised to pray for my daughter and reminded her that you are always there if she needs to talk. Thank you for the time, the love, the prayers, the expectations and the support you devote to my children. And thank you for being a constant reflection of Jesus. They notice. And when they do, so do I.

Please resist the temptation to feel unappreciated. You're not only appreciated but needed...and not just by my children but by me. And please don't underestimate your influence or your teaching role...on them..or me as a parent. My children echo much of what you teach them, probably more then you think they hear. In fact, they remember some of your stories and illustrations long after they're promoted to another class.

As a Bible class teacher, you give my children Christ and yourself . You can't give a greater gift. I can't give you enough thanks.

~Author Unknown~

Thanks to the 50+ men and women who teach in the Bible school program here at Bybee Branch!



A
Time
To
Laugh

Ecc. 3:4



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Dennis Gann
 Reading Don Griffith
 Scripture Acts 18:24-28
 Lord's Table (N) *Billy Gilbert
 (S) *Eddie Palmer
 (N) Carl Roberts
 (N) Kraig Campbell
 (N) Bob Cantrell
 (S) Buell Warren
 (S) Harold McGinness
 (S) Kevin Judkins
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell
 Reading Ken Martin
 Scripture Matthew 16:16-19
 Lord's Table *Allen Hughes
 *Ronnie Rogers
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing Steve Hillis
 First Prayer Bill Biles
 Reading Noel Pepper
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

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A.M. Zollie & Vera Settles
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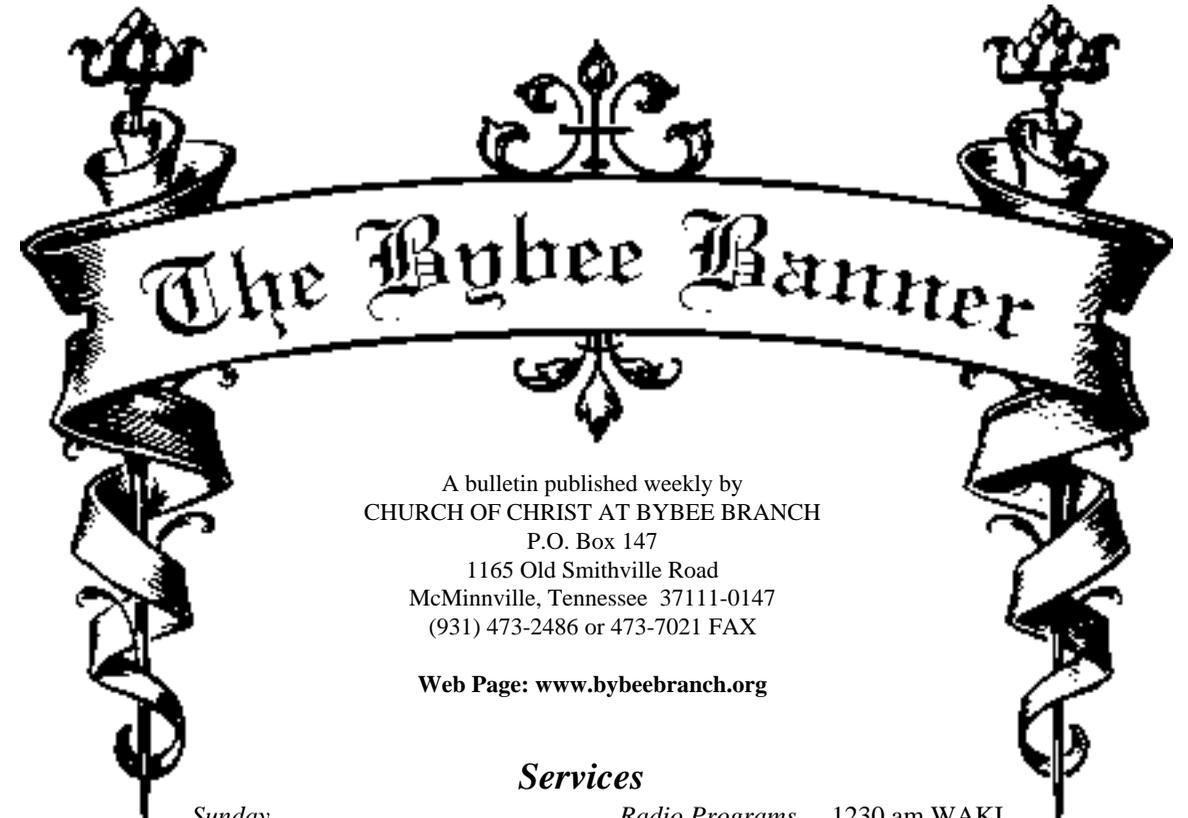
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Sherry Pelham
Almetra Cunningham (mother of Susan Pryor)
Sarah Kell

In The Hospital:

Jane Golden-Riverpark (to be transferred to NHC Health Care).
Sandra Willouby (daughter of Howard Witty) to have surgery at St. Thomas Tuesday.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A More Perfect Understanding
P.M. The Church Is The Kingdom

Gospel Meetings

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Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 6-11, services at 7:00 pm each evening with different speakers preaching.

Welcome

We want to welcome Zollie and Vera Settles to the congregation here at Bybee Branch. Please add their address and phone to your directory.

Zollie & Vera Settles
73 Hill Top Drive
McMinnville, TN 37110-9276
668-0150

Bridal Tea

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a Bridal Tea for Stephanie Woodlee, bride elect of Brandon McGinness. The tea will be Sunday, May 6, between 1-3 pm in the fellowship room at the building.

Address update

The Hillis' have moved into their new home. Please update your church directory:

Steve, Sharla, & Terann Hillis
291 Ben La Drive
McMinnville, TN 37110-4916
668-2632

New Arrival

Congratulations to Tim & Sandy Brown on the birth of a baby boy, Nathan William. He was born on Monday afternoon, weighing in at 7 lbs and 9.5 ozs. He was 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are W.C. & Nelma Chilton.

Restoration

We rejoice with Judy Nussbaum as she came forward Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the congregation. Please continue to pray for her as she lives the Christian life.



May 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON Ada Hensley Ashlann Claire Jones	Betty Upton	Bob Cantrell C.J. Rogers		Nan Cantrell
		1	2	3	4	5
Bessie Parker	Teresa Atnip	Tyler Boyd		Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch	Violet Webb Joe Roller	LEONARD & JUNE CROUCH Ken Lee Kevin Flatt
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Billy Gilbert		GILBERT & WILLENE KELL Pauline Watson		Melba Bonner	Mary Davis	
13	14	15	16	17	Prom-Alternative Trip	
	Mattie Medley			LAWRENCE & BETTY LANE	Edgar Webb Pearl Biddle Bertha Stewart Eugene Jones	Terann Hillis
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rachel Flatt Billie Barlow	Robbie Vandagriff	Edith Cantrell	Harold McGinness			
27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Chuck Medley
 Reading Tom McColloch
 Scripture Acts 19:1-5
 Lord's Table (N) *Calvin Rogers
 (S) *Jim Slatton
 (N) George Trail
 (N) Bran Merritt
 (N) Marc Martin
 (S) John Stembridge
 (S) Rodney Maynard
 (S) Eugene Wilcher
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
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 First Prayer Joe Collins
 Reading Chuck Boles
 Scripture Romans 2:28,29
 Lord's Table *Willie Newby
 *Frank Reynolds
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss David Chilton

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Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer Mike Driver
 Reading Leonard Crouch
 Invitation John Biddle
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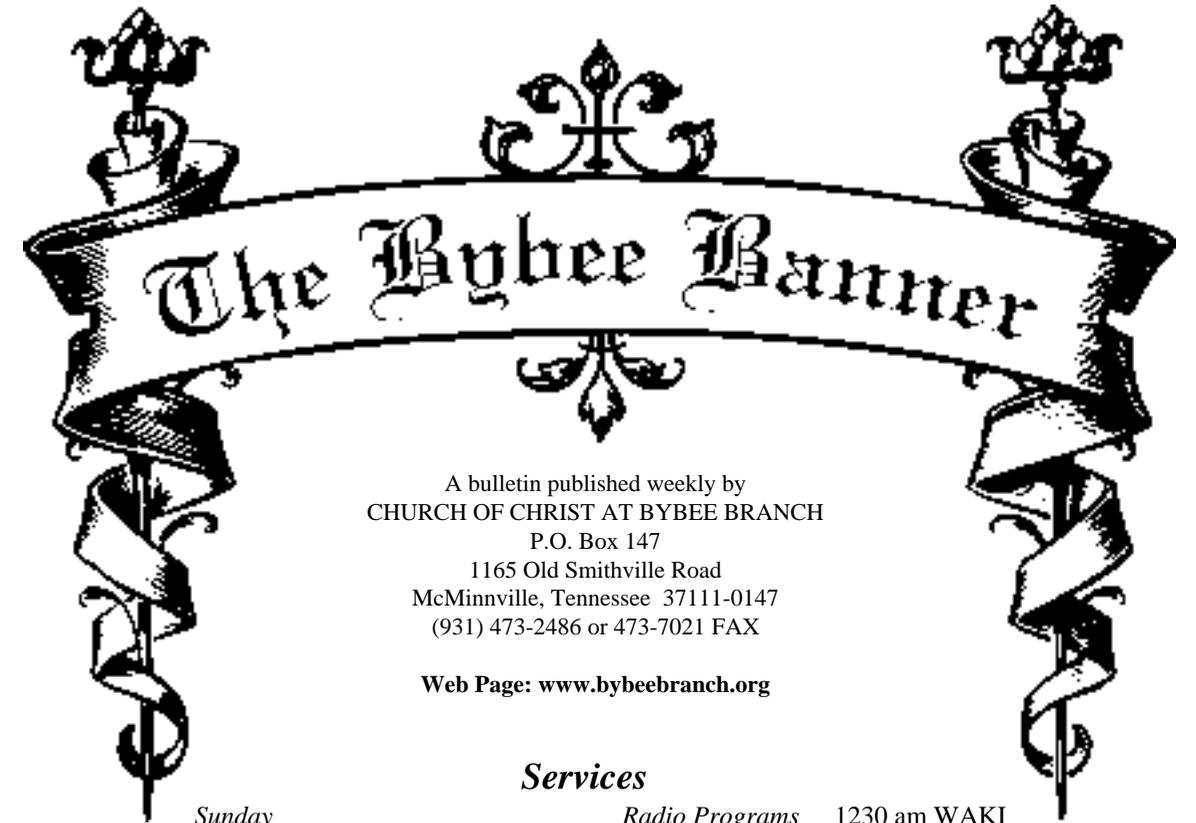
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Sherry Pelham
Nona Martin
Eugene Wilcher
Dora Mullican
Sandra Willouby (daughter of Howard Witty)
following cancer surgery at St. Thomas.

In The Hospital:

none known at this time

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Mary Frances Hobbs who passed away Saturday. She was the sister of our Sarah Kell and mother of Larry Hobbs that attends with us.

Also sympathy to the family of Margaret Bilbrey Conner. She was a former member of the Bybee Branch congregation.

Also sympathy to the family of Hugh Dunn, uncle to our Susan Pryor. His funeral was Tuesday in Oregon.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Rebaptism?
P.M. Israel, Yesterday And Today

Gospel Meetings

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 6-11, services at 7:00 pm each evening with different speakers preaching.

Arlington church of Christ, May 13-17, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Robert R. Taylor, Jr. preaching.

Blues Hill church of Christ, June 3-6, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Holger Neubauer preaching.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett
Jane Golden
Lena Mai Gribble
Houston Stiles
Carol Sue Taylor
Magdalene Taylor
John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

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Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Bessie Parker
Robbie Vandagriff
Violet Webb

New Arrival

Congratulations to Chip & Sheila Cantrell on the birth of a baby boy, Zachary Spencer. He was born last Friday.

What Draws 'Em, Keeps 'Em

A number of years ago I wrote an article with the above title. The lessons taught then were needed and some of the same lessons are still needed. Everybody wants the church to grow. Church growth seminars and church growth experts have multiplied like rabbits in the last several years. We do not question the sincerity of many of these efforts. Let's face it, the church is not growing like it once did and we should have genuine concern for souls who are lost. But this concern must not prompt us to employ techniques that are at best questionable and sometimes totally without Bible authority. There is a line that must be drawn between that which is expedient and that which is foolish. There is a line that must be drawn between that which is authorized by Scripture and that which is not.

When we start asking, "What can we do to draw people to the church we better be careful how we answer. What is used to draw them in will be that which we MUST use to keep them. Those drawn by manipulation must be held by manipulation. Denominational churches that depend on musical concerts and entertainment to attract people find themselves in a trap. If they do not regularly schedule a parade of "pickers and grinders" they will soon lose their church.

Churches depending on "rah-rah pep rallies" and trips on chartered buses soon find themselves constantly trying to please the appetites of gluttons, neurotics and fun and thrill seekers. Spirituality takes the back seat to physical gratification. A slick tongued orator may draw a big crowd, but when the brighter lights beckon and he moves on the disciples soon dissipate.

The most noble of benevolent service cannot be depended upon to grow a church. When we try to use benevolence as a manipulative tool to attract folks to the church we will soon find ourselves holding an empty bag. When the "loaves and the fishes" play out the crowd moves on to greener pastures.

Even now the membership list in many congregations is padded with names of people who seldom attend. They were converted to the "fun and games syndrome" which they conceived to be the doctrine of Christ. Pies in the face of youth ministers, parlor games, and appeals to the sensational will not bring one to the Christ who purchased the church with his own blood. Silly antics will not prompt a heart rending cry of "Men and brethren what shall we do?" or prompt a display of genuine repentance.

"If I be lifted up," Jesus proclaimed, "I will draw all men unto myself" (John 12:32). Paul determined, "...to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Cor 2:2). To be sure we will be loved for benevolent deeds and we surely ought to practice Christian fellowship and there is a time for "having fun," but Jesus preached and Jesus lived—that's the drawing power for the church.

We should be very careful about pulling people into the church by means other than how God directed. Remember the gospel is the power to save (Romans 1:16). We need to be sure we are converting people to the Lord Jesus. Remember... What draws 'em, keeps 'em!

~Leon Cole~

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Don Sullivan
 Reading Jeff Templeton
 Scripture Acts 19:13-20
 Lord's Table (N) *Larry Flatt
 (S) *Doug Hendrixson
 (N) Hoyt Crouch
 (N) Blake Sadlon
 (N) Marty Boles
 (S) Jeff Bond
 (S) Joe Maynard
 (S) David McColloch
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Brett Merritt

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Tim Fisher
 Reading Bill Womack
 Scripture John 5:28,29
 Lord's Table *Ken Lee
 *Ricky Prince
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bob Bonner

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers
 Reading Joey Reynolds
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Dennis Gann Family
 P.M. Bruce Pryor Family

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Lock Building: Mike Driver

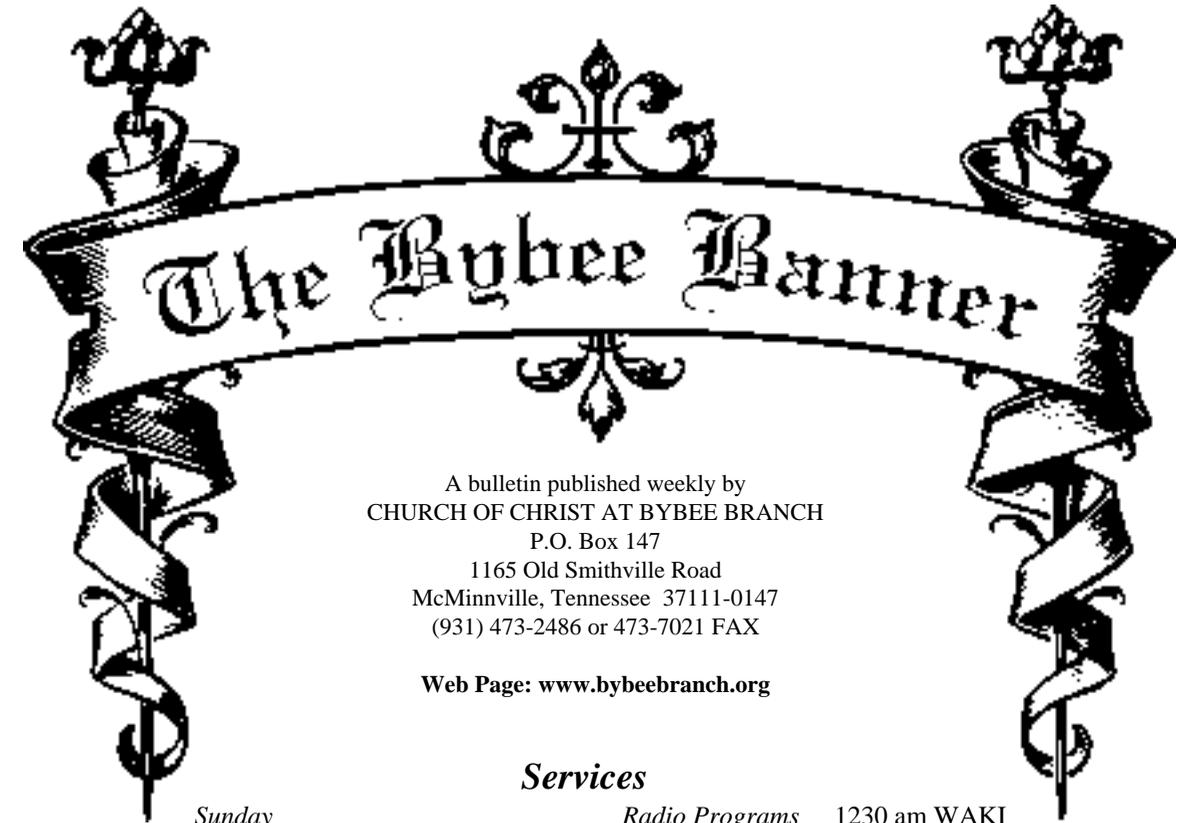
Pantry Item: Macaroni & Cheese

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	385
Bible Study	265
P.M. Worship	222
Wednesday Bible Study	212
Contribution	\$4,304

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<i>Wednesday</i>			
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert
 Stanley Graves Willie Newby
 Jim Slatton

Preacher

Tony Lawrence 473-8079
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Sick

At Home:

Sherry Pelham

Kraig Campbell-home following back surgery

In The Hospital:

Carolyn Cantrell-Baptist Hospital

Zollie Settles-MTMC/Murfeesboro-pneumonia

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Burning The Books

P.M. Will There Be A "Rapture?"

Gospel Meetings

Arlington church of Christ, May 13-17, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Robert R. Taylor, Jr. preaching.

Oak Grove church of Christ, May 20-25, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Tim Fariss preaching.

Blues Hill church of Christ, June 3-6, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Holger Neubauer preaching.

Ladies Day

Leoni church of Christ hosts a Ladies Day this Saturday, May 19, 10:00-12:00 with Foye Watkins speaking.

Hispanic Baptisms

We rejoice that two mothers were added to the Lord's family this past Sunday, Ascencion Trujillo and Dalia Cordero

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Howard and Barbara Witty who were joined in marriage this past Saturday afternoon.

Prom-Alternative Trip

Our young people will be away this weekend on the Prom-Alternative Trip. Please remember them in your prayers.

Thou Shalt Be Missed Because Thy Seat Will Be Empty

In First Samuel 20, one reads of the threatening of David's life by Saul. In verse one, David posed the question to Jonathan "What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life"? In verse three, David stated that there is "but a step between me and death". Therefore, this chapter reveals that David proposed a plan in order that Jonathan may know assuredly that his father did intend to bring evil upon David (v. 5-7). David said in verse five, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even". David told Jonathan that if Saul missed him to tell him that David "earnestly asked leave" that he "might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family" (v. 6). David proposed that if Saul said in response to his absence that "it is well" then he would be in no danger. However, if the response was that of anger, then David would be in danger. Jonathan agreed to this proposal and promised to give David the response of Saul (v. 12-13). Verses 14-17 teaches of the covenant between Jonathan and David. Finally in verse 18 Jonathan said to David "Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty".

In this article, we desire to apply the statement "thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty" to those who absent themselves from the worship of God because of choice. The Hebrew writer commands that we not forsake "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). We desire to make it clear that we are dealing with the **forsaker**. We are not directing this article to those who are absent from the worship services because of sickness or reasons beyond their control. Therefore, with these things before us, let us notice exactly who indeed misses those whose seats

are empty in worship services.

GOD MISSES THOSE WHOSE SEAT'S ARE EMPTY.

In studying the Bible, one will notice that God desires and yea, commands that His children be faithful (Rev. 2: 10; Matt. 6: 33; Col. 3: 1-2). Faithfulness to God involves both work (1 Cor. 15: 58) and worship (John 4: 24). It has often and correctly been said that "we enter to worship and we depart to serve".

The Bible teaches we are to worship our Creator (Rom. 1: 25; Acts 10: 25-26; Rev. 22: 8-9). If we fail to worship God, as we should, then on the Judgment day the eunuch will rise up and condemn us (Acts 8: 27). Let us be of the same attitude and disposition of David when he said "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalms 122: 1). Yes, erring brother or sister, God misses you when your seat is empty! Indeed, the "Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4: 23).

CHRIST MISSES THOSE WHOSE SEAT'S ARE EMPTY

In opening the word of God, one reads that Jesus while on earth met with men to worship God (Luke 4: 16-20). Furthermore, when Satan tempted Jesus in Matthew chapter four to forsake God and to worship him, Christ replied "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4: 10).

The Bible teaches that we are to come together on the first day of every week to worship God (Acts 20: 7). The Bible, our standard, also teaches that Christ is in the assembly spiritually (Heb. 2: 11-12). Those who forsake the assembling of the saints cannot truthfully say as did Christ "I must be about my Father's business" (Luke 2: 41-52). Yes, Christ misses those whose seat's are empty!

FAITHFUL BRETHREN MISS THOSE WHOSE SEAT'S ARE EMPTY

Just as God and Christ misses those whose seat's are

empty, faithful brethren are also in sorrow for their absence. Some forsakers may speak the statement of David "no man cared for my soul" (Psalms 142: 1-7). They may blame the church for their unloyal and unfaithful behavior. However, faithful brethren do care for the souls of men (Matt. 16: 26; Gal. 6: 1). Yes, faithful brethren do miss those whose seat's are empty!

Up to this point we have noticed that God, Christ, and faithful brethren indeed miss those whose seat's are empty. Now we want to discuss briefly "what you miss when your seat is empty". Those who forsake the worship services of the saints on Sunday miss: a lesson from God's word (Acts 20: 7; 2 Peter 3: 18); praying to God (1 Cor. 14: 15); singing spiritual psalms and hymns to God (Eph. 5: 19; Col. 3: 16); giving as you hath prospered (1 Cor. 16: 1-2); and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11: 23-25). Those who forsake other worship assemblies miss ample opportunities to worship God and to "grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3: 18).

Finally, what else will you miss when you forsake the worship of God? You will miss heaven! John, the beloved apostle, said that those who will inherit heaven will be "before the throne of God" and will "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7: 15). Therefore, those who fail to worship God here will not be privileged to worship Him in the hereafter.

Yes, those who forsake are missed. God, Christ and the faithful miss you ! Do you miss us?

~Howell Bigham~

Teachers Meeting

There will be an **important** teachers meeting this Sunday evening following the services.

Also at this meeting the plans for the VBS will be discussed. If you are willing to help in any way at the VBS, please be present.

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Zollie Settles
 Reading Rickey Hurst
 Scripture Acts 19:24-28
 Lord's Table (N) *Bob Mayfield
 (S) *Rodney Reynolds
 (N) Micah Lawrence
 (N) Don Johnson
 (N) Jason Vandagriff
 (S) Joe Roller
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell
 (S) Lynn Gann
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Biles

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt
 Reading Caleb Graves
 Scripture Revelation 16:12-16
 Lord's Table *Chuck Medley
 *Noel Pepper
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Steve Hillis

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer Danny Duncan
 Reading Joe Collins
 Invitation W.C. Chilton
 Dismiss Ken Martin

Welcome Committee

A.M. Kevin Judkins Family
 P.M. David McColloch Family

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Willie Newby & Dale Bennett

Attend Nursery: Melba Bonner

Lock Building: Mike Driver

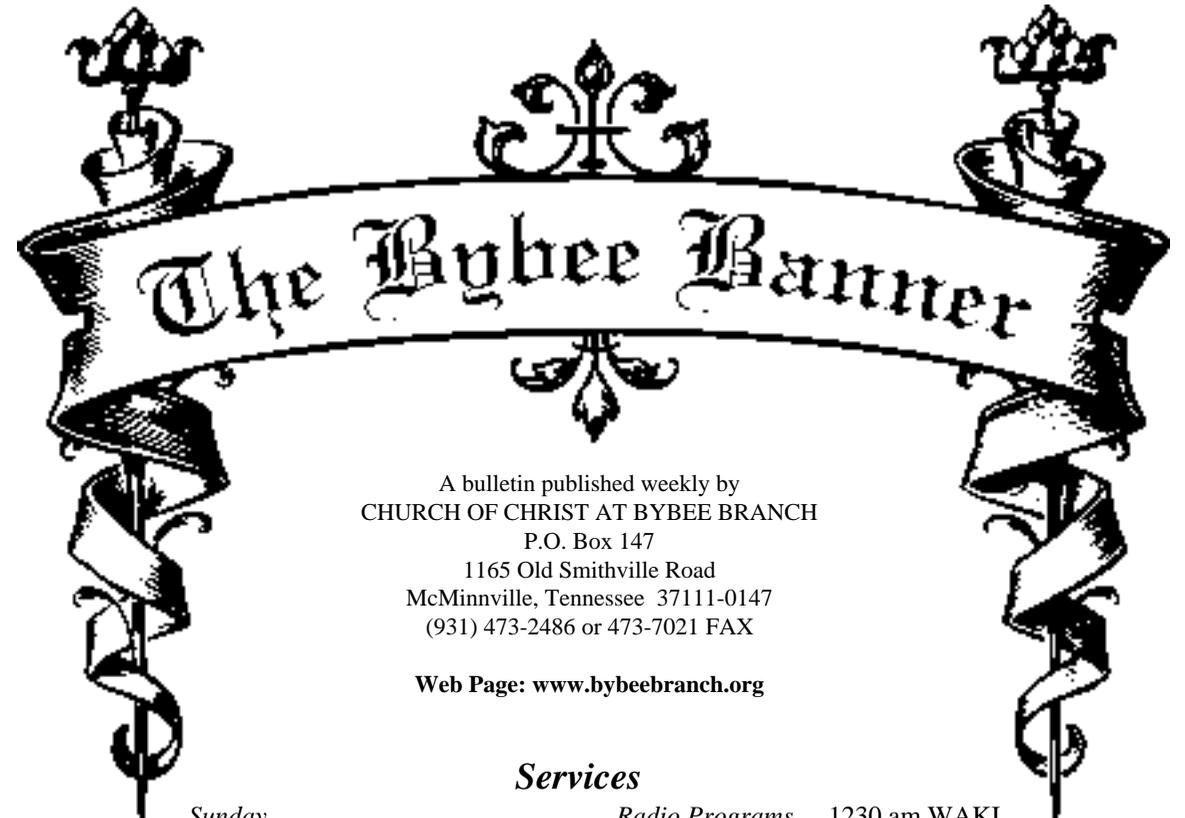
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 Bible Study 196*
 P.M. Worship 240
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 Contribution \$3,746
 *40+ Youth on Prom-Alternative Trip

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Sick

At Home:

Sherry Pelham
Carolyn Cantrell
Beth Reynolds
Ollie Loftis

In The Hospital:

Delter Tennpenny (father of Wilma Chisam)-
Riverark
Brenda Bratten-surgery for malignancy

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Leaborn Duncan, father of John Duncan (who has been attending Bybee Branch some). His funeral was Sunday afternoon.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Riot At Ephesus
P.M. The "Battle Of Armageddon"

Gospel Meetings

Oak Grove church of Christ, May 20-25, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Tim Fariss preaching.

Corinth church of Christ, May 20-23, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Jimmy Wright preaching.

Mt. View church of Christ, June 1-3, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Joe B. Ware preaching.

Blues Hill church of Christ, June 3-6, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Holger Neubauer preaching.

Bonner church of Christ, June 7-10, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Freddie Clayton preaching.

Lectureship

Centertown church of Christ, June 9, services begin at 9:00 am with the theme: "Worship"

Our Lectureship will be August 12-15

Generous Donation for Teachers - Letter Press

An "Accucut" Letter Press which makes cut out letters and shapes was given in loving memory of Hilda Millraney Lowry by her family (Dawn Wanamaker and Brandon Lowry). This was a very generous gift and will be a great addition to our teachers' workroom and will provide many years of service.

Additional die cuts may be purchased. If you would like to give some in honor or memory of a loved one, please ask one of the elders.

Vacation Bible Schools

Unity church of Christ will have a VBS June 3-7, at 7:00 pm each evening with the theme "In His Steps"

Smartt church of Christ will have a VBS June 11-15, at 7:00 pm each evening with the theme "Except Ye Become As Little Children"

Our VBS will be July 16-18 with the theme: "The Prophets of God."

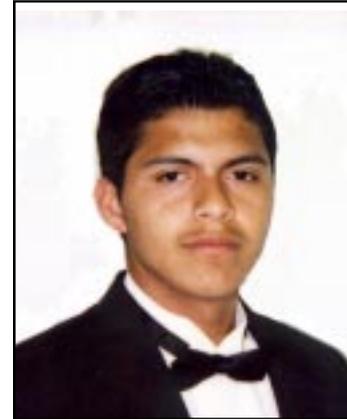
Singing

The annual Diana Singing will be June 8-9, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Response

We rejoice with sister Rita Prince who came forward Sunday requesting the prayers of the congregation.

*"Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble."
Psalms 119:165, NKJV.*



Robert Garibaldi



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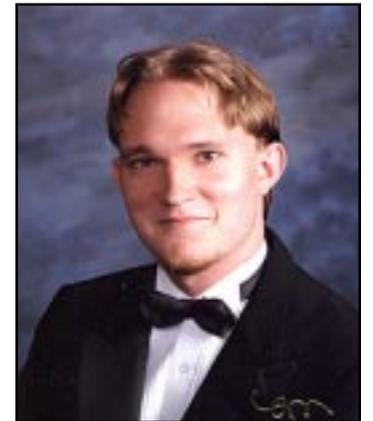
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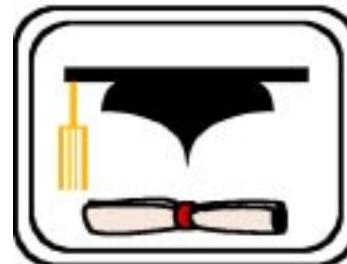


Beth Reynolds

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Joey Reynolds



College Graduates

Chad Graves, *Tennessee Tech University*,

BS in Business Management

Lynette Maynard, *Middle Tennessee State University*,

BS in Elementary Education

Alan Collins, *Middle Tennessee State University*,

BS in Business Administration

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer John Biddle
 Reading Willie Newby
 Scripture Acts 20:7-12
 Lord's Table (N) *Danny Duncan
 (S) *W.C. Chilton
 (N) Harry Felty
 (N) Lee Gann
 (N) J.B. Gribble
 (S) Tyler Boyd
 (S) Dickie Kesity
 (S) Eric Fisher
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Brett Merritt
 Reading Joey Reynolds
 Scripture Revelation 20:1-10
 Lord's Table *Jim Slatton
 *Bill Biles
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Larry Flatt
 Reading Harold McGinness
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ken & Glynn Lee
 P.M. Ricky Hurst Family

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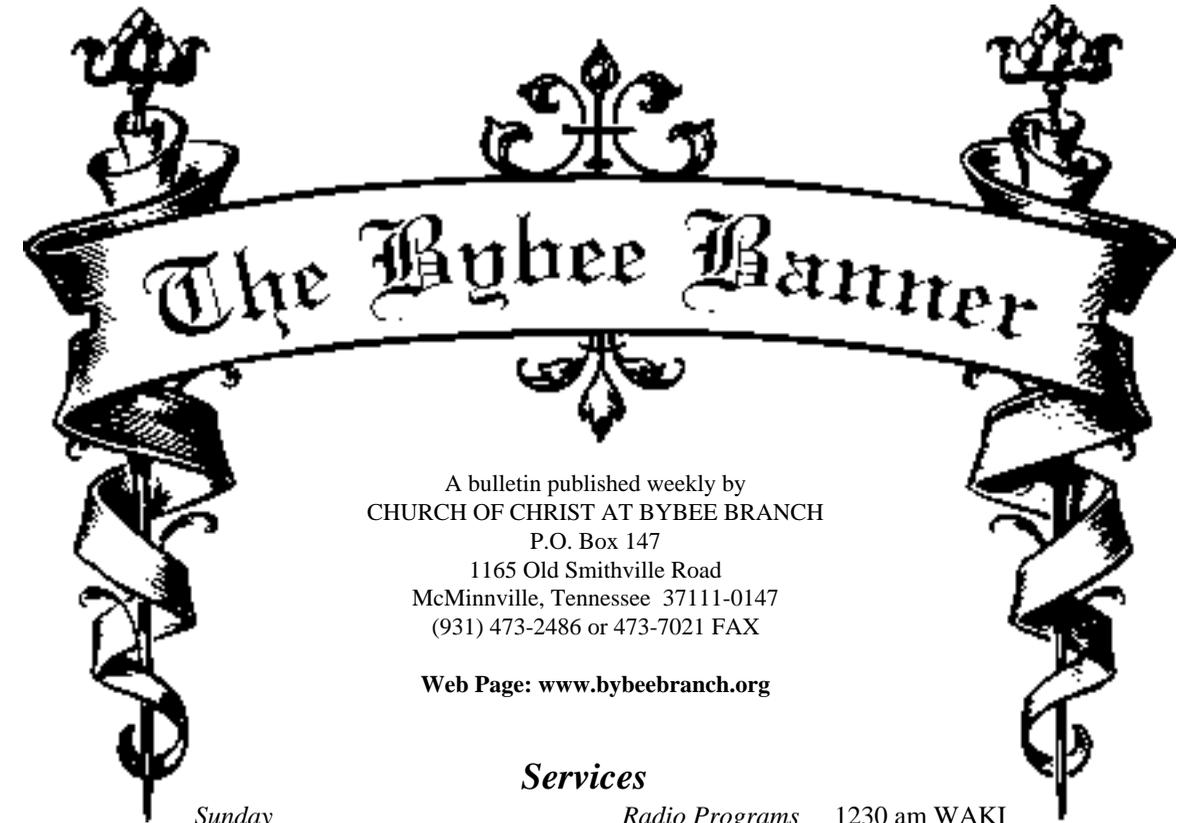
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Record For The Week...

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Sick

At Home:

Sherry Pelham Carolyn Cantrell
 Tyler Judkins Vada Campbell
 Brenda Bratten (after surgery)
 Delter Tennpenny (father of Wilma Chisam)
 after stay in hospital

In The Hospital:

Tom Kell (brother of Asa Kell and Betty Upton)-Centennial Hospital

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The "First Day of the Week"
 P.M. The 1000 Year Reign

Gospel Meetings

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The Truth About Beer

Beer consumption is considered by the average citizen to be an innocent pass-time for every "goat ole boy" and every "good ole girl" in town. Some parents have heaved sighs of relief when their kids were caught guzzling beer instead of drinking whiskey or smoking "pot." After all, it was **only** beer! It's about time the wraps were taken off of this supposed "innocent" beverage! Consider the following facts:

BEER CONTAINS ALCOHOL The alcohol content of one twelve ounce can of beer contains a little more alcohol than one ounce of 100 proof whiskey or a small glass of 40 proof wine.

BEER IS A MAJOR CULPRIT IN ALCOHOLISM. Some mistakenly believe that one cannot become an alcoholic from drinking beer. It has been documented that beer drinkers compose a large percentage of alcoholics undergoing treatment in our VA hospitals. Alcoholism is a major social problem in Germany and Belgium where beer is the alcoholic drink almost exclusively.

BEER CONTAINS A SECOND POWERFUL NARCOTIC. Besides the narcotic of ethyl alcohol, beer contains the narcotic called lupulin. This drug is the active narcotic agent contained in the hops from which beer is brewed. The chemical formula for lupulin shows it contains the same chemical elements as the narcotic agent in marijuana, only in a *heavier molecular structure*. When one drinks beer he gets a double dose of narcotics (alcohol) and (lupulin).

THE ALCOHOL IN BEER HAS THE SAME AFFECT AS THE ALCOHOL IN WINE OR WHISKEY. It slows one's reaction time, often just enough to prevent the handling of an emergency on the job or behind the wheel of a vehicle. Many medical schools demonstrate the effect of alcohol by giving two examinations on successive days, with similar questions. The first exam is given as usual. The second one is given after each student has drunk one bottle of beer. The tests are graded by people ignorant of the experiment, thus unbiased. Most of the students judge the second test to be easier and their grades higher, but the grades average about 17% lower. Only one beer makes a difference.

Like all other alcoholic beverages beer continues to leave death, destruction, heartache and crime in its wake. It is neither innocent nor harmless (See Prov. 20:1; 23:31-35).

~ Dub McClish, 908 Imperial Dr. Denton, TX 76209~

June 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Glenda Hughes C.J. Rogers	OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY CHUCK & MATTIE MEDLEY	LARRY & ELAINE GOODMAN DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH June Crouch Bob Mayfield Huston Thaxton		Trista Caldwell	BILL & GEORGIA BROWN Flossie Smartt Martha Pryor	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mildred Gambrell Sidney Groves Jarrah Anderson	DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN	Roberta Parmley	John Stembidge Kayla Maynard	JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN		WINFREY & DOT HENNESSEE
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Clay Hill Mildred Green	RICKY & RITA PRINCE	Tammy McKinney Asa Kell	JOHN & CORA STEMBRIDGE STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES	WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY NOEL & MARTHA PEPPER W.C. Chilton	Nonie Grizzell Georgia Brown	EUGENE & GEORGIA JONES
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cynthia Duncan June Slatton	Ruby Huntley Jessica Templeton DENNIS & TERESA GANN PHILLIP & TERI SMITH	Noel Pepper	Jane Flatt ROBERTO & ISABEL GARIBALDI	Georgia Jones	FRANK & GEORGIA BROOKS John Nussbaum	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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 First Prayer Allen Hughes
 Reading Shannon Griffin
 Scripture Acts 20:17-21
 Lord's Table (N) *Noel Pepper
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 (N) Shane Fisher
 (N) Paul Hurst
 (N) Harley Northcutt
 (S) Asa Kell
 (S) Ryan Kesity
 (S) Ronnie Prince
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Chuck Boles
 Reading Jeff Flatt
 Scripture John 11:21-24
 Lord's Table *Ken Lee
 *Chip Cantrell
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Steve Boyd

Wednesday Bible Study

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 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson
 Reading Micah Lawrence
 Invitation Rodney Reynolds
 Dismiss Kraig Campbell

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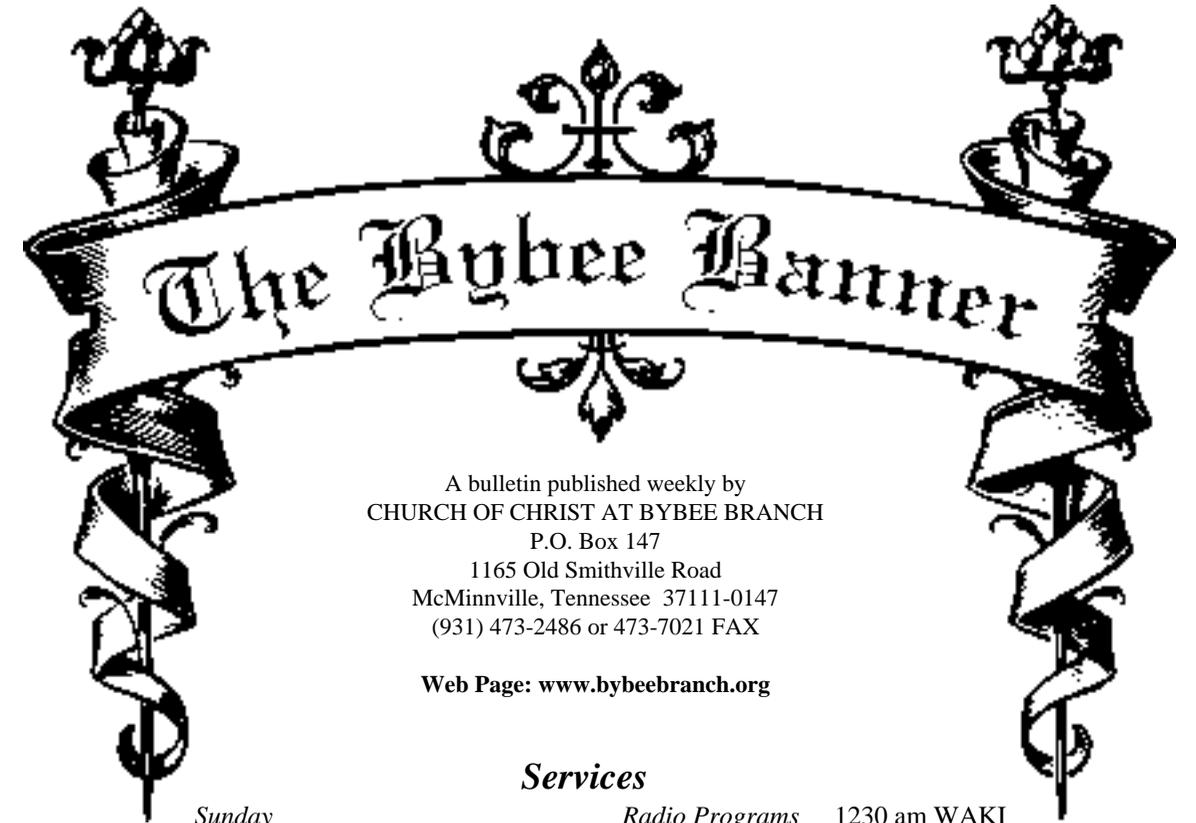
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Earl Vandagriff (brother of June Crouch),
seriously ill
Georgia Martin (aunt of W.C. Chilton)

In The Hospital:

Terann Hillis-surgery on June 11, at Baptist
Hospital.

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Joe Finger (brother-in-law of Nonie Grizzell and grandfather of Judy Payne). He passed away last Friday and graveside services will be Wednesday afternoon.

Gospel Meetings

Bonner church of Christ, June 7-10, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Freddie Clayton preaching.

Highland church of Christ, June 10-12, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Jimmy Wright preaching.

Spencer church of Christ, June 17-22, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 17-22, services at 7:30 pm each evening with Jimmy Wright preaching.

Lectureship

Centertown church of Christ, June 9, services begin at 9:00 am with the theme: "Worship"

Address Update

Please make a change to your church directory for:

Mildred Gambrell
235 Vinewood Road APT B4
McMinnville, TN 37110-1483

Shut-ins

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Katherine Bennett
Jane Golden
Lena Mai Gribble
Houston Stiles
Carol Sue Taylor
Magdalene Taylor
John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
Stanley McNery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell
Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Bessie Parker
Robbie Vandagriff
Violet Webb

Visitation Update

The Visitation Program is being updated. If you wish to change your status (either to being or to drop off for a while), please let brother Billy Gilbert know soon.

Restoration

We rejoice with sister Dawn Wanamaker who came forward Wednesday evening rededicating her life to the Lord. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Pastors And A Preacher Meet
P.M. The Last Days and The Last Day

Some Dangerous "Nations" Among Us

In the history of the world, there have been nations which have posed great danger to people who lived around them. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Romans and others have been dangerous nations. In more recent history, the Germans, Japanese, Russians, and Chinese have been counted as dangerous nations. However, the most dangerous "nations" are not earthly powers. There are other forces of which we must be aware and against which we must guard. For example:

1. There are some things which the Bible states are abominations in the sight of God for they pervert and destroy man spiritually. In Deuteronomy 18:9-12, Moses pointed out that idolatry and many practices of the occult were abominations to the Lord. Solomon said that six things are an abomination to God: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises evil imaginations, feet which are swift to run to mischief, a false witness, and one who sows discord among brethren (Proverbs 6:16-19). Truly, these are dangerous "nations."
2. Many Christians are eternally ruined by contamination. They fall prey to practices of the world—immorality, drinking, dancing, cursing, gambling, etc. How tragic that this powerful "nation" has kept them from remaining "unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).
3. Discrimination is a great danger to the peace and well-being of the world. It has even invaded the church, giving many an ungodly, non-Christian attitude. We understand that all are made in the image of God, and that in Christ we are of equal importance and value to the Lord. Why then do some in the church practice worldly discrimination between the rich and poor, the young and the old, male and female, black and white, etc.?
4. Some are defeated by termination. It may be that one becomes unhappy or upset with something in the local church. Family problems may arise, a difficulty is experienced between brethren, someone's feelings get hurt, etc. What happens? They terminate — they give up church responsibilities, stop contributing, quit attending. The end result is that they have become entangled and overcome in the defilements of the world by their termination (II Peter 2:20-22).
5. As innocent as it looks, procrastination is one of the most dangerous nations of all! One may convince himself that he means well and will do better some day when all the time he is completely conquered and dominated by this "nation."
6. Denominations are very dangerous because, while appearing quite beneficial and good, they are responsible for dividing believers in Christ into competing groups. Christ came to unite all in one body, the undenominational church of Christ. Paul taught against this "nation" when he said, "I beseech you, brethren...that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (I Corinthians 1:10).
The ultimate danger to our souls is eternal condemnation! One day all will stand before God in judgment to receive eternal victory over our dangerous nations or to be destroyed by them. *by Darrell Beard*

Vacation Bible Schools

Unity church of Christ, June 3-7, services at 7:00 pm with the theme: In His Steps.

Smartt church of Christ, June 11-15, services at 7:00 pm with the theme: Except Ye Become As Little Children.

Leoni church of Christ, June 10-14, services at 7:00 pm with the theme: I Believe In Jesus.

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 First Prayer Ricky Prince
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 Scripture II Corinthians 4:16-18
 Lord's Table (N) *Bruce Pryor
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 (S) Kevin Judkins
 (S) John Nussbaum
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 (S) Abram Pryor
 Sermon Ernest Laws
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Bob Bonner
 Reading David McColloch
 Scripture II Corinthians 4:16-18
 Lord's Table *Kelly Thaxton
 *David Chilton
 Sermon Ernest Laws
 Dismiss Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan
 Lead Singing Steve Hillis
 First Prayer Danny Duncan
 Reading Lee Gann
 Invitation Steve Boyd
 Dismiss Buell Warren

Welcome Committee

A.M. Teresa Atnip & Girls
 P.M. Kurt Maynard Family

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Ushers: Tommy Crouch & Harry Felty

Attend Nursery: Alicia Driver

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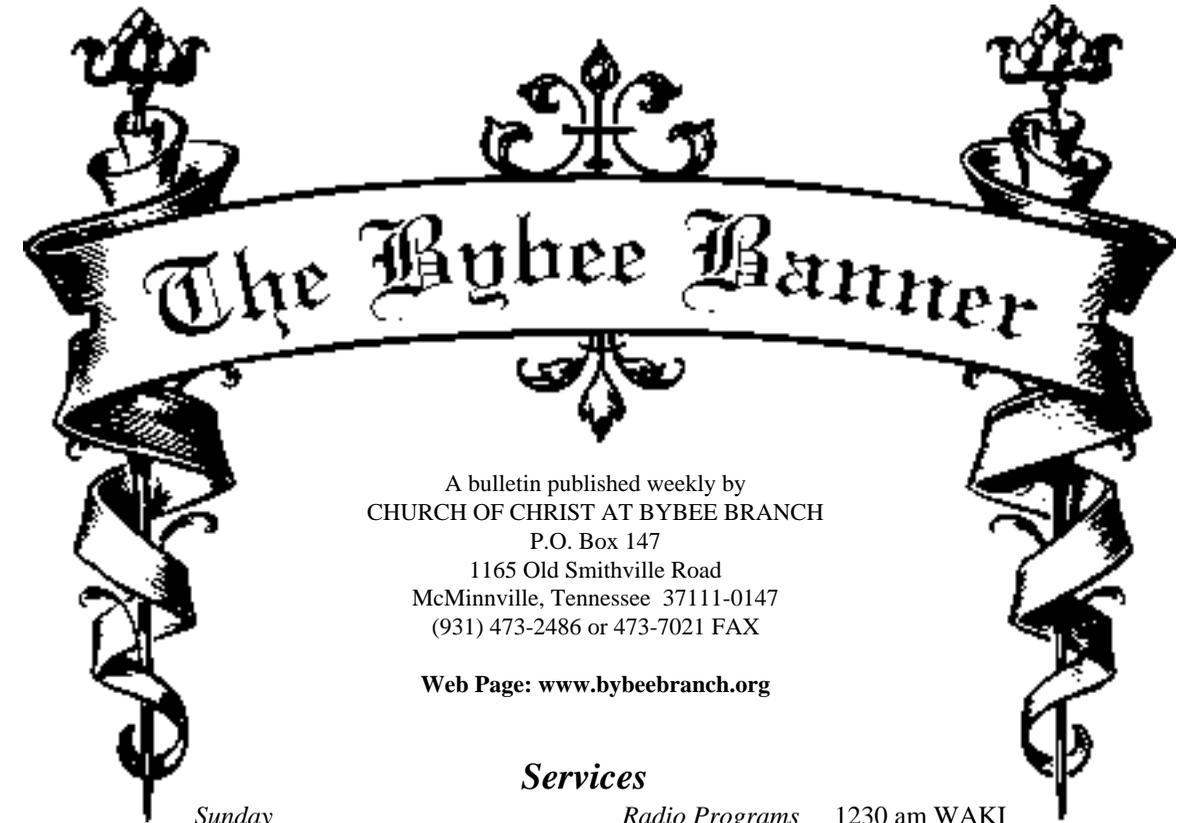
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Restoration

We rejoice with sister Dana Roller who came forward Sunday evening rededicating her life to the Lord. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Guest Speaker: Ernest Laws
 P.M. Guest Speaker: Ernest Laws

Address & Phone Update

Please make a change to your church directory for:

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 738 Garfield St .
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Is The Death Penalty Immoral?

The question of the morality of capital punishment will always be debated, partly because men and women will always be stirred by the prospect of a human being's death at the hand of an executioner. We ought to shrink from any delight at seeing another person's death or punishment, for it should never be something that is desired. It ought to be a dreadful thing to see a person put to death. Why? Because man is created in the image of God, and because life itself is from God. But the fact that human life is a gift from God is precisely the reason the death penalty must be an option of a benevolent state that seeks to protect innocent people from those who have no respect for that gift. The source for such a belief is the Word of God itself. If life is God's gift, and it is, then man has the right to take a life only when God gives that authority. Such is given in both Old and New Testaments. After the Noahic flood, God declared, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man," Genesis 9:6. Human life is so valued by Jehovah that He has decreed that those who would deliberately and unlawfully take that life must forfeit their own. It should be noted that this statement, while found in the book of Genesis, is not a part of the Mosaic code that was abolished when Jesus shed His blood on the cross, Ephesians 2:15. However, it is a principle that is as binding today as the day it was given. See also Acts 25:11 and 1 Peter 2:13-15.

OLD TESTAMENT PRINCIPLES

In addition to Genesis 9:6, at least twenty other Bible

passages declare capital punishment as a valid means of crime prevention, including, "The murderer shall surely be put to death," Numbers 35:16. This verse includes the accidental killing of another person, but clearly states that murder is a capital crime: "At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you," Deuteronomy 17:6-7. Note here that a fair trial is presumed, and that such punishment, properly ordered, can be a deterrent to crime.

NEW TESTAMENT PRINCIPLES

No, man is no longer under the law of Moses as outlined in Exodus and Deuteronomy. But we are obligated to the New Testament of Jesus Christ, and that law gives similar authority for such punishment. "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men," 1 Peter 2:13-15. While man is responsible primarily to God's laws, he is also obligated to abide by the laws of man insofar as they do not violate the laws of God. And when civil laws are broken, divine authority has been delegated to law enforcement persons for the implementation of those laws. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger

to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil," Romans 13:1-4.

Paul, recognizing the validity of civil law and authority, later told a Roman official, "If I have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die," Acts 25:11.

NOT PERSONAL VENGEANCE

Both Jesus and Paul declare that personal vengeance is forbidden:

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord," Romans 12:19.

Man's law is God's avenue of justice against law-breakers. Speaking of personal vengeance, Jesus said, "I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also," Matthew 5:39.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DEATH PENALTY

Opponents often point to Exodus 20:13, "Thou shalt not kill," in rebuttal, but this forbade murder, not legal execution, Matthew 19:18. The charge that capital punishment is administered unfairly may often be correct, but that does not negate the validity of the principle. All forms of punishment are subject to that charge. Neither is a nation barbaric that practices capital punishment. It is murder and rape that are barbaric, not the execution of the murderer or the rapist. Punishment must always fit the crime, Leviticus 24:19-20, and governments should administer fair and reasonable punishment for every criminal act.

We should be sad when a person is executed, and when the families of both the victim and the executed grieve. But blame the crime, not the punishment. God authorized it, and it will work, but if it is to work, it must be swift, just and certain.

~Carl B. Garner~

(In light of the fact that Timothy James McVeigh was executed on Monday morning at 7:14 am for murdering 168 people, this article is truly timely. TL)

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 Reading Mike Driver
 Scripture Acts 23:1
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 (S) *Larry Flatt
 (N) Barry Hendrixson
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 (N) Jeff Templeton
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 (S) Kraig Campbell
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 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Biles

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 First Prayer Ricky Hurst
 Reading Eddie Palmer
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:7
 Lord's Table *Tommy Crouch
 *Winfrey Hennessee
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kurt Maynard

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan
 Lead Singing John Biddle
 First Prayer Zollie Settles
 Reading Chip Cantrell
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Lee

Welcome Committee

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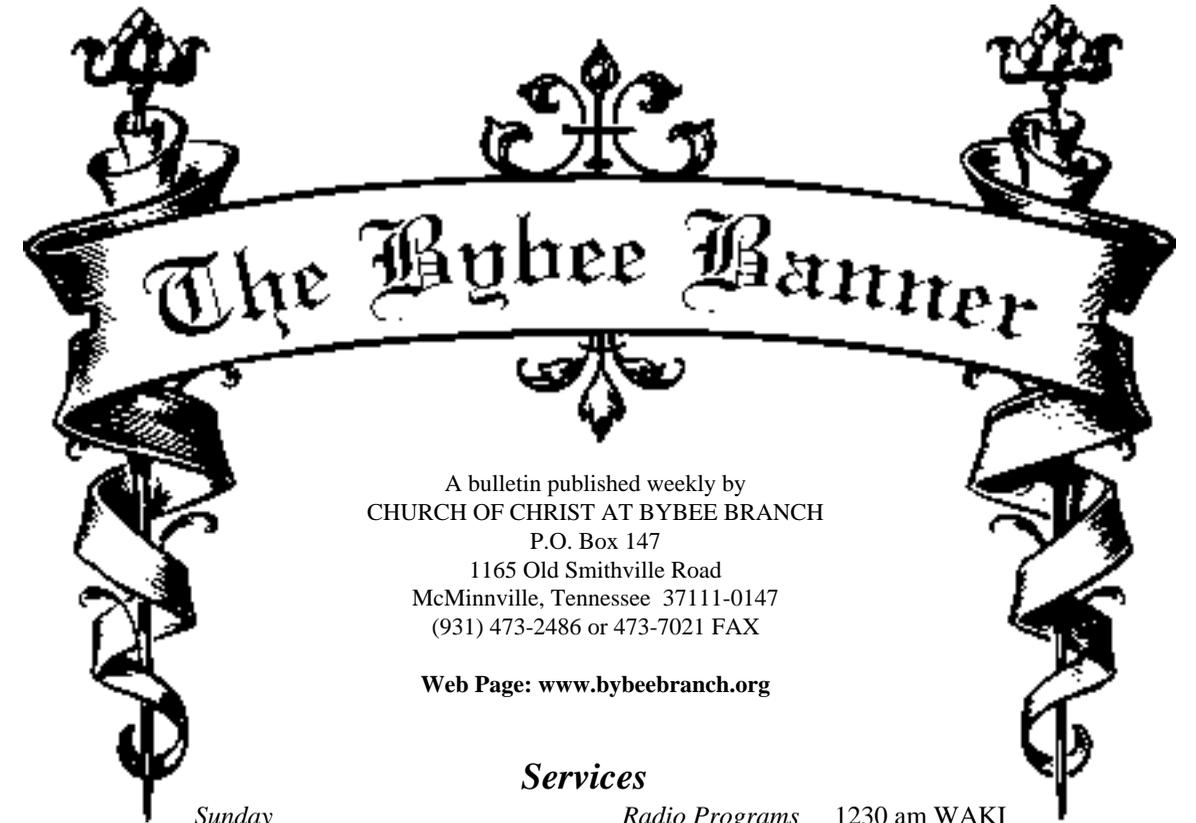
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Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Paul, His Past, Present, and Preaching
P.M. A Daily Christian Life: Faith

Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Katherine Bennett, she was a longtime faithful member of the church at Bybee Branch.



VBS Meeting



There will be a very important VBS meeting this Sunday evening following services. Those who have agreed to help and those willing to help are strongly encouraged to be present. WE NEED YOU!

Annual Ice Cream Supper

The annual ice cream supper will be on Wednesday evening, July 4, following the services. Please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or other desserts.

The "Prayer Room" Was Locked

Sometime ago, I was in one of the area hospitals visiting one of our members. Most all of the hospitals have a special room designated as the "Prayer Room." The room is available for those who want to get away to a quiet place and pray for their loved one. Ministers often use the room as a place to gather the family to pray during an illness, or sadly, the room is sometimes used to pray with a family who has just lost a loved one.

On this particular day I reached for the doorknob to open and enter the room. It was locked. I jiggled the doorknob again and discovered that indeed the "prayer room" was locked. I came back later, thinking that perhaps someone had been using the room and had wanted some privacy. The door was still locked and no one was inside the room. I thought to myself that it was rather strange to have the door to the prayer room locked. Several lessons struck me as I contemplated this:

(1) **It is not necessary to be in a designated place to offer prayer to God.** Jesus addressed the woman at the well and dealt with her misconception about there being a designated place for worship. Jesus saith unto her "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father" (John 4:21). Prayer is an act of worship that is available to us at all times regardless of where we may be.

A journey through the Scriptures shows us that prayer was offered in many different places. Jesus prayed in the wilderness (Lk. 5:17), on a mountain (Mt. 14:24; Lk. 6:12), and in the garden of Gethsemane (Mk. 14:32). The early disciples prayed in private houses (Acts 12:12) and in the temple (Acts 2:46; 3:1). Likewise our prayer life should not be confined to a designated place known as

the church building.

(2) **Men cannot lock prayer out of our lives.** One of my favorite Bible characters is Daniel. When all of the presidents, governors, counselors, and captains consulted together to request a petition from the King to lock prayer out of Daniel's life, Daniel immediately "went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime:" (Daniel 6:10). Try though they might, these men could not lock prayer out of Daniel's life.

Men today may try to make laws which take prayer out of the public schools, but they cannot lock prayer out of the lives of those who wish to offer petitions before God. Besides, as someone said, "As long as there are final exams, there will be prayer in public schools."

If government troops were to attempt to take away all religious privileges from United States citizens, it is comforting to know that they could never take away the Christian's right and privilege of prayer. The throne of grace and the communication line to heaven is always open to the faithful child of God.

(3) **Men sometimes lock prayer out of their own lives.** What no one else can take away from me, I sometimes take away from myself. It is tragic that many have put a padlock on prayer in their individual lives. Morning after morning they rise without ever offering a prayer for strength during the day. Night after night they fall into bed, never offering a word of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day. Meal after meal is consumed without a preceding expression of gratitude.

God never intended that the sum total of our prayer life be six public prayers offered at the worship services Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday evening. Rather, our attitude towards prayer should be like that of the Psalmist who declared, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17). We are to "Continue in prayer. . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Col. 4:2; Eph. 6:18). Paul exhorted the Thessalonian brethren to "Pray without

ceasing" (1 Ths. 5:17). In other words, never let there be a time in your life when you cease to include prayer as a vital part of your life.

Others lock prayer out of their lives by living a life of sin and turning away from God. The wise man said, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination" (Prov. 28:9). "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18). Tragically, many padlock the effectiveness of their prayers by living sinfully and rebelliously toward God. How we live before God has much to do with whether or not we receive that which we ask for. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

Still others lock prayer out of their lives by not being children of God. One who is not a child of God cannot pray, "Our Father." One must become a child of God in order to have all the attendant privileges of praying to the Father.

Finally, some lock the power of prayer out of their lives by not praying in faith. Scripture plainly teaches that we are to "ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" (Jas. 1:6,7). Our Lord gave similar instructions when he said. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). It will do no good at all for us to pray for certain things, only to rise from prayer with the thought that none of the things we just prayed for will ever happen. We must pray with faith that our heavenly Father will answer our prayers in the best way.

Thanks be to God that prayer is available to me anytime, anyplace. How marvelous it is that the combined powers of Satan and all his demon angels cannot lock prayer out of my life. How sad it is that sometimes men and woman willingly padlock prayer out of their own lives. Instead, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

~B. J. Clarke~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Don Griffith
 Reading Harold McGinness
 Scripture Acts 24:25
 Lord's Table (N) *Kelly Thaxton
 (S) *Billy Gilbert
 (N) Joe Maynard
 (N) Eugene Wilcher
 (S) Tom McColloch
 (S) Caleb Graves
 (S) Blake Sadlon
 (S) George Trail
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Buell Warren

Sunday Evening Worship

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 First Prayer W.C. Chilton
 Reading Hoyt Crouch
 Scripture 2 Timothy 2:15
 Lord's Table *Steve Boyd
 *Ken Martin
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss John Biddle

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-2343) Bill Biles
 Lead Singing Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer Allen Hughes
 Reading Tyler Boyd
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Calvin Rogers

Welcome Committee

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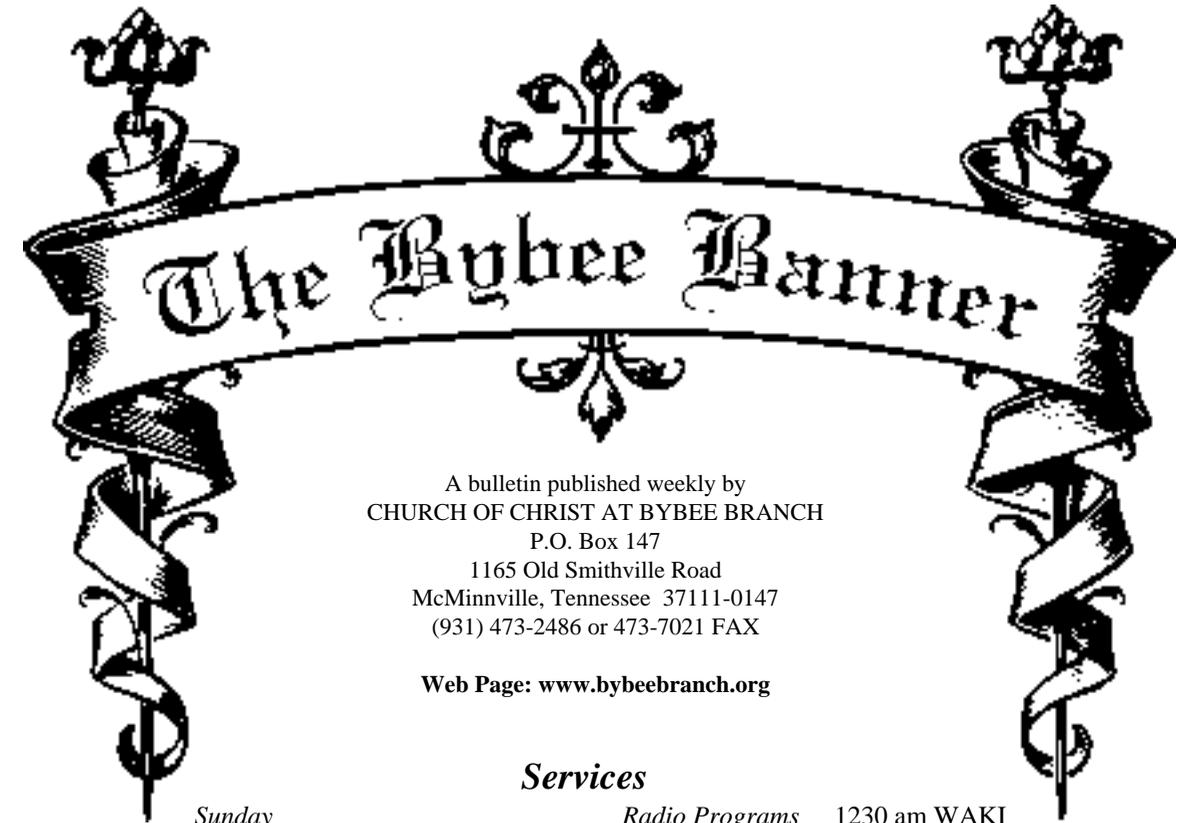
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New Arrival

Congratulations to David and Tracey Biles on the birth of a baby girl, Megan Yuriko, born Wednesday afternoon. Bill Biles is the proud grandfather.

Restoration

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A.M. Before Governors and Kings
 P.M. A Daily Christian Life: Bible Study

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Singing

The Central church of Christ will host their 2nd annual singing on Friday June 29, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

"Sola Scriptura"

Thirteen years after Martin Luther nailed the "99 Theses" to the door of the Wittenburg Cathedral, his close friend and colleague, Philip Melanchthon, drafted and formally presented the Lutheran Reformer's articles of belief. We know this document as *The Augsburg Confession* — the creed of Lutheran churches throughout the world.

Leading up to that moment attempts had been made to unite the Swiss and German factions of the Protestant Reformation, but those efforts failed. Although "*Sola Scriptura*" (only the Bible) was the motto which both had in common, Zwingli and Luther had failed to agree about their approach to the Scripture.

The essentials of Zwingli's and Luther's disagreement still characterize the confusion in the religious world. It was then — and still is today — a difference in **attitude toward the Bible**: whether we are at *liberty to do anything not expressly forbidden in the Bible* (as Luther contended), or we are *bound by what is written, to do nothing for which there is not a 'thus says the Lord', or an approved apostolic precedent* (as Zwingli argued).

This is the point of issue between those who insist that, (1) the Bible alone is a sufficient rule of faith; and (2) those who consider the Bible to be adaptable to changing times and diverse socio-cultural conditions. The former have always rejected man-made doctrines, while the latter have been sympathetic to "adapting" the truth to contemporary societal conditions.

Such was and is — even today — the door through which instrumental music, missionary societies, creeds, infant sprinkling and a host of many other things admittedly not taught in the New Testament, were — and are — cleverly introduced. It is all a matter of biblical authority. We must continually ask ourselves the question, *Where is our authority in the Bible for what we are doing religiously?* At the beginning of the 1900's it was the abandonment of the New Testament as the all-sufficient guide which caused division in the church, and, sadly, in these present times history is repeating itself.

For Jesus, there was only one authority: The Bible! From the days of the Apostles, disregard for biblical authority has always resulted in departures from the true Faith! Before it is too late, we must return to *speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where the Bible is silent*, for in so doing we shall honor God, its Divine Authority.

~Jay Young~

July 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JASON & SONIA VANDAGRIFF 1	DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS DON & JUDY SULLIVAN 2	Rita Prince 3	Willie Holmes <i>Ice Cream Supper</i> 4	LYNDER & WILLIE HOLMES ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES Sonia Vandagriff Corey Nunley Kathy Thaxton 5	Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard 6	Greg Wanamaker SHANNON & JANIE GRIFFIN 7
Isabel Garibaldi Amy Hurst 8	Lee Gann Debbie Glenn Emily Newby 9	Austin Medley Logan Wanamaker Glenda Faye Bell 10	Tanarra Pelham 11	Judy Sullivan BRUCE & SUSAN PRYOR 12	Pearline Cantrell 13	
Teresa McGinness 15	RODNEY & JENNIFER MAYNARD DONNIE & BETTY HILL KEVIN & LORI JUDKINS 16	KELLY & KATHY THAXTON KRAIG & HEATHER CAMPBELL Cora Stenbridge Jeff Flatt 17	Shirley Parker Jennifer Groves Miranda Atnip 18	Don Johnson Ruth Pinkley 19	Carlyn Cantrell 20	HARRY & CAROL FELTY RANDEL & MICKEY WHITEAKER Tyler Groves Hilary McGinness Joy Trail 21
VBS 7:00-8:30 PM						
	Donnie Hill 22	Cindy Fisher 23			Brentt Crouch Chip Cantrell Ashley Boles 26	JEFF & MARY FLATT Don Griffith 27
John Whiteaker 29	Steve Caldwell 30	Kevin Judkins 31				

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield
 Reading David Chilton
 Scripture Acts 27:21-25
 Lord's Table (N) *Chuck Medley
 (S) *Ricky Prince
 (N) Lynn Gann
 (N) Abram Pryor
 (N) Rodney Maynard
 (S) Steve Wilcher
 (S) John Stembridge
 (S) Chuck Boles
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Mark Lawrence

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Don Sullivan
 Reading Kevin Judkins
 Scripture Matthew 5:13-16
 Lord's Table *Danny Duncan
 *Rodney Reynolds
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-2343) Bill Biles
 Lead Singing Steve Hillis
 First Prayer Joe Collins
 Reading Eric Fisher
 Invitation Ronnie Rogers
 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

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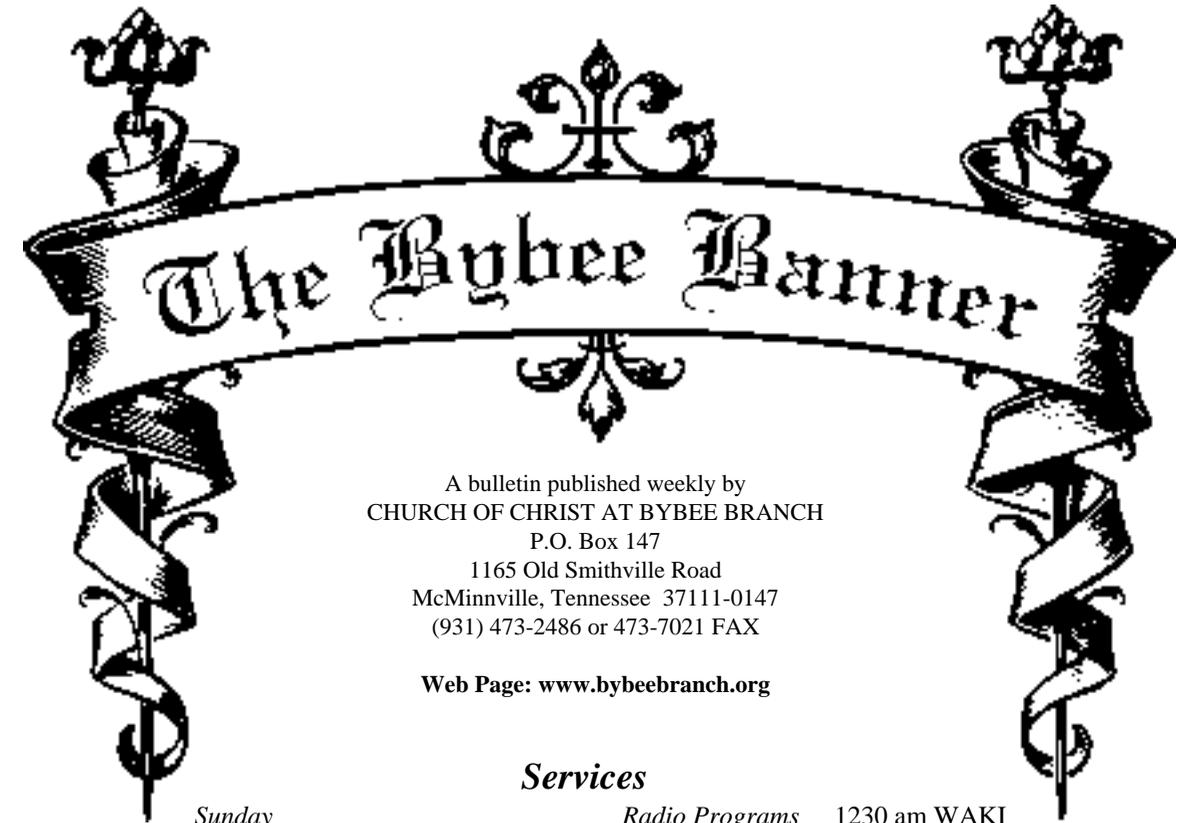
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Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	335
Bible Study	264
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Wednesday Bible Study	189
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Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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Sick

At Home:

Ollie Loftis (following surgery)

In The Hospital:

none known

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Gospel Goes To Rome

P.M. A Daily Christian Life: Good Deeds

Singing & Annual Ice Cream Supper

This Wednesday night will be a singing and there will be no classes.

Also this will be the time for our annual ice cream supper. It will be following the services. Please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or other desserts.

Lectureship

Remember our Lectureship will be coming up soon, August 12-15, 2001 with the Theme: *Our God Is An Awesome God!*

VBS Cookies

You are asked to bring homemade cookies on Sunday, July 15 for the VBS.

VBS - July 16-18, 2001

It is time to get excited about this summer's Vacation Bible School. To many children this is one of their highlights of summer. They learn lifelong lessons and learn the message of the Scriptures. The enthusiasm is contagious upon the older ones as well. Please plan to come and be a part of our Vacation Bible School. There will be classes for all ages and special guest speakers for the adults. The theme for our VBS is Old Testament Prophets of God.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jane Golden

Lena Mai Gribble

Houston Stiles

Carol Sue Taylor

Magdalene Taylor

John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell

Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N

Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada

Stanley McNery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Vada Campbell

Carolyn Cantrell

Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Bessie Parker

Sherry Pelham

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

*"Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You!"*

Psalms 119:11, NKJV.

Why Your Family Needs To Be In Worship

It is important for family to worship together. The God who created each and ordained marriage and the family knew the importance of families worshipping together. To a woman who had miserably failed in her family life Jesus stated: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him"(John 4:23).

The Father does not need our worship to be a better being, or a better father. One cannot improve on perfection, but the Father knew the need for each of us to worship. The old adage, "A family that prays together, stays together" is true. One just does not find those in the divorce courts that are truly committed and serving God.

Families should worship for three major reasons: (1) God commanded it (Hebrews 10:25), (2) for the influence that we exert on one another (Matthew 5:15), and (3) it will enhance our spiritual life (Romans 12:1,2). No family can be completely balanced when there is a major spoke out of the wheel. Families are to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. The family that does not worship is missing at least a quarter of this designed growth.

What a major blessing each can offer their family. Here is a simple, yet life-changing answer: Begin this week to worship God!"

~Jerry Jenkins~

Who Is The Best?

Who are the most important and accomplished people in your mind?

1. Name the three wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last three Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last four winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
5. Name the last five Academy Award winners for best actor.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These certainly are no second-rate achievers; they are the best in their fields, BUT, the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here 's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List two teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who helped you through difficult times.
3. Name five people who gave you good advice.
4. Name a Christian who taught you the truth.
5. Name a person who set a good example for your life.
6. Name two people who brought food to your house during a time of sickness or bereavement.

Now, wasn't that easier? The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care.

~Copied from: The Defender-Bulletin of Grange Hall church of Christ~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Ricky Hurst
 Reading Carl Roberts
 Scripture Romans 1:15-17
 Lord's Table (N) *Eddie Palmer
 (S) *Brett Merritt
 (N) Zollie Settles
 (N) Asa Kell
 (S) David McColloch
 (S) Jason Vandagriff
 (S) Micah Lawrence
 (S) Calvin Rogers
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds
 Reading Jim Slatton
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18
 Lord's Table *Dale Bennett
 *Chuck Boles
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-2343) Bill Biles
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Bob Bonner
 Reading Larry Flatt
 Invitation Ernest Laws (VBS)
 Dismiss Danny Duncan

Welcome Committee

A.M. Noel & Martha Pepper
 P.M. Harry Felty Family

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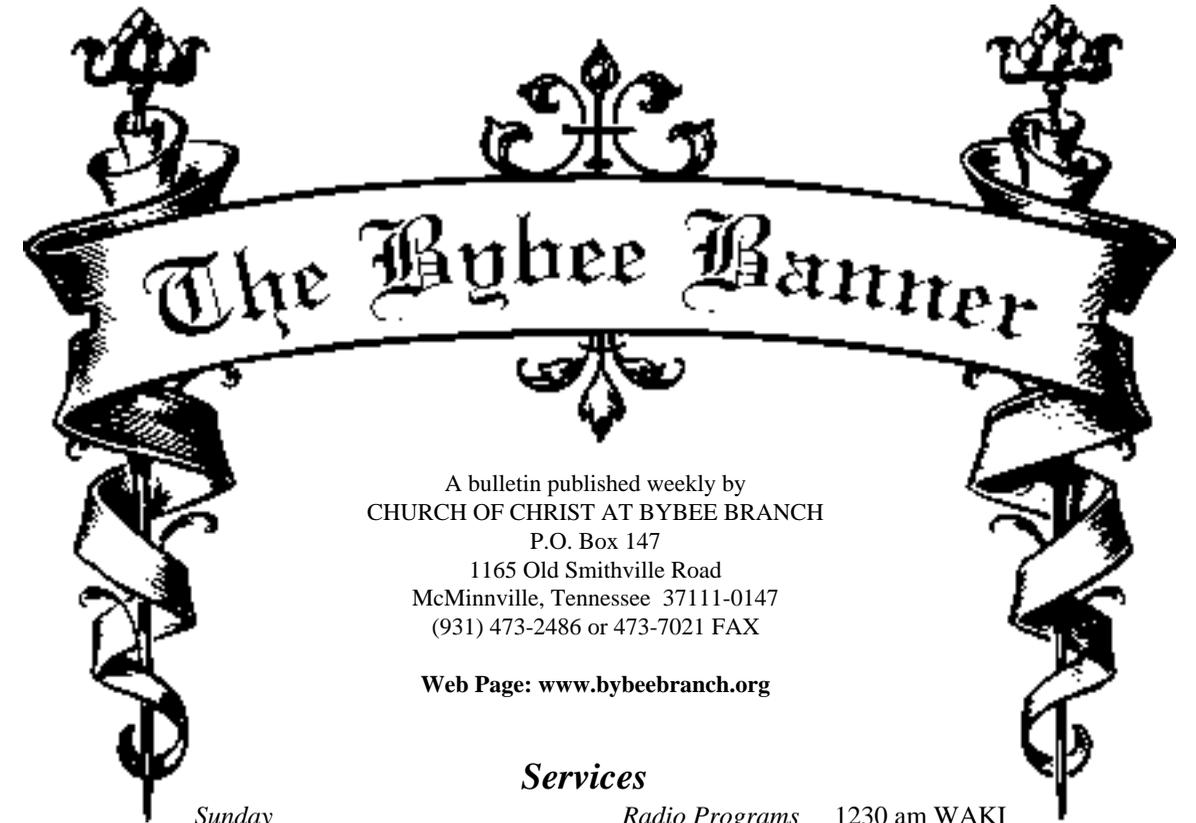
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Sick

At Home:

all were back with us Sunday night!

In The Hospital:

*Alma Hayes (sister-in-law to Nan Cantrell)-in ICU at St. Thomas
Charles Turner (father of Belinda York)-Riverpark*

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Righteousness Revealed
P.M. A Daily Christian Life: Prayer

VBS

We accidentally left the announcement of the Vacation Bible School at Mt. Leo out of our bulletin last week. It is going on this week through Thursday evening at 6:00-8:00 pm. They always have an excellent program.

Don't forget our VBS next week, July 16-18. Our theme will be Old Testament Prophets of God. We will have learning centers for children and classes for the adults with guest speakers. The time will be 7:00-8:30 pm.

In connection with our VBS you are asked to bring homemade cookies this coming Sunday.



"DON'T YOU HAVE IT ONLY ON TV?"

God's Beauty Shop

Make an appointment for a complete makeover. You can have a...

- * A **FACE** made to shine with wisdom (Ecclesiastes 8:1).
- * **LIPS** made lovely by speaking no guile (1 Peter 3:10).
- * **EYES** adorned with pity for the unfortunate (1 Peter 3:8; Matthew 25:3 1ff).
- * The **VOICE** improved by clean speech (1 Thess. 2:4).
- * **HANDS** tendered in acts of charity (Proverbs 3 1:20).
- * **FEET** made beautiful by bearing "glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15).
- * **POSTURE** made upright (Prov. 14:2).
- * The **WALK** improved by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7) and obedience (Luke 1:16).
- * The **WARDROBE** made new and becoming (Ephesians 4:22-23; Col. 3:8-15).
- * **ADORNMENT** with the most beautiful ornaments - "a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great Price" (1 Peter 3:4).

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." (Psalms 29:2)

~Adapted from W.T. Hamilton~



"MY PASTOR HAS BEEN MISSING FOR YEARS, AND YEARS, AND THEY STILL HAVEN'T GRADUATED?"

The Lawrences to move to a new house.

As was announced Sunday, the elders have approved our moving out of the "preacher's house" and buying our own home. We have been in the process of considering this for some time but waited on announcing until all of the details were worked out. Lord willing, we will be moving into our new home this weekend. Our new address will be: 16 N. Steeplechase Dr. Our phone number should remain the same.

We are extremely thankful for the privilege of living in the "preacher's house" for the past 16 years. It is a beautiful house and we have enjoyed living there. However, as we consider our future it makes more sense for us to build some equity in a home. As Bob Bonner said Sunday, we are getting older and one day we will need a home to retire in. Also, if something were to happen to me physically it would assure that my family would have a place to live. As many of you can imagine we are excited about having something we can call our own. We look forward to years of future service with the congregation here, or else we would not have wanted to buy a house. Our love for this congregation grows each day. We are truly thankful to the Lord and the congregation for the privilege of working here every day.

Feel free to stop by and visit us. Our door is still open to all, it is just only about 2 miles further down the road.

~Tony Lawrence~

"I Wonder Why..."

- * I wonder why some people get so upset with a preacher who preaches the truth, while condemning the politician who is too fearful to speak the truth?
- * I wonder why insisting on attendance at work and school "makes good sense" to folks, but preaching against non-attendance at worship assemblies is "brow-beating"?
- * I wonder why going "overtime" at a football game is "exciting," but to extend the worship of God by ten minutes is repudiated?
- * I wonder why a schoolteacher is commended for demanding that homework be done and textbooks be brought to class, while the Bible class teacher is criticized for asking that homework be done and Bibles be brought to class?
- * I wonder why elders who warn the sheep of false doctrine are called "unloving" and "narrow minded," but those who criticize them and call them names consider themselves to be loving and caring?
- * I wonder why the denominations are so well-supported financially, but the Lord's church is so woefully under funded?
- * I wonder why charitable organizations (like "Jerry's Kids") that basically beg for money are praised for their compassion, while the Lord's church is accused of "always having its hand out" when requesting money for soul-saving?
- * I wonder why we can find time for "volunteer work" in the community, while schedules are too crowded for church work?
- * I wonder why athletic contests take precedence over the study of the Word and praise of God?

I do wonder why ... don't you?

~Darwin L. Hunter~

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Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Larry Flatt
 Reading Doug Hendrixson
 Scripture Romans 1:18-22
 Lord's Table (N) *Ken Lee
 (S) *Dennis Gann
 (N) J.B. Gribble
 (N) Bran Merritt
 (N) John Nussbaum
 (S) Jeff Bond
 (S) Don Johnson
 (S) Jeff Templeton
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Noel Pepper

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Mike Driver
 Reading Marty Boles
 Scripture 1 Timothy 5:8
 Lord's Table *W.C. Chilton
 *Steve Hillis
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-2343) Bill Biles
 Lead Singing John Biddle
 First Prayer Paul Hurst
 Reading Billy Gilbert
 Invitation Joe Collins
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Welcome Committee

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 P.M. Jason & Sonia Vandagriff

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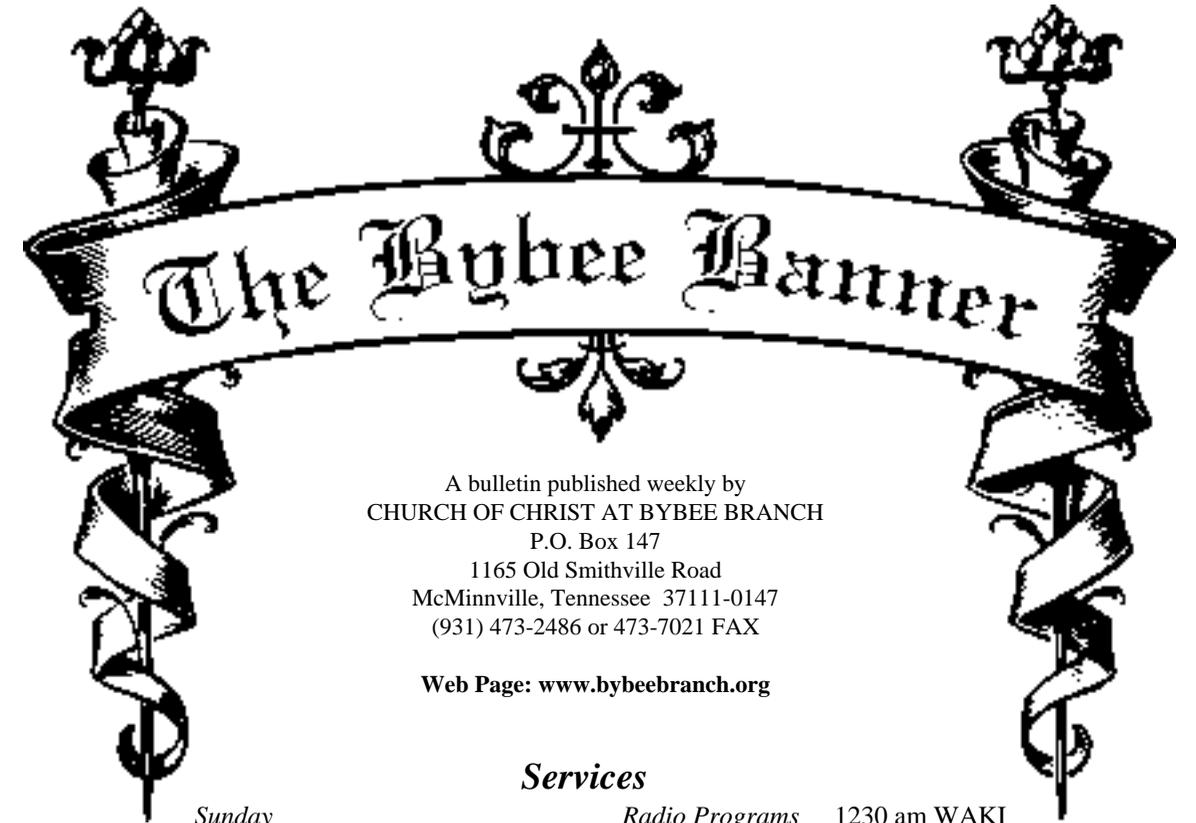
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Sick

At Home:

Martha Maxwell-following surgery
Charles Turner (father of Belinda York)

In The Hospital:

Alma Hayes (sister-in-law to Nan Cantrell)-in ICU at St. Thomas
Dickie Kesey-Centennial Medical Center-following triple by-pass surgery
Wilma Pepper (mother of Noel Pepper)-moved to NHC.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. God Revealed
P.M. A Daily Christian Life: Work

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of John Whiteaker, he passed away Sunday and his funeral was on Monday.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Bernard Wilson, father of Shane Wilson that attends with us some. His funeral was also on Monday.

Restoration

We rejoice with sister Tamela Roberts as she requested prayers to be restored Sunday afternoon. Let us all continue to encourage one another.

Young Girls Activity

There will be a young girls activity for girls that will be going into kindergarten up to 6th grade. It will be Saturday, July 21, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the church building. There will be a devotional, food, and games. See Lynette Maynard, Amy Prince, or Hilary McGinness for more details.

Phone Update

Last week when I noted that we had moved and had a new address I spoke too soon thinking that our phone number would not change. Please change your church directory to reflect that our new phone number is 668-9123. T.L.

Meetings & VBS's

Gospel Meeting at the *Ivy Bluff church of Christ*, July 15-19, with services at 7:00 pm each evening. Herb Alsup will be preaching.

Vacation Bible School at *Morrison church of Christ*, July 23-27, 9:00-11:00 am. Classes for all ages.

Homecoming and Gospel Meeting at the *Earleyville church of Christ*, July 29-August 2, with services at 7:00 pm each evening. Jeff Archey will be preaching.

Who Are We? Why Are We Here?

When people visit from church to church, they find some interesting differences. They often ask, "Why are there so many churches?" Why are there church buildings on every corner and all of them different? Does what we teach really make that much difference? If it does not, why don't all of the churches just build one church building and all worship together? If it matters, and it does, then we must be able to justify our convictions by some standard which God has authorized. Unless a "thus saith the Lord..." can be given, no group has a right to exist. If you are visiting us today, we hope you will consider the things we say and do as we seek to examine the Scriptures in search of that authority.

WHO ARE WE?

We are your neighbors, your friends, your family members and your customers. We are people, young, old and in-between, who want to be the church Jesus said He would build, Matthew 16:18. To do this we are

following the blueprint in the New Testament. We realize we are far from perfect, and we make mistakes more often than we should, but Jesus promises as long as we "walk in the light as He is in the light," His blood cleanses us from our sin, 1 John 1:7.

ARE WE A DENOMINATION?

Since we strive to be the church Jesus purchased with His blood, Acts 20:28, we cannot be members of a denomination, for none existed in the first century. Jesus' church cannot be a denomination. The unity Jesus prayed for, John 17:21, demanded more than just an "agree to disagree" attitude that tolerates the teachings and practices of man-made doctrines. In 1 Corinthians 1:10 we read, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." That is hardly descriptive of modern denominationalism. In fact, the very opposite is the case. Our unity is not based upon the writings of men, but the words of the scripture, which is the "word of God," 1 Thessalonians 2:13. It is obvious from almost 2,000 years of history that the religious division that prevails in the world today cannot be solved by the churches of men. We must go back to the Bible for our doctrine, our love for each other, our emphasis in life, our worship, the organization of the church and our evangelizing of the lost. That is what and who we are.

WHO IS HEAD OF 'OUR CHURCH'?

The church that Jesus purchased has never belonged to man, but to Him. "He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence," Colossians 1:18. We, therefore, do not make our own doctrines, do not make our own conditions for memberships, do not have an earthly headquarters, or a president. Jesus is the foundation on which the church is built, and even though in heaven, He is still the head of His church. We look to Him for our guidance, and we seek to please Him, not ourselves. That guidance comes from the Bible, as stated in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Since that is true, the Bible is essential to our worship, our Bible classes, and every part of our relationship to God and His church.

WHAT ABOUT WORSHIP?

Remembering that scripture is our source of authority in these matters, not our likes and dislikes, and that Christ is the head of the church, and not men, we then ask the question, "What does God authorize for our worship to Him?" I may prefer a banjo and a blue-grass band. You may enjoy the Boston Pops. Some may like the sound of the zither and the flute. But man is not the head of the church, so we must ask what *He* wants; What has God authorized? In the Bible, we discover that early Christians sang songs of praise and thanksgiving to God, Ephesians 5:19. It is very specific that every Christian was to sing "to the Lord," not entertain their brethren. They came together to take the *Lord's Supper* on the first day of the week, 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. *Preaching* the gospel was also integral to their worship, Acts 20:7. Their weekly contribution was given according to how they were prospered that week, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2. They *prayed* to their heavenly Father, asking for their daily needs, the forgiveness of their sins, and His constant support, Luke 11:2-4, Romans 12:12. If someone wants to add something else to their worship, we simply ask, "By what authority do you do so? 2 Colossians 3:17 demands that both our words and our deeds in service to God be "in the name of the Lord Jesus," or, as authorized by Him.

THE SEED OF THE KINGDOM

The Word of God is likened to a seed, Luke 8:11, and that same seed can be planted in the hearts of honest men and women today. By doing so the same harvest can be produced today as in the first century. By teaching the same doctrine, holding the same convictions, by worshiping God and living in harmony with the instructions given to early Christians, we can be the church Jesus built and purchased with His blood. No man has the right to change or modify those instructions, so we are going back to the original. Won't you come along with us; Back to the Bible?

~Carl B. Garner~

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Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard
 Reading Bill Womack
 Scripture Romans 1:24,26,28
 Lord's Table (N) *Tommy Crouch
 (S) *Chip Cantrell
 (N) Ryan Kesey
 (N) Marc Martin
 (N) Kraig Campbell
 (S) Harley Northcutt
 (S) Joe Roller
 (S) Bob Cantrell
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Willie Newby

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-1242) Paul Hurst
 Lead Singing Shane Fisher
 First Prayer Tyler Boyd
 Reading Bran Merritt
 Scripture TBA
 Lord's Table *Bruce Pryor
 *Abram Pryor
 Sermon Mike Driver
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer Chuck Boles
 Reading Tom McColloch
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Don Sullivan

Welcome Committee

A.M. Steve Hillis Family
 P.M. Ronnie Rogers Family

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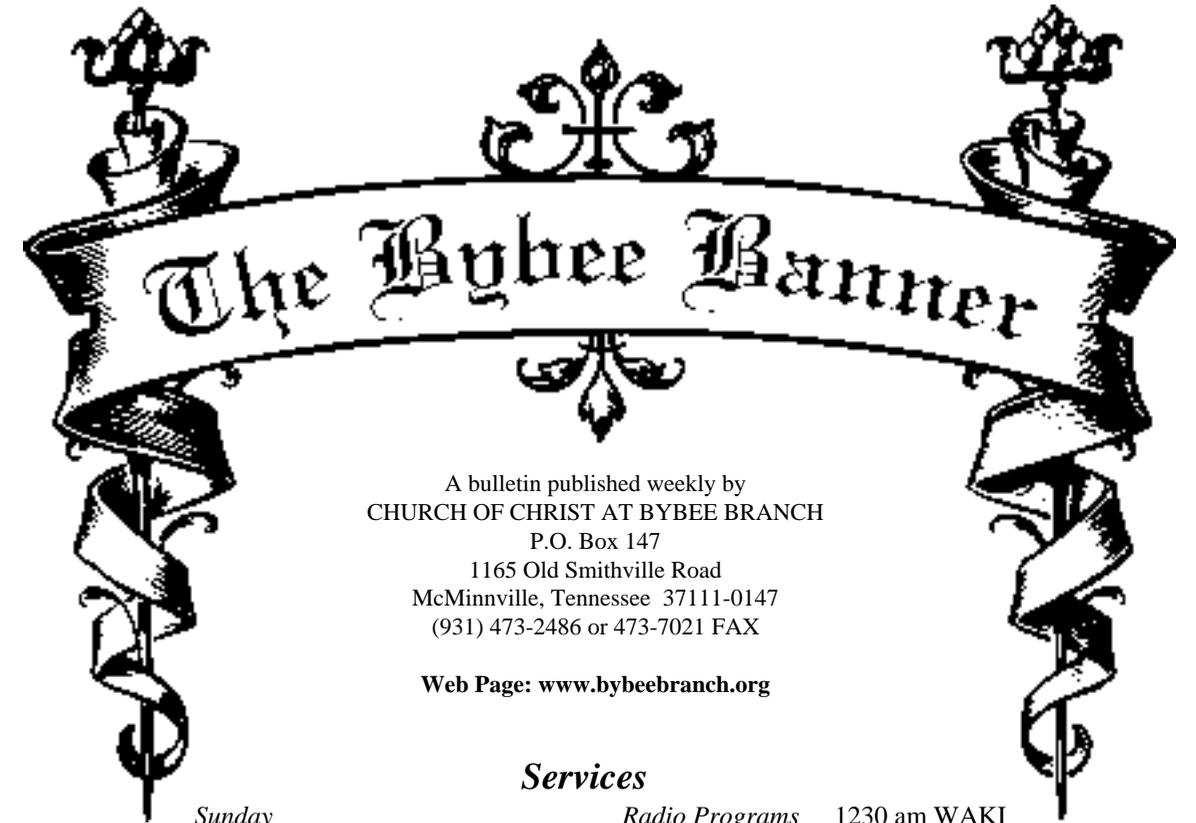
Pantry Item: Macaroni & Cheese

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	310
Bible Study	236
P.M. Worship	228
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Contribution	\$3,557

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James Settles-(brother of our Zollie Settles)-in Cleveland, OH hospital following stroke.

Daisy Sherrill-(mother of our Mickey Whiteaker)-rest home in Knoxville

Jerry Flatt-(father of our Jeff Flatt)-Chattanooga Memorial-following by-pass surgery

Vicky Gallagher-(sister to our Mary Flatt)-recovering at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville

Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in North Carolina. She can receive cards at 503 White Pine Drive; Durham, NC 27705-7511)

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Charles Turner, father of Belinda York. His funeral was this past week.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. When Does God Give Up On Us?

P.M. Young Men To Conduct Program

Restoration

We rejoice with sister Barbara King as she requested prayers to be restored Sunday morning. Let us all continue to encourage one another.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's general business meeting will be this coming Sunday evening, July 29, following services.

Newsletters

The newsletters for both the Hispanic and Thailand mission works are on the table in the lobby.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be this coming Sunday afternoon, July 29, at 5:00 pm.

Gospel Meetings

Earleyville church of Christ, July 29-August 2, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Jeff Archey preaching.

Smartt church of Christ, July 29-August 2, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Waymon Summers preaching.

Smyrna church of Christ, August 5-8, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Artie Collins preaching. (A VBS will be conducted for those ages 0-7 each evening).

Recommendation, A Good Book on the Home.

Brother James W. Boyd has written another book (in addition to his excellent commentary on Romans), and it is entitled "O, Give Me A Home." I can heartily recommend this book. Not only is it full of good, Scriptural teaching on the home, but it comes from a successful parent that has reared four faithful children. If you would like to purchase of these books, please see Steve Boyd.

New Church Directory

There will be a pictures made for a new church directory on August 27-28 and September 4-5 (from 3:00-9:30 PM). Mary Davis will again be in charge of this project. She, along with her good helpers always do a great job. If you feel that you need a specific time, contact her as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. Otherwise she will contact you about a suitable time to have your pictures taken. More details will be given in the near future.

Youth Activity

There will be a youth activity with food, recreation and devotional at River Front Park this Saturday, July 28, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Interruptions

I've watched church secretaries for years, and I will never understand how they get their work done. It's one interruption right after another all day long.

I've known preachers who would hide out a day or two each week just so they could prepare for their classes and sermons. Others have resorted to very early morning or late night hours so their concentration will not be broken by an unexpected guest or phone call. It's not that they are antisocial, its just that they, too, have calendars, schedules, appointments, and interruptions tend to play havoc with these.

Jess Moody, a preacher, has received unusual help. He relates how his secretary kiddingly call his study "Miami." This she says, makes it honest to say, "He isn't here; he is in Miami."

If we are not careful, interruptions can annoy us. We may even be following the path of the lady who said, "Don't interrupt me while I am interrupting."

One of the things that really impresses me about Jesus is how patient he was in the midst of interruptions. He was interrupted while speaking (Matt. 9:18), and even when he was in prayer (Mark 1:35-39). In Capernaum a paralytic was let down through the roof above Jesus while our Lord was in the middle of a sermon (Mark 2:1-12). When he was on his way to Jerusalem to die, a blind beggar cried out to him. The crowd shouted their disapproval, but Jesus stopped and gave the man his sight (Mark 10:46-50). One comes away with the feeling that the life of our Lord was just one interruption right after another. But none of these seemed to bother him. May God grant us this sensitivity and repose!

A teacher once remarked, "You know, my whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I discovered that my interruptions were my work."

~John Gipson~

TWELFTH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP

Our God Is An Awesome God

August 12-15, 2001

Speakers: James Watkins, Winford Claiborne, Glenn Colley, Paul Sain, Stan Stevenson, and Chris Whitaker

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds
 Reading Steve Hillis
 Scripture Romans 2:1-5
 Lord's Table (N) *Allen Hughes
 (S) *John Biddle
 (N) Tyler Boyd
 (N) Harold McGinness
 (N) Marty Boles
 (S) Shannon Griffin
 (S) Shane Fisher
 (S) Paul Hurst
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Hoyt Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Calvin Rogers
 Reading Frank Reynolds
 Scripture Proverbs 15:13
 Lord's Table *Ken Lee
 *Eddie Palmer
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bruce Pryor

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt
 Lead Singing Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer Noel Pepper
 Reading Larry Flatt
 Invitation Don Sullivan
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

Welcome Committee

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 P.M. Winfrey & Dorothy Hennessee

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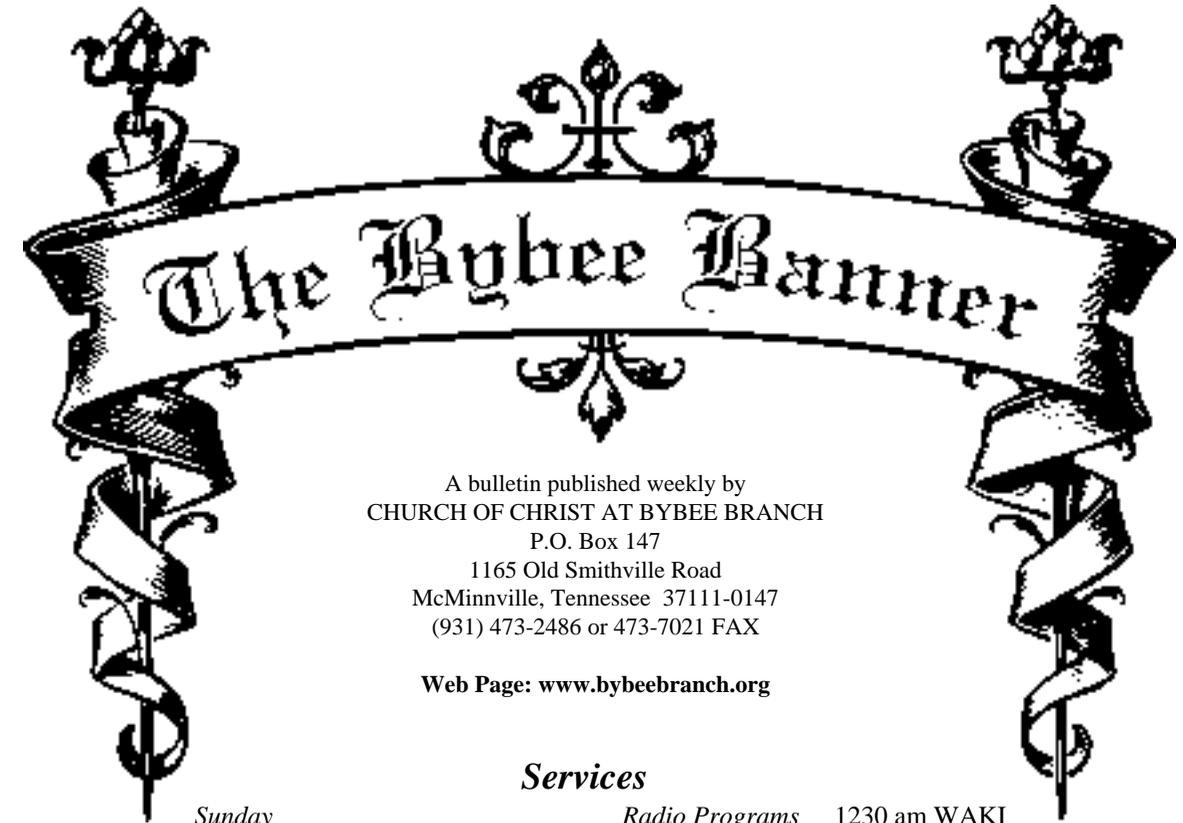
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 White Pine Drive; Durham, NC 27705-7511)

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Are You A Hypocrite?
 P.M. A Daily Christian Life: Attitudes

Baptism

We rejoice that Greg Grizzell put on the Lord in baptism
 this past Tuesday. Pray for him as he begins his new life
 in the Lord. He is the grandson of Nonie Grizzell and
 Eunice Simpson. His address and phone are below:

Greg Grizzell
 770 Long Mountain Road
 McMinnville, TN 37110
 668-7849

Gospel Meetings

Earleyville church of Christ, July 29-August 2, services
 at 7:00 pm each evening with Jeff Archey preaching.

Smartt church of Christ, July 29-August 2, services at
 7:00 pm each evening with Waymon Summers preaching.

Main Street church of Christ in Manchester, August 3-
 5, services at 7:00 pm each evening with David Hester
 preaching.

Smyrna church of Christ, August 5-8, services at 7:00
 pm each evening with Artie Collins preaching. (A VBS
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Pocahontas church of Christ, August 5-10, services at
 7:30 pm each evening with Clark Elkins preaching on
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Vacation Bible School

Dibrell church of Christ, August 6-10, services at 7:00
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August 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			TIM & CINDY FISHER	Rebecca Mullican Barbara Witty Amberly Thaxton	Shane Fisher	Kara Nunley
			1	2	3	4
	JOHNNY & DONNA ANDERSON	Lula Woodlee Cindy Rogers Kayla Medley Roberto Garibaldi		Mike Driver	DOUG & WANDA HENDRIXSON Brandon Lowry	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Freda Womack Ryan Kesey Allen Hughes	Dawn Wanamaker	Bob Bonner	Lucille Newby Marty Boles	Pearl Morton		Winfrey Hennessee Steve Hillis
12th Annual Bible Lectureship at Bybee Branch "Our God Is An Awesome God"						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Sheila Cantrell	Lora Thaxton Morris Griffith	Taylor Lane Mullican	Sharon Reynolds	Dennis Gann Clyde Christian Marek Sadlon RYAN & TAMMY MCKINNEY	BOB & ADA MAYFIELD
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Micah Lawrence	Linda Cantrell Steve Wilcher Jeffery Gilbert	Jennifer Flatt Miranda Rains Heather Campbell Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon Vera Settles	Clent Kesey Doris Wilcher	Isabell Bouldin	Mildred Lowry Carol Sue Taylor Megan Rhea	
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Don't Forget!

Our 12th Annual Bible Lectureship
August 12-15, 2001

Be sure to invite your friends to come with you on Sunday. We
 will have a fellowship meal following the morning services.

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Lead Singing	Michael Toby
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Tim Fisher
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Winfrey Hennessee
(S)	*Mike Driver
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
(N)	Eric Fisher
(N)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	Zollie Settles
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
Sermon	James Watkins
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	Michael Toby
First Prayer	Bob Mayfield
Reading	Joe Roller
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Jeff Flatt
	*Dennis Gann
Sermon	James Watkins
Dismiss	Ken Martin

Wednesday Bible Study

Lectureship

Welcome Committee

A.M. Steve Boyd Family
 P.M. Chip Cantrell Family

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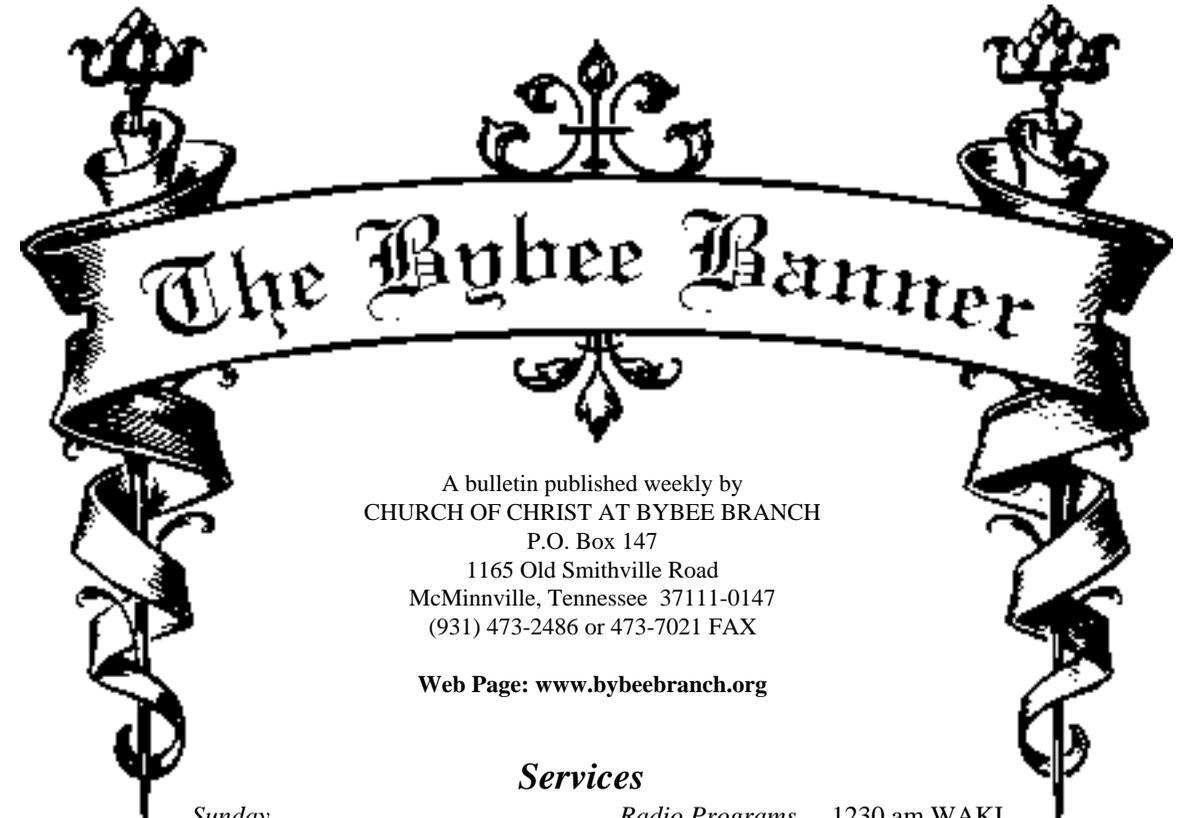
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Bible Study	233
P.M. Worship	264
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Contribution	\$5,592

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 Clyde Christian-following stay in hospital

In The Hospital:

Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in North Carolina. She can receive cards at 503 White Pine Drive; Durham, NC 27705-7511)
 Emma Jean Hice-Centennial Medical Center-being treated for kidney problems
 Greg Grizzell-Centennial Medical Center-Room 8122. Family requests prayers at this time.
 Almeta Cunningham (mother of Susan Pryor)-Coffee County Medical Center with a broken shoulder.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Earl Vandagriff, brother of our June Crouch. His funeral was this past Saturday.

Restoration & Baptism

We rejoice that on Wednesday evening Abram Pryor came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation. At the Gospel Meeting at Earleyville on Wednesday evening Mary Beth Atnip was baptized into Christ. We greatly rejoice with the decision of these two excellent young people.

Gospel Meetings

Pocahontas church of Christ, August 5-10, services at 7:30 pm each evening with Clark Elkins preaching on Sunday and Garland Elkins preaching Monday-Friday.

Bonner church of Christ, August 9-12, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Chris Whitaker preaching.

Vacation Bible Schools

Dibrell church of Christ, August 6-10, services at 7:00
Berea church of Christ, August 13-17, services at 7:15
Rockliff church of Christ, August 12-16, services at 7:00

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jane Golden
 Lena Mai Gribble
 Houston Stiles
 Carol Sue Taylor
 Magdalene Taylor

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
 Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
 Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
 Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Vada Campbell
 Carolyn Cantrell
 Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
 Rozelle Goodman
 Willene Kell
 Bessie Parker
 Sherry Pelham
 Robbie Vandagriff
 Violet Webb

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2001 LECTURESHIP PROGRAM

Our God Is An Awesome God

DATE/TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Sunday		
9:00 AM	The Father Is God	James Watkins
10:15 AM	The Son Is God	James Watkins
6:00 PM	The Holy Spirit Is God	James Watkins
Monday		
7:00 PM	The God of Wisdom	Winford Claiborne
7:45 PM	The God of Power	Glenn Colley
Tuesday		
7:00 PM	The God of Love	Paul Sain
7:45 PM	The God of Justice	Stan Stevenson
Wednesday		
7:00 PM	The God Who Reveals Himself	Chris Whitaker

Leading singing again this year will be Michael Toby, evangelist for the Selkirk church of Christ in Selkirk, Ontario



Fellowship Meal

On Sunday morning following the services there will be a fellowship meal for the congregation. All are encouraged to stay and enjoy the fellowship with one another. Please bring enough for your family and a little more for our visitors.

Classes during Lectureship

On Sunday morning the children in grades 3 and up will stay in the auditorium. Those in grade 2 and down will go to their classes during the Bible Class Hour. On Wednesday evening there will be no classes, all will stay in the auditorium.

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 First Prayer Chip Cantrell
 Reading Leonard Crouch
 Scripture Romans 3:1-2
 Lord's Table (N) *Larry Flatt
 (S) *Willie Newby
 (N) George Trail
 (N) Don Johnson
 (N) David McColloch
 (S) Joey Reynolds
 (S) Bran Merritt
 (S) J.B. Gribble
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Caleb Graves

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Don Griffith
 Reading Asa Kell
 Scripture Genesis 18:19
 Lord's Table *Chuck Boles
 *Kelly Thaxton
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kraig Campbell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt
 Lead Singing Steve Hillis
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert
 Reading Blake Sadlon
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Biles

Welcome Committee

A.M. Rickey Burkes Family
 P.M. Harley & Iona Northcutt

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Ushers: Tommy Crouch & Harry Felty

Attend Nursery: Mickie Whiteaker

Lock Building: Eddie Palmer

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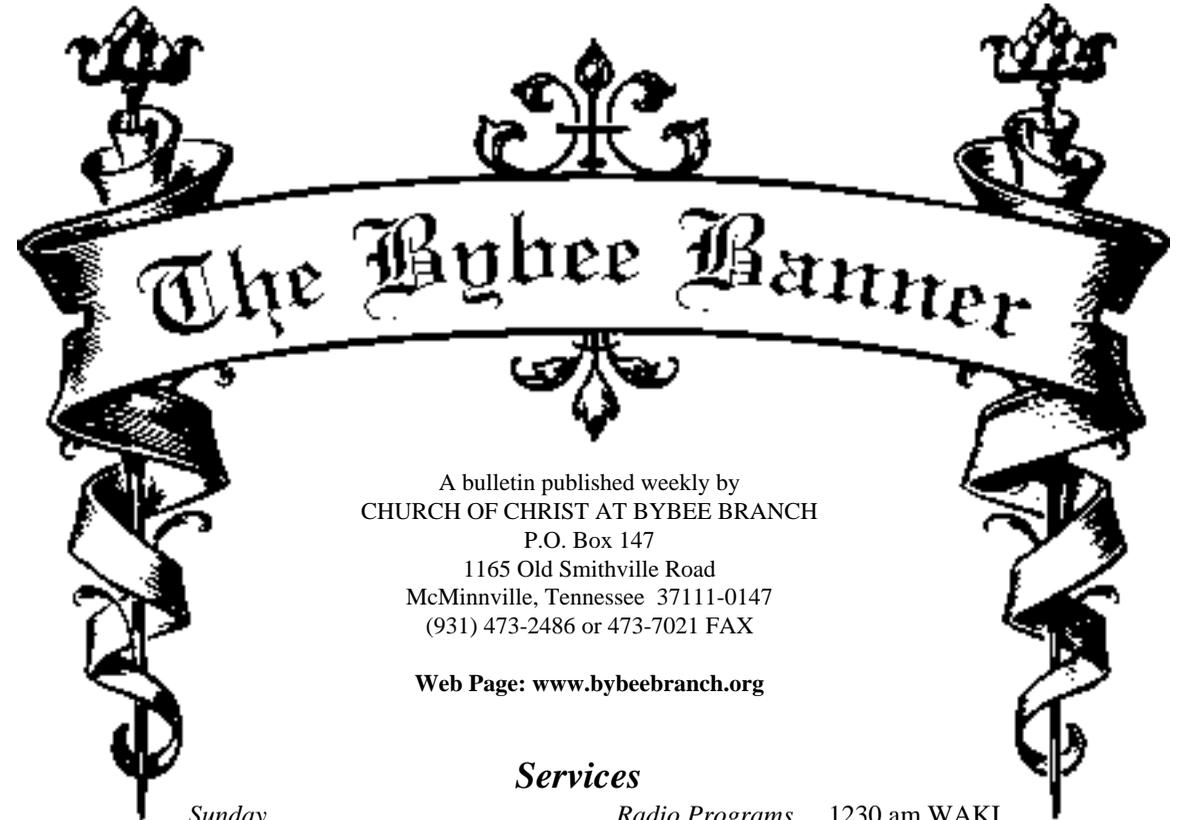
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 North Carolina. She can receive cards at 503
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 Clara Roller-St. Thomas with gall stones.
 Gladys Puckett (mother of Jan Kalonick)-
 Cookeville Hospital following heart attack

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A.M. Are You A "Privileged Person?"
 P.M. A Daily Christian Life: Family

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Remember that you are under no obligation to purchase any pictures and even if you do not plan to purchase pictures we would love for you to have your picture made so that it can be included in the directory. If you would like to know the prices for the pictures there are several price lists on the table in the foyer.

Welcome



We want to welcome the Burks (Rickey, Lisa, Chris, and Jeremy) family to the Bybee Branch congregation. Please add their names to the church directory.

Rickey, Lisa, Chris & Jeremy Burks
 330 Caldwell St.
 McMinnville, TN 37110
 506-2342

Hispanic Baptism

The angels of heaven rejoiced again Sunday evening when Jose Alberto Levenant was baptized into Christ. We all rejoice as the number of our brethren in the Hispanic congregation continues to grow.

The Only Ones?

"Do you all think you are the only ones who are right?"
"Is it true that you believe you are the only ones going to heaven?" Who among us has not been faced with the preceding questions and others like them? How should we answer such questions? Can we be dogmatic about answering them?

Ours is an age of broadmindedness. Tolerance is shown to everyone except those who are not broadminded. Often, the most intolerant attitudes are manifested by those who are allegedly the most tolerant. Thus, the claim that a certain way is the only way or the idea that certain ones are the only approved ones, is rejected immediately

by our general culture. Notwithstanding these cultural attitudes, Jesus said that the way that leads to eternal life is narrow and that the broad way leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13,14). In fact, God's way has always been narrow. Throughout Bible history, certain ones have been the only ones who were pleasing to God.

Cain and Abel brought offerings of worship to God. Abel's offering was accepted whereas Cain's was rejected (Gen. 4:1-5). Of the two worshippers the only one who pleased God was Abel. Suppose Cain had said, Do you think your worship is the only kind acceptable to God? Do you think that you are the only one who is right? How could Abel have answered? He could have said, "I believe that God's way is the only right way and that is the way that I am seeking to follow".

Likewise, Nadab and Abihu offered worship unto God. However, the text declares that they "offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord" (Lev. 10:1,2). Imagine some friends of Nadab and Abihu saying to the other priests, "Do you think you are the only ones who worship correctly? Do you think the depository of God's truth on how to worship rests with you?" I seriously doubt that such a conversation took place, for God had quite obviously demonstrated that there was one way to worship him and that was his way. One of the major theological principles of the Bible is that God's holiness be honored by strict observance of his ordinances.

In 1 Samuel 13, King Saul was surrounded by the Philistine army. He waited seven days for Samuel to come and offer a burnt offering to God. When Samuel did not arrive, Saul grew impatient and took it upon himself to offer the sacrifice himself. No sooner had he finished offering the sacrifice when Samuel arrived on the scene. Samuel immediately rebuked Saul for his unlawful sacrifice. Visualize Saul saying to Samuel, "Do you think that you and your little bunch are the only ones approved of by God in offering sacrifices? Do you think you are the only ones?" How could Samuel have replied? He might have said, "God has authorized certain ones as the only ones qualified to perform this action. If you have a

problem with that, you can take it up with the Lord".

A similar instance is found in the action of King Uzziah as recorded in 2 Chronicles 26:16-21. King Uzziah entered the temple of God and burnt incense upon the altar. Azariah the priest went in after him with eighty others to confront him with his sin. They said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense" (2 Chr. 26:18). Uzziah became furious. Envision Uzziah saying, "Do you think that you and your little group of priests are the only ones who can burn incense to God? What a self-serving, narrow-minded group of legalists you all are! Why you must think you're the only game in town!" The truth of the matter is that these priests were the only ones God had authorized to perform this act of service. God struck Uzziah with leprosy until the day of his death.

A different character named Uzza was struck dead by God for touching the ark of the covenant (1 Chr. 13:10). This could have been avoided if the ark of the covenant had been transported as God had directed. God had decreed that the ark be transported by only Levites who would put poles in the rings of the ark and carry it by holding on to the poles. (Ex. 25:10-16; 1 Chr. 15:2). Uzza was not a Levite and the ark was being transported on an cart. Suppose the family of Uzza had said to the Levites, "Do you think you all are the only ones who can carry the ark?". In reality, the Levites were the only ones who could carry the ark and be pleasing to God.

Is there a group of people today who can be identified as the only ones who are pleasing to God? Absolutely. The only ones who are pleasing to God today are those who do God's will in God's way. Who are the only ones who are going to be saved? Those who are in his body, which is his church, of which there is only one (Eph. 5:23; 1:22,23; 4:4). Who are the only ones going to heaven? Let Jesus answer the question. "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven (Matt. 7:21).

~B.J. Clarke~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Steve Boyd
 Reading Jeff Flatt
 Scripture Romans 4:1-8
 Lord's Table (N) *Jim Slatton
 (S) *Noel Pepper
 (N) Harley Northcutt
 (N) Micah Lawrence
 (N) Carl Roberts
 (S) Barry Hendrixson
 (S) Joe Maynard
 (S) Tom McColloch
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Don Sullivan

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson
 Reading Kurt Mayard
 Scripture Acts 2:42
 Lord's Table *Joe Collins
 *Chuck Boles
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Rickey Hurst

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer Chuck Medley
 Reading Bob Cantrell
 Invitation Danny Duncan
 Dismiss Ken Lee

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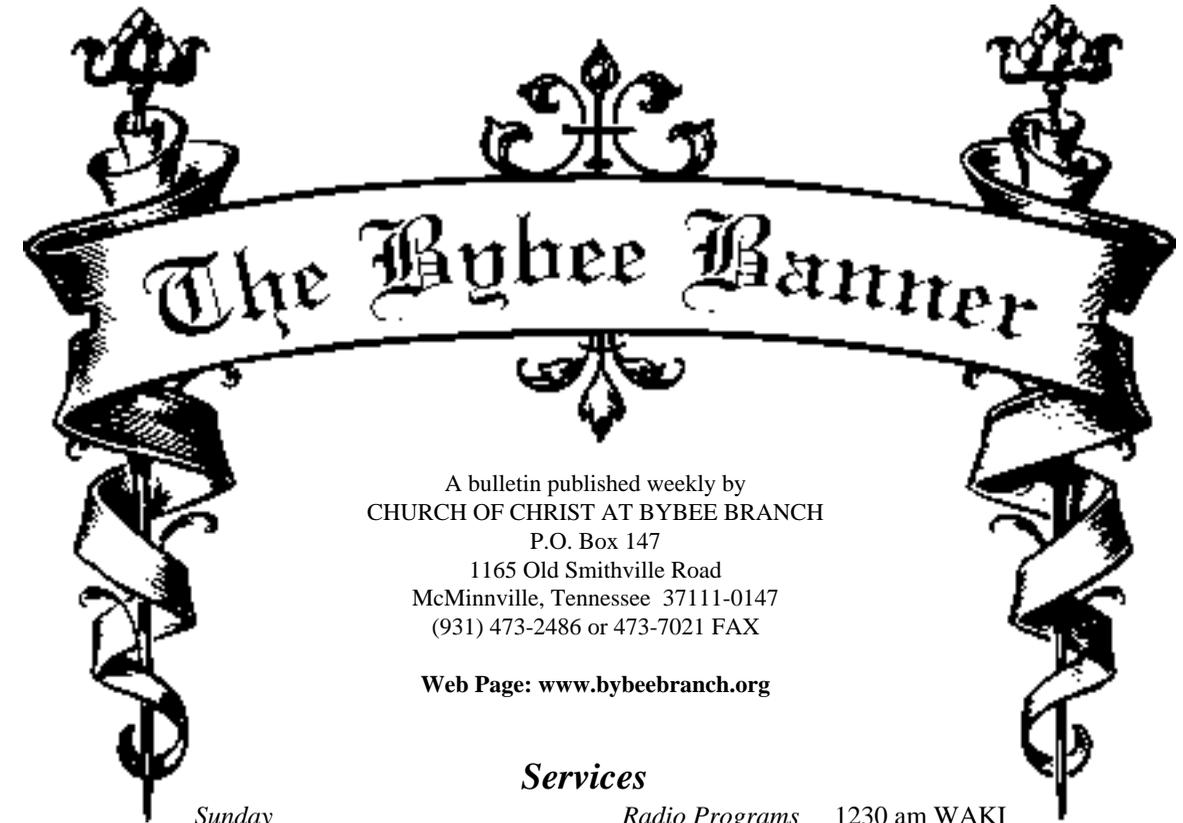
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Sick

At Home:

Rozelle Goodman-following pacemaker surgery.

Florene Nokes-following a tests in the hospital

Clyde Christian-following stay in hospital

Emma Jean Hice

Almeta Cunningham (mother of Susan Pryor)

Clara Roller

In The Hospital:

Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in North Carolina. She can receive cards at 503 White Pine Drive; Durham, NC 27705-7511)

Gladys Puckett (mother of Jan Kalonick)-

Cookeville Hospital following heart attack

Betty Hill-to enter St. Thomas for brain tumor surgery on Thursday.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. What Do You Have To Brag About?

P.M. A Godly Church-Jerusalem

Restoration

We greatly rejoice with sister Kara Nunley as she came forward Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the congregation. Please remember her in your prayers.

Gospel Meeting

Shady Grove church of Christ, August 26-31, services at 7:30 pm each evening with Leroy Dedmon preaching.

U.B.S.

Hebron church of Christ, August 19-22, services at 7:00 pm each evening with the theme: The Church. Different adult speakers each evening.

Trip to Athens-Cairo-Rome

On December 27-January 5, there will be a trip to these biblical sites. Those who would desire to make this trip are encouraged to contact Tony about details in the next few days as the the number going must be set by September 25.

You can be assured that this will be the trip of a lifetime. It is not just a sightseeing trip but will also concentrate on the biblical significance of these places. For those of you who love to travel, why not make a trip where you will strengthen your faith and gain some biblical knowledge?

Church Directory

Next week the photographer will arrive to begin taking pictures for church directory. We want to make our directory the best it can possibly be and it won't be complete without YOU. Even if you do not desire to purchase any pictures, please have your picture made so that our directory can be complete. If you haven't made an appointment yet, Mary can still squeeze you in.

We will also take some pictures over the next couple of weeks of our classes and groups. Thanks for your cooperation.

Bible Bowl Plans

The season for the Bible Bowl is coming up. This successful event for the youth of our congregation has been one of the high spots over the years. The schedule for this year is as follows:

Date	Host	Assigned Text
Oct 14	Woodbury	Galatians 1-3
Nov 11	Central	Galatians 4-6
Dec 9	Mt. Leo	Ephesians 1-3
Jan 13	New Union	Ephesians 4-6
Feb 10	East End	Philippians
Mar 10	Bybee Branch	Colossians

Thanks for 16 Years

On August 27, 1985 the moving van arrived in McMinnville to move us to work with the church at Bybee Branch. At that time we had two small sons, Mark was starting first grade and Micah had just turned 3 years old. At that time the only people we knew by name were the elders and had only visited the city three times. However, from the very first time we arrived we felt loved and welcome. Over the years we have come to love the congregation even more. To quote the radio personality, Dave Ramsey, we have been treated "better than we deserve."

Most preachers have struggled with their works, but I have enjoyed a relationship with this congregation that has been excellent. I have enjoyed the strong support of the eldership from the very first day. Never have I ever felt the pressure to compromise the Truth, nor have I ever been restrained from declaring the whole counsel of God. Likewise the encouragement from the whole congregation has been overwhelmingly positive even when dealing with difficult issues. And, it has been a thrill to see many of these "little ones" grow up and become faithful Christians.

A number of changes have occurred over the past 16 years. Brother Rodney Reynolds is the only one of the original elders to hire me. A number of great servants of God have gone on to be with the Lord over the years. It has been very difficult to give up many of these. Their leadership and encouragement was a source of strength and stability for this congregation. However, it has been a blessing to see others rise to the occasion and fulfill the task of leadership. And, others are growing and developing so that the church here may see even greater days in the future.

This year saw a big change for us as we moved into our own home. However, the encouragement in this area has been so humbling. The many good wishes have been overwhelming. We had hoped that everyone would understand our desire to have our own home but were surprised how much you really cared for our needs.

Another event also has its anniversary next week. Two years ago we were blessed with the arrival of the Roberto Garibaldi family. His diligent service in the Lord's Kingdom is greatly appreciated. He is a tireless servant in the teaching of the Gospel. Due to his sowing the seed, over 50 precious souls have been added to the Lord's church during this time.

There are several Scriptures that come to mind as I think about the last 16 years:

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." Romans 1:8, NKJV.

"We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you," Colossians 1:3, NKJV.

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other," 2 Thessalonians 1:3, NKJV.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-8, NKJV.

~Tony Lawrence~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Rickey Burks
 Reading Chuck Boles
 Scripture Romans 5:6-8
 Lord's Table (N) *Ricky Prince
 (S) *Bob Bonner
 (N) Eugene Wilcher
 (N) John Stembridge
 (N) Jeff Bond
 (S) Harry Felty
 (S) Kevin Judkins
 (S) Chris Burks
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss David Chilton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer John Biddle
 Reading Harold McGinness
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:1-3
 Lord's Table *Eddie Palmer
 *Ken Lee
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Calvin Rogers
 Reading Willie Newby
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Rodney Reynolds

Welcome Committee

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 P.M. Danny Duncan Family

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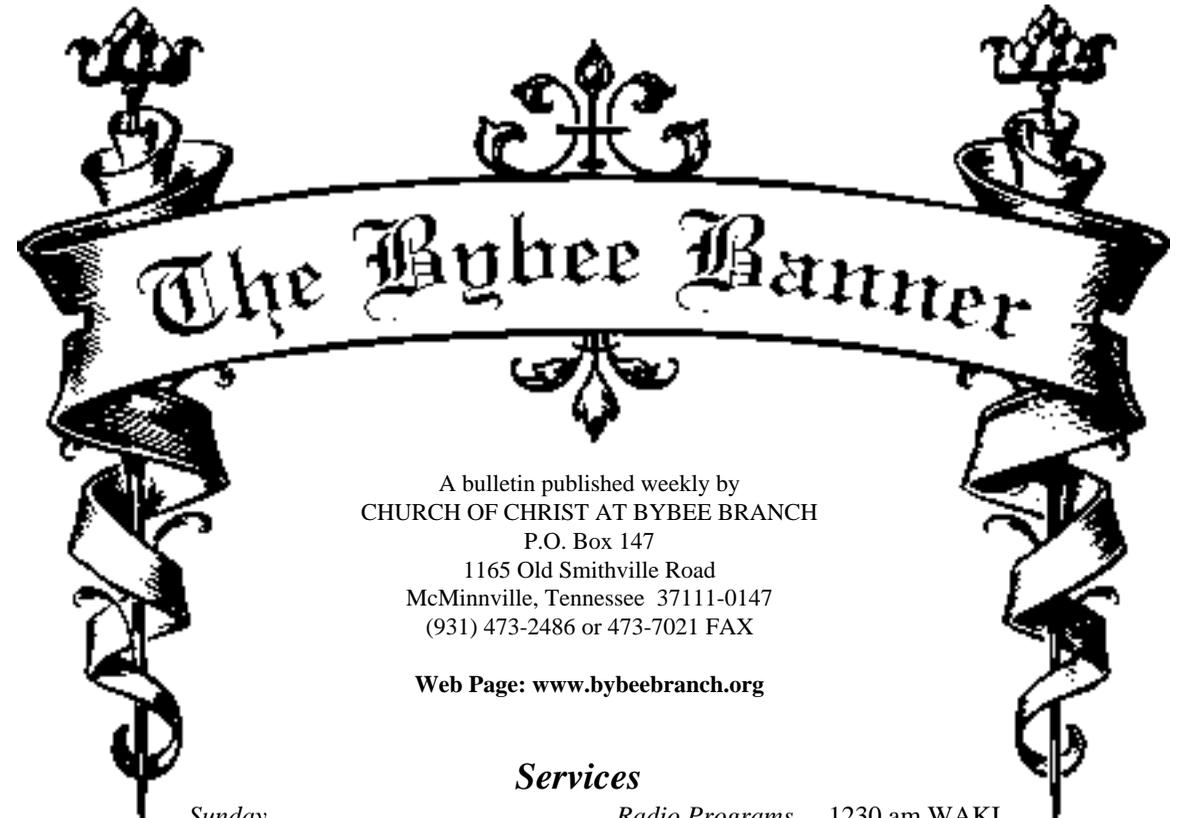
Pantry Item: Breakfast Cereal

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 321
 Bible Study 247
 P.M. Worship 244
 Wednesday Bible Study 222
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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Chuck Medley
 Reading Dennis Gann
 Scripture Romans 6:1-4
 Lord's Table (N) *Rickey Hurst
 (S) *Ronnie Prince
 (N) Jeremy Burks
 (N) Steve Wilcher
 (N) Buell Warren
 (S) John Nussbaum
 (S) Dennis Gann
 (S) Rodney Maynard
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Zollie Settles

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2184) Don Sullivan
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Steve Hillis
 Reading Tom McColloch
 Scripture Matthew 12:12
 Lord's Table *Frank Reynolds
 *Mike Driver
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Biles

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt
 Reading Bran Merritt
 Invitation Rickey Burks
 Dismiss Ken Martin

Welcome Committee

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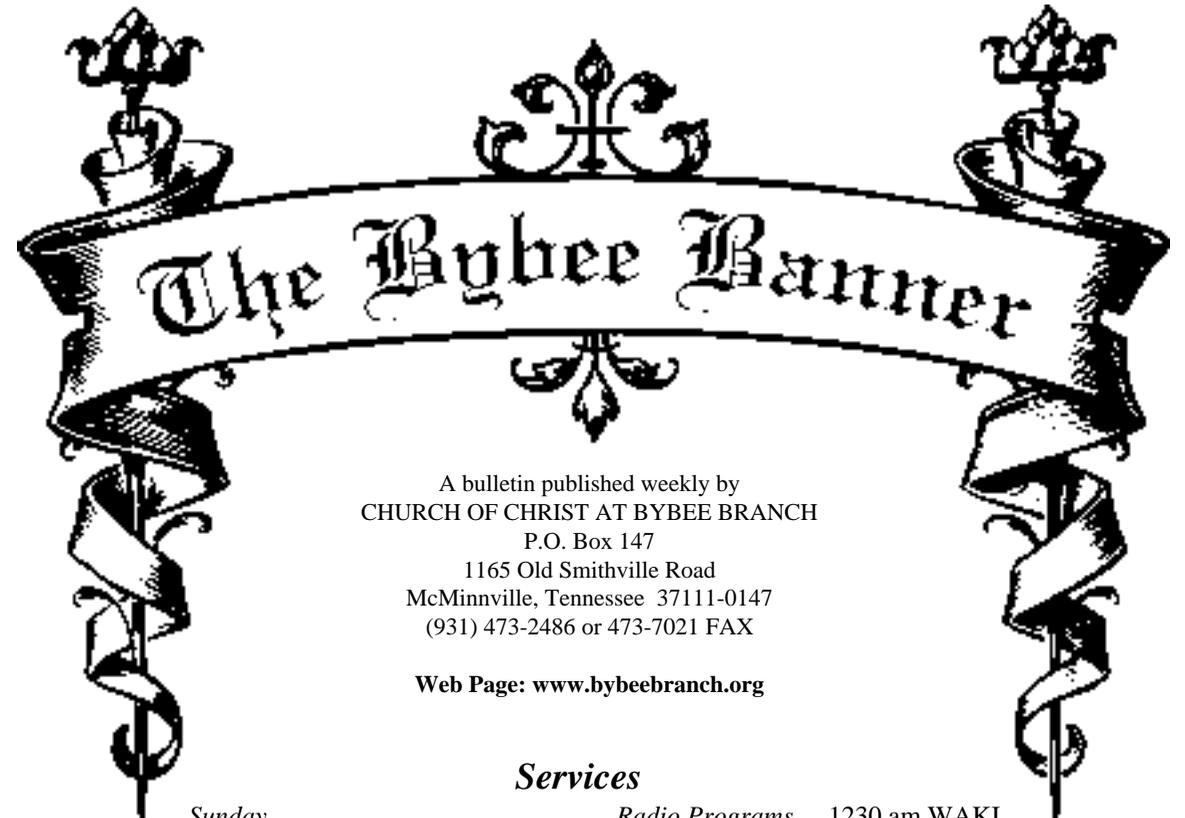
Pantry Item: Baked Beans

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A.M. Worship	364
Bible Study	261
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At Home:

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Jonathan Goodman-following stay in hospital

Cody Prince-following eye surgery

Asa & Sarah Kell

In The Hospital:

*Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in
North Carolina. She can receive cards at
503 White Pine Drive; Durham, NC
27705-7511)*

Betty Hill-St. Thomas after brain surgery

*Harold Lee (nephew of Ken Lee)-cancer
surgery in Akron, OH.*

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of W.T. "Bill" Cantrell who died Thursday. He was the brother-in-law to our Woodrow Glenn.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Why Not Just Go Ahead And Sin?

P.M. What Are You Worth?

Gospel Meetings

West Sparta church of Christ, September 9-13, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Jeff Archey preaching.

Morrison church of Christ, September 16-19, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Hardeman Nichols preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, September 16-20, services at 7:00 pm each evening with James Watkins preaching.

Quebeck church of Christ, September 23-25, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jane Golden

Lena Mai Gribble

Houston Stiles

Carol Sue Taylor

Magdalene Taylor

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell

Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N

Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada

Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Vada Campbell

Carolyn Cantrell

Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Bessie Parker

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

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**Have You Been Attending
Bible School Lately?
You Really Need To...**

Worship With Clowns!

Our society today seems to be geared toward entertainment. As is usually the case, whatever becomes popular in society filters into the spiritual realm. The "Women's Liberation Movement" certainly made its inroads in past decades, as well as other changes that are taking places among some of our congregations today. The denominational world has long understood the logical concept of entertainment in worship. For example, in the early eighties, when we lived and worked in Knoxville, there was a family that visited our services one Sunday morning. Later, while talking to one of our members (who was somewhat acquainted with this family), I inquired as to the possibility of our contacting this family, and maybe having a Bible Study with them. He informed me that he had talked to the man, and he told him they would be going to a certain denominational group because they had more to offer them than any church they had visited. This brother proceeded to tell me about this particular church's progression from a piano, to a "choir" and a full scale "band" with several different instruments being used. Such may produce growth in number, but not true spirituality!

Growth does not necessarily mean something is wrong doctrinally. Yet, if our growth is the result of using unauthorized practices in worship, then such is not pleasing to God (Gal. 1:10). This past week I received a bulletin that was promoting a "*Children's Church Service*" that provided "*Clowns*" during the morning worship hour. It was styled as a "*ministry*" of another congregation. Are some now willing (among us) to debase the power of the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16) to a "Clown Ministry" for our youth? I'm sure such will attract the kids, as well as some adults, but what does such performance impress upon the minds of our youth? There is certainly nothing wrong in taking our youth to the "big top" to see Clowns, but to bring such entertainment into a service implies that God's instruction for worship has been abandoned! Worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) is God's desire for our worship to Him. Novelties in service to God are not new. Nadab and Abihu offered "strange fire" to Him, but not with acceptance (Lev. 10:1ff.). The children of Israel (including Aaron) desired and used an "attraction" for their service at Sinai (Ex. 32:), but was God pleased with such? *And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:* (Ex. 32:7).

Instrumental music, clapping, waving hands, and "Clowns" can be fun things at a "Circus". However, our Lord for our homage to Him does not sanction such. Does not our "love" for God manifest itself in obedience to His will (John 14:15)? Is not His will found in His word (John 12:48)? Since His word supplies unto us "*all things that pertain unto life and godliness*" (2 Pet. 1:3), then why do we need to "bring on the Clowns"? What's next? "*Here Come the Tigers*"?

~Wayne Lankford~

The East Main Messenger, August 26, 2001

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Eddie Palmer
 Reading Brett Merritt
 Scripture Romans 7:7-12
 Lord's Table (N) *Noel Pepper
 (S) *Bob Mayfield
 (N) Lee Gann
 (N) Joe Roller
 (N) Ryan Kesity
 (S) Asa Kell
 (S) Marc Martin
 (S) Abram Pryor
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee
 Reading Jeff Templeton
 Scripture TBA
 Lord's Table *David Chilton
 *Allen Hughes
 Sermon Jim Waldron
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
 Lead Singing John Biddle
 First Prayer Larry Flatt
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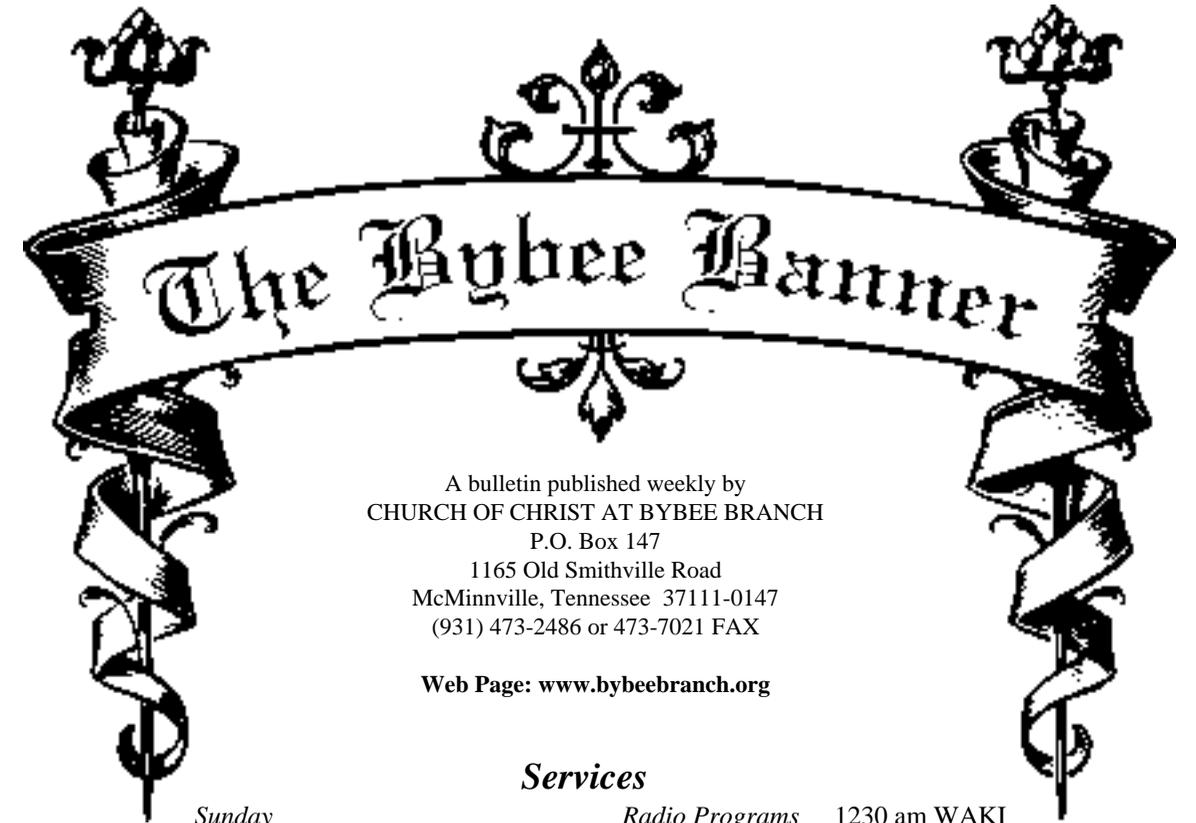
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Winfrey Hennessee

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*Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in
North Carolina. She can receive cards at
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Betty Hill-St. Thomas after brain surgery

Clyde Christian-Riverpark

Bill Roach (husband of Mae Roach)-Riverpark

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. What Good Is The Old Testament?

P.M. Guest Speaker: Jim Waldron

Diana Singing

The Diana Singing will be this coming weekend, September 14,15, beginning at 7:30 pm. There are cards on the table in the foyer which give directions how to get there.

Gospel Meetings

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Now that the pictures have been taken, the activity pages will be composed and the remaining details will be gathered as soon as possible. During the next couple of weeks we need two more things.

1. If you were unable to get your picture made, please submit a photo to go into the "Not Available" section. If it is a professional made photograph and not by Olan Mills we will need to obtain a release. If it a personal made photo or one made by Olan Mills there will be no problems.

2. A copy of the names, addresses and phone numbers will be placed in a roster sheet on the bulletin board. If everything is correct (spelling, address, etc), please put a check by your name. If it is not correct, please tell us.

Hispanic Baptism

We rejoice again with our brethren in the Hispanic congregation over the baptism of Rosario Ruiz this past Sunday afternoon.

Some Church Signs

"Ask about our pray-as-you-go plan."

"I was going to waste but Jesus recycled me."

Come in and let us prepare you for your finals."

"You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out."

"Do You Know How Old Your Children Are?"

The Bible class was shocked by the question. Their brother in Christ had said he was concerned if the fathers knew how old their children were.

One dad angrily replied, "Of course we know how old are children are!"

The concerned member replied, "I don't mean to irritate you, but you all seem confused about how old they are."

Another man challenged, "Tell us how we seem confused."

"I will," the concerned member softly answered, "but you will not like the answer. I will start with Nathan, who is not expected to sit still for thirty minutes during the sermon, because he is 'too young'..."

"He is too young!" interrupted Nathan's father.

"Perhaps, but you expect him to sit for hours in school," continued the concerned member. "Then there is Sharon, who is old enough to sing with the radio, but is not expected to sing with the congregation. And what about Michael? He will not even say, 'Hello' when an adult greets him after services. He learned the rules of soccer, so why can't he learn basic etiquette? And what about Janice? Is she too young for the Bible? Her Bible class reads paraphrased 'Bible stories' rather than the Bible itself, yet she is 'old enough' to watch PG movies.

Is Jimmy really too young to learn the books of the Bible? He was able to learn the fifty states. And how can Ellen be old enough to write a paper for school, but too young to look up the scripture references during the sermon? How can Tiffany... "All right, you can stop," said Tiffany's father.

There was silence for a few moments, then another father said, "I have been treating my child as if he were grown up during the week and as if he were a baby on Sunday. It seems the rest of us have not done much better. God told us to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). And I do not think we have been doing it very well."

No one answered. The silence that followed was the silence of prayer.

~Kent Davis~

About Children:

"Did you behave in church?" asked Junior's mother. "I sure did," Junior answered. "I heard the lady sitting behind me, say, 'I never saw a child behave like that before in all my life.'"

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4, NKJV.

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Frank Reynolds
Reading	Carl Roberts
Scripture	Matthew 18:1-6
Lord's Table (N)	*Rodney Reynolds
(S)	*Calvin Rogers
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
(N)	Caleb Graves
(N)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Kraig Campbell
(S)	Leonard Crouch
Sermon	Rickey Burks
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Joey Reynolds
Scripture	Luke 18:1
Lord's Table	*Billy Gilbert
	*Jeff Flatt
Sermon	Rickey Burks
Dismiss	Chip Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Hoyt Crouch
Invitation	Kurt Maynard
Dismiss	Chuck Boles

Welcome Committee

A.M. Rodney & Patsy Reynolds
 P.M. George & Joy Trail

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Willie Newby & Dale Bennett

Attend Nursery: Lisa Burks

Lock Building: David Chilton

Trash Pickup: Leonard Clemons

Cards & Pencils: Steve Boyd

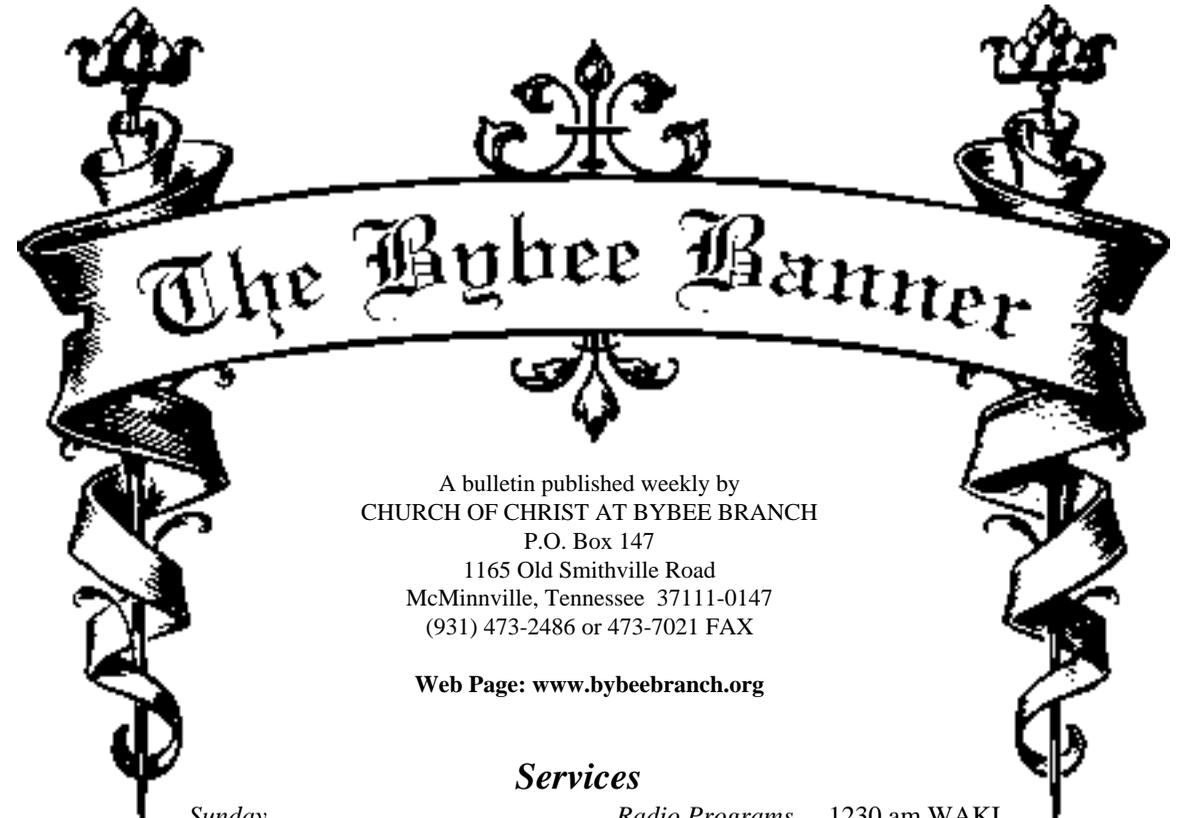
Pantry Item: Beef Stew

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	331
Bible Study	243
P.M. Worship	213
Wednesday Bible Study	243
Contribution	\$4,263

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Rodney Reynolds	473-3570

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Betty Hill
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Doyle Pryor (Bruce's father)-Centennial Medical Center-tumor on liver.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Are You A Help or Hindrance?
 P.M. Two Mistakes About Prayer

Elders-Deacons Meeting

There will be an Elders-Deacons Meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm.

Gospel Meetings

Morrison church of Christ, September 16-19, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Hardeman Nichols preaching.

Oakland church of Christ, September 16-18, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Carl Sims preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, September 16-20, services at 7:00 pm each evening with James Watkins preaching.

Quebeck church of Christ, September 23-25, services at 7:00 pm each evening with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Baptism & Restoration

It was a joyous occasion last Wednesday evening when Clent Kesey was baptized into Christ following the evening services.

On Sunday evening Miranda Rains requested the prayers of the congregation as she struggles to be a faithful Christian.

Please remember these two young people in your prayers this week.

Hispanic Baptisms

Our Hispanic brethren continue to grow in number. This past Sunday morning four more were baptized into Christ.

New Arrivals

Congratulation to Barry and Anna Hendrixson on the birth of a baby boy, Porter Harvey Hendrixson, born last Saturday.

Also congratulations to Angie Caldwell, who is a new grandmother.



“THAT’S FIVE STRAIGHT WEEKS OF RERUNS, PREACHER. WHEN DOES THE NEW SEASON START?”

Community Churches and Generic Names

Some churches are changing their names from names like “First Street Church of Christ” to generic names, such as “The Community Church” or “The Family of God.” Proponents of such a change, with whom I have discussed the matter, say that the traditional name, “Church of Christ,” has “too much baggage” attached to it and that “it has a negative effect when people see that name on a sign in front of the church building.” It is argued that a generic name will not “turn people off” and will be more effective in reaching people. I find this to be so ironic because of something that took place recently in Florence.

After worship service one Sunday morning, I met a young couple who was visiting us for the first time. Sean and Candice had just moved here from Oregon, after he accepted a position with Big River Broadcasting Company. He was a Catholic and she was a Mormon. Rarely have I studied with anyone so hungry to know the Truth as they were, so I was not surprised when they were baptized for the remission of sins and became Christians three weeks later. Now, here is the ironic part. Sean told me that, before they came to worship that first Sunday, they were walking in downtown Florence and saw our sign which reads, “Wood Avenue Church of Christ.” They did not know anything about us - had never even seen a “church of Christ building.” But Sean said they decided to come to Wood Avenue because they wanted to be part of a church that unashamedly identifies themselves as a church that belongs to Christ! How ironic! That which initially attracted Sean and Candice is the very thing that some want to change!

~ David Sain~

America Attacked — God Called Upon

The events of the past week will be firmly burned in the minds of most Americans for the rest of their lives. One of the most despicable displays of the wanton taking of life occurred in the cities of New York and Washington DC. Men, women and children have tried to make sense out of what happened. How does a nation go to war with those whom they do not know, nor where they are located? What can the individual do in times like these? These and others are burning questions in the minds of reasonable people.

One beneficial by-product of these events has been the almost universal recognition of God. Those men and women in Congress that just a few months ago who were trying to be “politically correct” by removing religion from the public arena stood on the steps of the capitol and sang “God Bless America.” The ones who have been so adamant that public prayers violate the separation of church and state, have said publicly, “in times like these, all we can do is pray.” How quickly the hearts of men change when they realize how dependent they are upon the God of heaven!

There are good folks with tender hearts as is evidenced by the vast numbers of people willing to contribute their money, their blood, and other needed items to the ones visited by this tragedy. Many people are now thinking more seriously about eternity than one week ago. Why not take the time when you and your friends discuss the seriousness of these events, to ask them to attend services with you? Encourage them to go where God may be found.

~Tony Lawrence~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers
 Reading Marty Boles
 Scripture Romans 8:5-9
 Lord's Table (N) *Bill Biles
 (S) *Bruce Pryor
 (N) Dickie Kesity
 (N) Tim Fisher
 (N) Shannon Griffin
 (S) George Trail
 (S) Tommy Crouch
 (S) David McColloch
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Kurt Maynard

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Bran Merritt
 Lead Singing Eric Fisher
 First Prayer Shane Fisher
 Reading Jeremy Burks
 Scripture Joshua 1:8
 Lord's Table *Dennis Gann
 *Lee Gann
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Tyler Boyd

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin
 Lead Singing Steve Hillis
 First Prayer Mike Driver
 Reading Noel Pepper
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Paul Hurst

Welcome Committee

A.M. Tony Lawrence Family
 P.M. Mary Davis & Clercie Delon

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Rickey Hurst & Hoyt Crouch

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Cards & Pencils: Steve Boyd

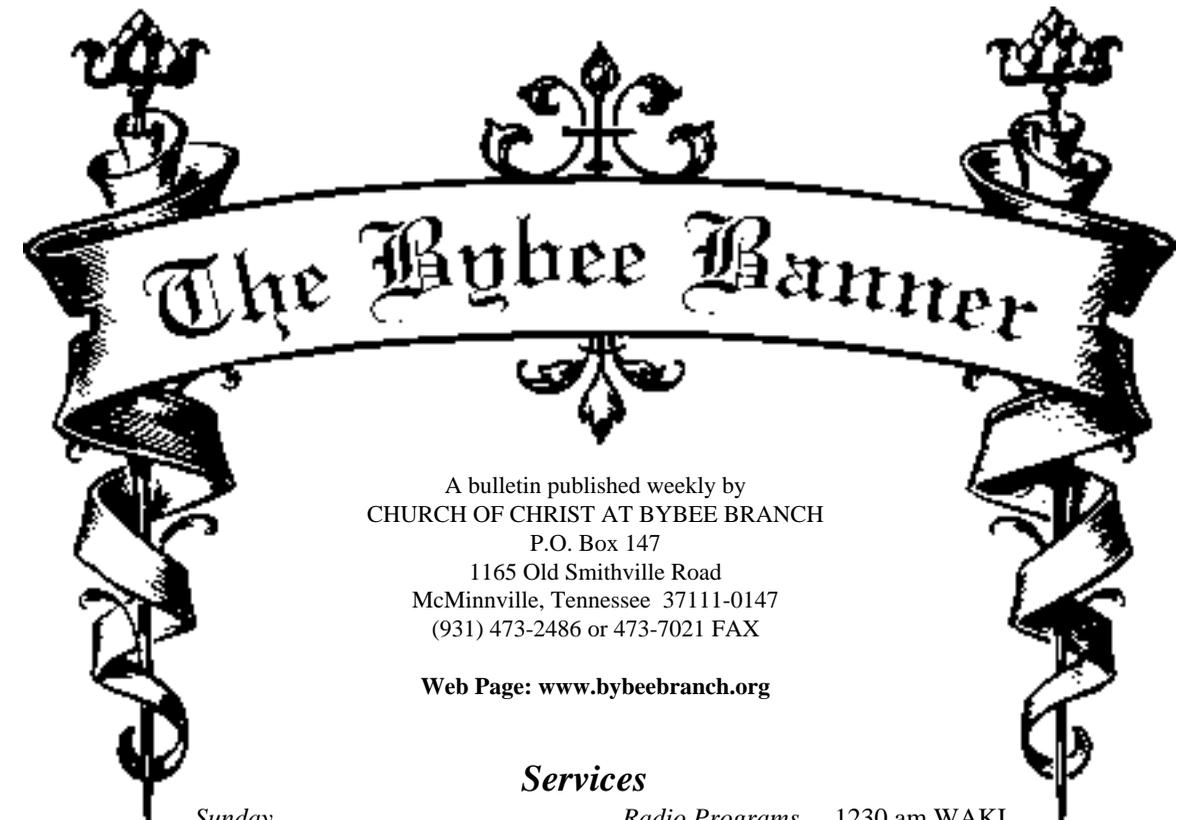
Pantry Item: Baby Formula

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	316
Bible Study	234
P.M. Worship	242
Wednesday Bible Study	223
Contribution	\$4,063

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 Betty Hill
 Clyde Christian

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 Doyle Pryor (Bruce's father)-Centennial Medical Center

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Do You Have The Spirit?
 P.M. Am I A Success?

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Cindy Womack (daughter of our Eunice Simpson). She passed away last Thursday and her services were Saturday.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Dorothy Jean McClung (aunt of our Martha Maxwell). Her funeral was Saturday at Highs.

Request For Prayers

We rejoice that Amy Hurst came forward Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the congregation. Please remember this fine young lady in your prayers.

Gospel Meeting

West Riverside church of Christ, September 30-October 3, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday evening and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Paul Meacham, Jr. preaching.

At War!

Almost every American has been on edge recently due to the events that happened on September 11, 2001. We know that our country is presently marshalling its forces to begin what has been described as an extended conflict expected to last a long time. Our president hasn't minced words, it is a battle of good versus evil. He has warned Americans of the great sacrifices we will have to make to win this war.

Very few it seems realize that Christians are *always* at war. It is not a carnal conflict, but a spiritual one. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ," 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NKJV. Our enemy is every bit as devious and deceptive as the infamous Osama bin Laden.

People were deeply disturbed when they learned that the terrorists had trained and lived among us. Don't be fooled, the Devil's servants are doing the same. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, NKJV. They operate in secret with ulterior motives. "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction." 2 Peter 2:1, NKJV.

There is a war going on for your soul. "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul," 1 Peter 2:11, NKJV. We cannot allow the forces of evil to prevail. Fight for your soul!

~Tony Lawrence~

October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Martha Maxwell			Mickey Whiteaker	Stephen Boyd	Georgia Womack Bernice Fults
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Larry Flatt Donna Newby <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00</i>	Carol Felty Daniel Boyd	Dot Powell	W.C. & NELMA CHILTON Missy Lee	Willene Kell Bill Biles Bruce Pryor	Nelma Chilton
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
JACK & ANNA JEAN BOND LARRY & JANE FLATT Heath Griffith <i>Bible Bowl at Woodbury</i>			Jennifer Maynard Joe T. Cantrell Andy Slatton		MORRIS & SCARLETT GRIFFITH Derrick Pennington Myra Bell	Mildred Glenn Jim Slatton Lawrence Lane Christian Barrett
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
GREG & DAWN WANAMAKER CHIP & SHEILA CANTRELL	Mildred Bumbalough Sarah Kell <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00</i>	Julie Slatton	Bailey Martin	Kelly Thaxton	BRUCE & SHIRLEY NUNLEY Mary Flatt	Brandon McGinness Darrell Chilton
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Cassie McGinness	BOBBY & CAROLYN CANTRELL				
28	29	30	31			

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Calvin Rogers
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Allen Hughes
(S)	*Don Griffith
(N)	Harry Felty
(N)	Eric Fisher
(N)	Zollie Settles
(S)	Don Johnson
(S)	Harley Northcutt
(S)	Micah Lawrence
Sermon	John Biddle
Dismiss	Tim Fisher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Chuck Medley
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Jim Slatton
	*Steve Hillis
Sermon	Paul Hurst
Dismiss	Willie Newby

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Chip Cantrell
Reading	Danny Duncan
Invitation	Larry Flatt
Dismiss	Joey Reynolds

Welcome Committee

A.M. Kraig & Heather Campbell
 P.M. Mike Driver Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Joe T. Cantrell & Bob Mayfield

Attend Nursery: Anna Hendrixson

Lock Building: Chip Cantrell

Trash Pickup: W.C. Chilton

Cards & Pencils: Joe Collins

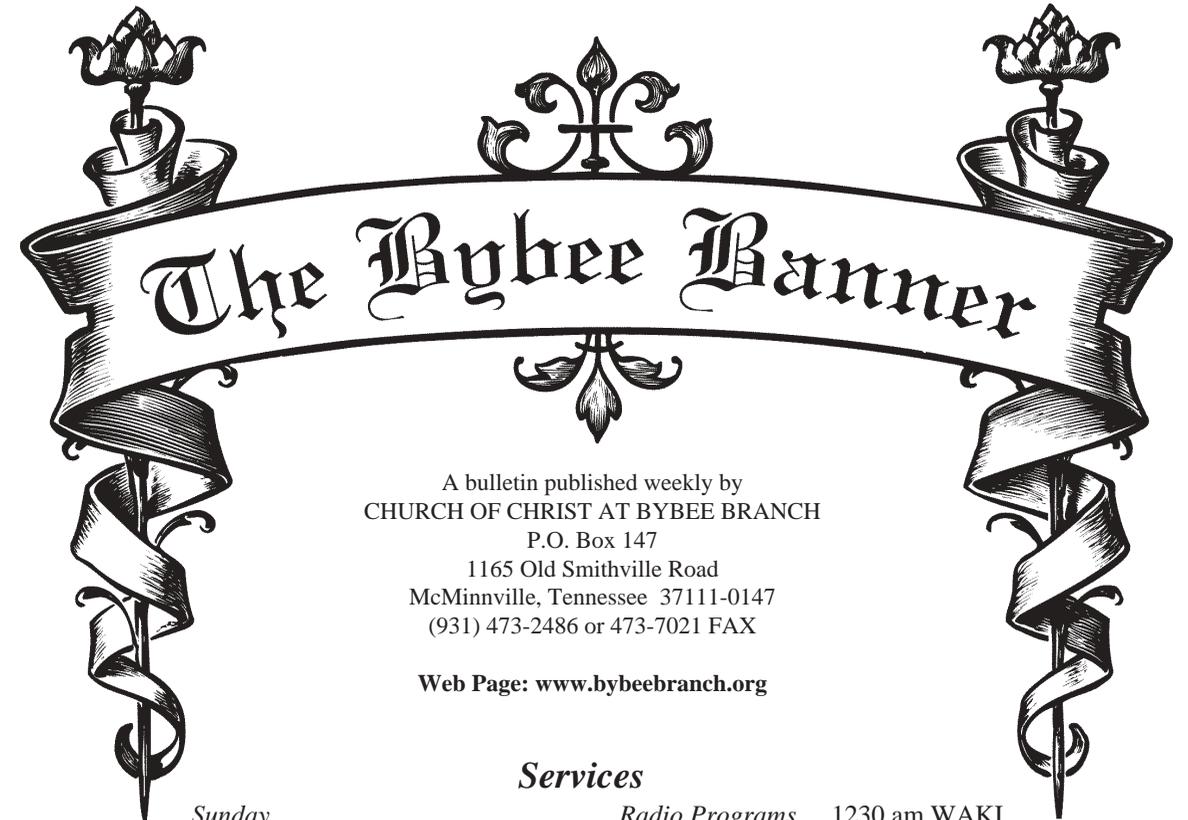
Pantry Item: Tomato Sauce

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	313
Bible Study	255
P.M. Worship	237
Wednesday Bible Study	229
Contribution	\$4,268

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<i>Wednesday</i>			
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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Sick

At Home:

Betty Hill
 Clyde Christian
 Eugene & Georgia Jones
 Mickey Whiteaker
 Susan Pryor

In The Hospital:

Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in North Carolina)-note: she hopes to receive her last treatment this week.
 Jesse Jones-grandson of Bruce & Susan Pryor-Riverpark with pneumonia
 Jeffery Parker-son of Zollie & Vera Settles-surgery in Michigan on Monday

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Guest Speaker: John Biddle
 P.M. Guest Speaker: Paul Hurst

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Jimmy Pearsall, a member of the Mt. Leo congregation, that was killed in a plane accident early Sunday morning. He was the cousin of our Nelma Chilton and Nona Martin.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Roberta Thompson, sister of our Joe T. Cantrell. Her funeral will be Wednesday morning.

Gospel Meetings

West Riverside church of Christ, September 30-October 3, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday evening and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Paul Meacham, Jr. preaching.

New Hope church of Christ, October 14-17, services at 7:00 pm with Charles Williams preaching.

The East End church of Christ will celebrate a homecoming on October 7 with previous members invited to attend.

Baptisms

We greatly rejoice that last Thursday Charlie and Betty Poulsen were baptized into Christ. Betty is the sister of Pat Boles that moved here a couple months ago. They decided it was best to return to Kansas City, MO and left in a moving van on Friday. If you wish to write them you may contact them at:

CHARLIE & BETTY POULSEN
 1611 NW OBRIEN RD APT 405
 LEES SUMMIT MO 64081-1552

Restoration

On Wednesday evening brother Bob Cantrell requested the prayers of the congregation. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Singing

Earleyville church of Christ, October 6, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Fall Festival

The Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, at 5:00 pm. In case of bad weather, the reschedule date will be October 27. If you would like to contribute money to pay for the expense of this fellowship, please give your money to Chip Cantrell, Barry Hendrixson, Joe T. Cantrell, or W.C. Chilton



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

*****Program for Sunday, October 14, and Wednesday, October 17, 2001*****

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Mike Driver
Reading	Billy Gilbert
Scripture	Romans 9:1-3
Lord's Table (N)	*Doug Hendrixson
(S)	*Chuck Boles
(N)	Shane Fisher
(N)	Marc Martin
(S)	Kurt Maynard
(S)	Tyler Boyd
(S)	Hoyt Crouch
Sermon	Harold McGinness
Dismiss	Tony Lawrence
	Winfrey Hennessee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bill Biles
Reading	Paul Hurst
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Ricky Prince
	*Brett Merritt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Eddie Palmer

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Frank Reynolds
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Welcome Committee

A.M. David & Iona King
 P.M. W.C. & Nelma Chilton

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Barry Hendrixson & Bruce Pryor

Attend Nursery: Becky Maynard

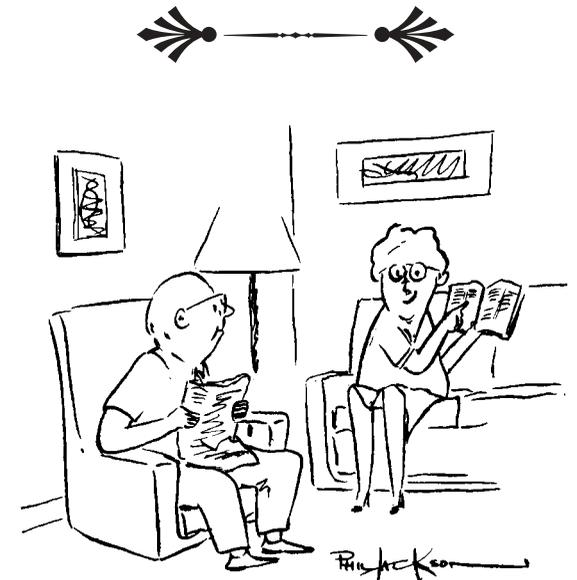
Lock Building: Chip Cantrell

Trash Pickup: W.C. Chilton

Cards & Pencils: Joe Collins

Pantry Item: Hamburger Helper

NOTICE: This bulletin is for TWO weeks due to the fact that Tony will be out of town on vacation, please keep this bulletin for next week's program.



"SEE HENRY, IT SAYS HERE THAT EVERYONE NEEDS NEW GARMENTS TO GO TO A WEDDING!"

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Larry Flatt
Scripture	Romans 10:11-17
Lord's Table (N)	*Jeff Flatt
(S)	*Danny Duncan
(N)	Joe Maynard
(N)	Barry Hendrixson
(N)	Bran Merritt
(S)	Abram Pryor
(S)	John Stenbridge
(S)	Rodney Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Leonard Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	Galatians 4:4
Lord's Table	*Don Sullivan
	*Ken Lee
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Bob Bonner
Reading	Ronnie Rogers
Invitation	Mike Driver
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Harold McGinness Family
 P.M. Calvin & Nancy Rogers

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Tommy Crouch & Harry Felty

Attend Nursery: Jane Wilcher

Lock Building: Chip Cantrell

Trash Pickup: W.C. Chilton

Cards & Pencils: Joe Collins

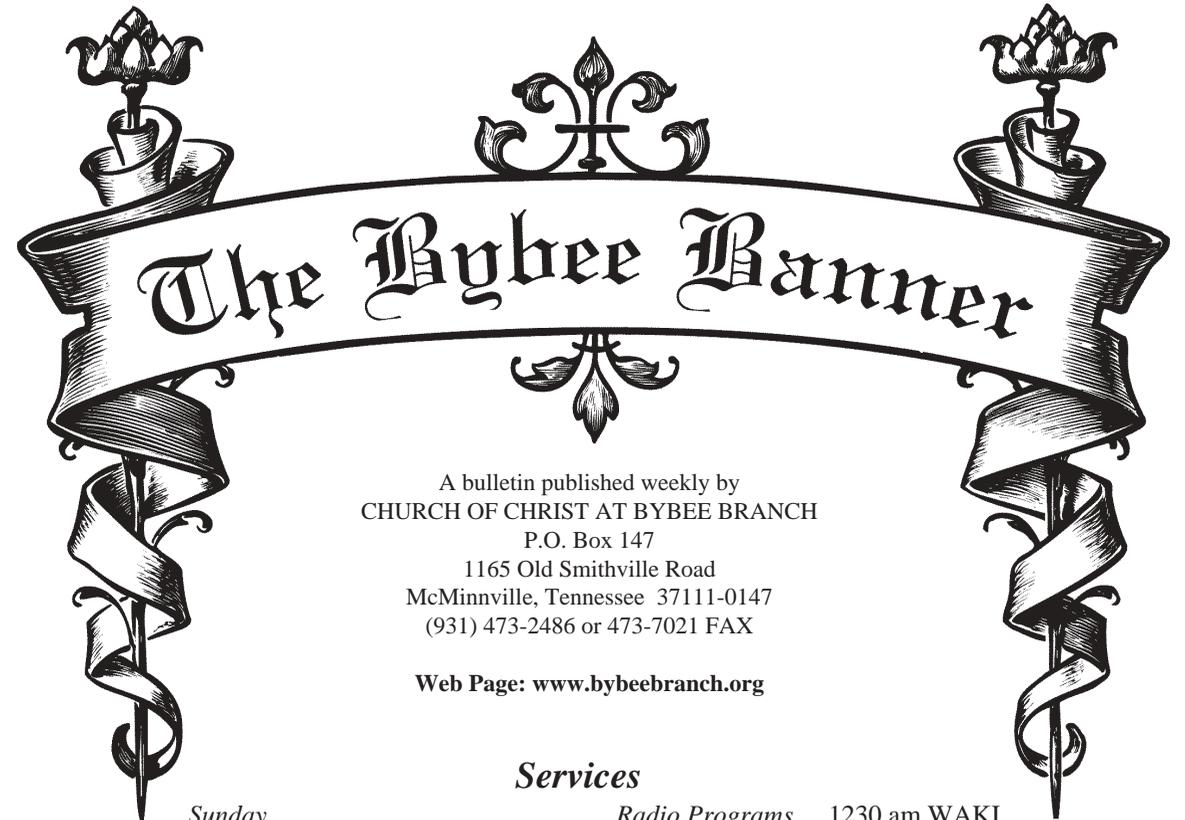
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P.M. Worship	264
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Sick

At Home:

Betty Hill

Eugene & Georgia Jones

Brenda Pharr-sister-in-law of Iona King-colon cancer surgery

Clara Roller-following gall bladder surgery

In The Hospital:

Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)-Centennial Medical Center-surgery Tuesday for colon cancer.

Issac Burks (father of Rickey Burks)-Riverpark Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in North Carolina)-note: she hopes to receive her last treatment this week.

Jeffery Parker-son of Zollie & Vera Settles-had is kidney removed in Michigan on Friday.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Have You Called On The Lord?

P.M. In The Fulness of Time

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Georgia Martin, aunt of our W.C. Chilton. Her funeral was this past Thursday.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Geneva Hodges, sister of our Gilbert Kell. Her funeral was Friday.

Fall Festival

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Address Updates

Please make the following updates to your directory.

Dora Mae Wilcher
McMinnville Boarding Home,
345 Garfield St
McMinnville, TN 37110-1914

Shannon & Janie Griffin
260 Underwood Road, Apt. B4
McMinnville, TN 37110-1433

By the way our new directories will be available in about six weeks

Bible Bowl Update

The new season for the Bible Bowl started this past Sunday in such a great way. There were 375 that gathered at the Woodbury church of Christ to take a test on Galatians 1-3. It is exciting to see that many young people willing to give up their Sunday afternoon to gather to take this test. The attitudes of these young people are remarkable.

The test finished with these results:

First place (missing 1):
TIE Rome & Bybee Branch with Rome winning the tie-breaker.

Second place (missing 2):
Smyrna

Third place (missing 3):
TIE East End, Main Street, Mt. Leo, & Southside

Fourth place (missing 4):
TIE Bluff Springs, Earleyville, Leoni, New Hope, Rockliff, Smartt, & Woodbury.

Next month Bybee Branch will host the Bible Bowl on November 11. The test will cover Galatians 4-6.

The Weakness Of Islam

More than half a millennium after the establishment of the church of Christ and the Divine, prophetic pronouncement that those who preach another gospel would be accursed of God, at Medina and Mecca in the Sinai peninsula in AD 622 a man named Muhammad started the religion of Islam. The sober stance of the sacred scriptures succinctly and solemnly had already been stated, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again. If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:6-9). Herein lies the greatest weakness of Islam: It stands accursed of God.

In a sampling of internal weaknesses of Islam further bases for its repudiation emerge. Consider the so-called "holy war" or "Jihad." Muslims may claim that only the twelfth Imam, a religious leader who is a supposed descendant of Muhammad, may declare a "holy war" but with so many warring factions disrupting peace and raining terror in the world to the observer it looks like any influential upstart among them may gain a loyal following of suicidal radicals. Numerous citations from the Koran could be given to show that the source from which Islam grows authorizes violence even to the point of taking life. Muhammad wrote, "And kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from where they drove you out, and persecution is worse than slaughter. And fight not with them at the Sacred Mosque until they fight you (in it), slay them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers" (Surah 2:191; cf. e.g. 2:190-193; 8:39, 61-62; 9:5; 22:39-40).

Consider their god, Allah. The late Andrew M. Connally, who labored among the Muslims in Africa for many years, once described how the Koran presents Allah, "On the whole Allah is represented as a magnificent, opulent, irresistible world-potentate—an Arab Sheikh (*sic*) glorified and magnified to cosmic

proportions.' "...Allah both guides and misguides, both punishes and forgives, according to his own inscrutable (*sic*), unquestionable good pleasure (3:124; 5:43; 6:39, 125; 13:27; 14:4; 17:9; etc.)."²

Consider their view of man. Although the Islamic creed states, "Allah is one," the Koran says, "We created you from dust." Then the progression given is "then from a small life-germ, then from a dot, then from a lump of flesh" (Surah 22:5). A footnote in the Koran says, "The Muslims do not accept that man was created six thousand years ago. The Imamiyyah accept the tradition that Allah created thirty Adams before our father Adam, and one Shi'ah Imam has gone so far as to say that hundreds of thousands of Adams were created before our Adam (RM). Nor do the Muslims accept that our world is the only world in this universe; one Imam is reported as saying that in God's universe there are twelve thousand systems each bigger than our solar system (RM)."³

The weakness of Islam from this infinitesimally small sampling shows it to be "a gospel of a different kind" that is bringing trouble to the whole world. Without question the Holy Bible decries Islam as standing accursed from God. Muhammad never should have rejected the counsel of God against himself as did the Pharisees and lawyers of the Jews thereby bringing upon him and his followers the anathema of the living God (Luke 7:30).

ENDNOTES

¹Andrew M. Connally, "The Doctrines And Militancy Of Islam," in *Some Modern Cults, Sects, Movements, and World Religions*, Garland Elkins and Thomas B. Warren, eds. (Jonesboro, AR: National Christian Press, Inc, 1981), pp. 255-256.

²Ibid.

³*The Holy Qur'an, Arabic Text, English Translation and Commentary*, Maulana Muhammad Ali, ed. (Columbus, OH: Ahmadiyyah Anjuman Isha'at Islam Lahore, Inc., 1995), p. 186.

~Gary McDade~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Ricky Prince
 Reading Tommy Crouch
 Scripture Romans 11:17-24
 Lord's Table (N) *Rickey Burks
 (S) *Steve Boyd
 (N) Tom McColloch
 (N) John Nussbaum
 (N) Ronnie Prince
 (S) Joey Reynolds
 (S) Joe Roller
 (S) Jeff Templeton
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Brett Merritt

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Allen Hughes
 Reading Bob Mayfield
 Scripture Matthew 5:22
 Lord's Table *John Biddle
 *Paul Hurst
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Buell Warren

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton
 Reading Kelly Thaxton
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Steve Hillis

Welcome Committee

A.M. Rodney Maynard Family
 P.M. Zollie & Vera Settles

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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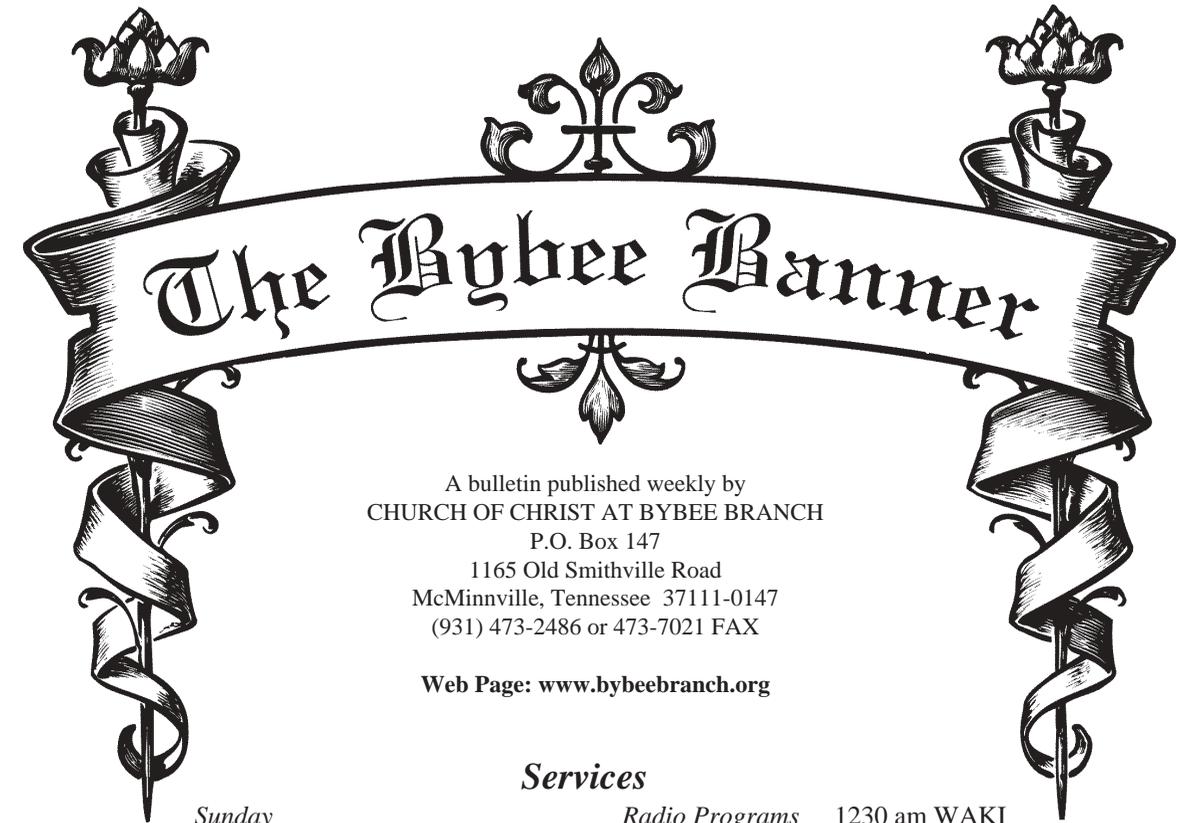
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Record For The Week...

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P.M. Worship	207
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 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert
 Stanley Graves Willie Newby
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Sick

At Home:

Eugene & Georgia Jones
 Brenda Pharr (sister of David King)-following colon cancer surgery
 Clara Roller-following gall bladder surgery
 Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)
 Issac Burks (father of Rickey Burks)
 Hilda Duke (mother of Steve Hillis)-following a stay in the hospital for heart problems.

In The Hospital:

B.F. Wilson (father of Melba Bonner)-hospital in Michigan with seizures and pneumonia
 Betty Hill-St. Thomas
 Thomas Eaton (brother of Sarah Kell)-Riverpark
 Georgia Brooks (she is receiving treatments in North Carolina)-note: she hopes to receive her last treatment this week.
 Jeffery Parker (son of Zollie & Vera Settles) in Michigan

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Clarence Church (father of our Donna Anderson). He passed away Monday afternoon and his funeral will be Thursday at 1:00 at McMinnville Funeral Home.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Are You Out On A Broken Limb?
 P.M. A Class of Fools

Fall Festival

Thanks to Chip Cantrell, Joe T. Cantrell, Barry Hendrixson and W.C. Chilton and all who worked so hard to make the Fall Festival a great success again this year. It is always good for a congregation to have times of joy together.

Address Updates

Please make the following updates to your directory.

Bertha Stewart
 NHC (Smithville)
 825 Fisher Ave
 Smithville, TN 37166

New Arrival

Congratulations to Will & Teresa Johnson on the birth of a baby girl, Emily Ann. Proud grandparents are Calvin & Nancy Rogers. They have gone to Missouri to be with Teresa and baby.

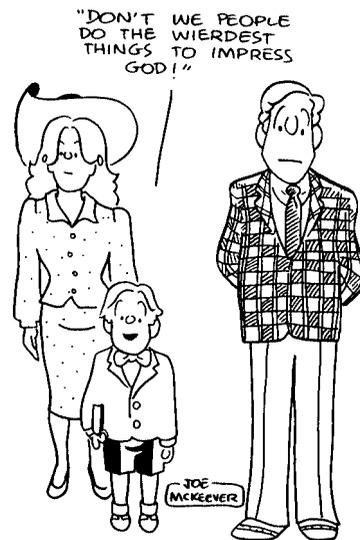
Newsletters Available

The Thai and Hispanic Newsletters are now available. You can pick up a copy on the table under the bulletin board or they can be found on the Internet at www.bybeebranch.org

Something to Think About

"Ask about our pray-as-you-go plan."

"Pray in advance."



Are You Growing In Faith?

In 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Paul commended the church for its growing faith. He said, "*your faith groweth exceedingly and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.*" Even in the midst of trouble and trials, these newborn babes were making spiritual progress. Wouldn't it be great if this could be said of you and me? Growing in faith is necessary and vital to our salvation. But, what does it mean to grow in faith? Growing in faith involves at least three basic elements.

First, growing in faith demands that we **listen** to the will of God. Paul wrote that faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17), and so to grow in faith one must study the pages of Holy Writ. We will never possess assurance or confident trust in God if we do not participate in a proper and diligent study of the Bible. We will never grow if we do not desire to be fed with the Word. As milk is essential to the growth of a baby, so is the milk and meat of the Word essential to the growth of a Christian (1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14). Saving, active, and growing faith cannot be sustained without a steady diet of Bible study. The Christian who is growing in faith has abundantly filled his life with the words of Christ (Col. 3:16). The weak Christian lacks the strength to quench the fiery darts of the wicked because he has neglected to take up the shield of faith (Eph. 6:16). Faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4), but it is only victorious when it grows (2 Pet. 3:18); and it grows by the means of the knowledge of God's will.

Second, growing in faith demands that we **live** the will of God. Faith apart from works is barren, useless, and dead (Jas. 2:14-26). It will never save. If you want to make your calling and election sure, then your faith must grow by adding to it the Christian graces (2 Pet. 1:5-7). You must acquire knowledge and learn to use it wisely and with all patience, godliness, and brotherly kindness. A growing faith is active, doing, and responsive. Only the man who believes *and* obeys can be blessed in his deeds (Jas. 1:25). Only the man who exercises his faith can be said to possess a growing faith (1 Tim. 4:7-8). Only when one acts upon what he reads can it be said that he possesses a growing faith.

Third, growing in faith demands that we **love** the will of God. "*Perfect love casteth out fear*" (1 John 4:18), and each of us should grow in faith enough to serve God because we love Him, instead of being entirely motivated out of a fear of going to hell. A Christian who has grown in faith does not view the commandments of God as grievous or burdensome, but as an honor and a privilege (1 John 5:3). He keeps the commandments because he loves God and seeks to please Him (2 Tim. 2:4). Those who keep the commandments of God out of convenience or for the favor of man (e.g., an individual who attends worship merely to please his spouse or parents) or simply to avoid hell, do not possess a faith that groweth exceedingly. Growing faith learns the joy and happiness of serving God. It loves the will of God and will hunger and thirst for its precepts (Mat. 5:6). It yearns for its decrees and finds solace in its instruction. A growing faith discovers peace and strength inexplicable to the world (Phil. 4:7). A growing faith is manifested by the one who can, like the psalmist, say "*Oh, how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.*" (Psa. 119:97).

Have you progressed in your faith enough to say that you **listen** to, **live**, and **love** the will of God? Has your faith grown exceedingly? If not, why not begin today to awaken your dormant faith. Study again the Word of God that it might cut to the thoughts and intents of your heart and motivate you to experience, once again, the graciousness of God (1 Pet. 2:3). May your faith grow exceedingly. May you then "*continue in the faith, grounded and settled...not moved away.*" so that on that great and final day, Christ may present you holy and unblameable, and unreprouvable before our grand and glorious Judge (Col. 1:23).

~John W. Moore~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Calvin Rogers
 Reading Chip Cantrell
 Scripture Romans 12:1-2
 Lord's Table (N) *Don Sullivan
 (S) *Steve Hillis
 (N) Bob Cantrell
 (N) Lynn Gann
 (N) Kraig Campbell
 (S) J.B. Gribble
 (S) David Chilton
 (S) Marty Boles
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Dennis Gann

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard
 Reading Chris Burks
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
 Lord's Table *Allen Hughes
 *Chuck Medley
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Lee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Larry Flatt
 Reading Danny Duncan
 Invitation Tim Fisher
 Dismiss Mike Driver

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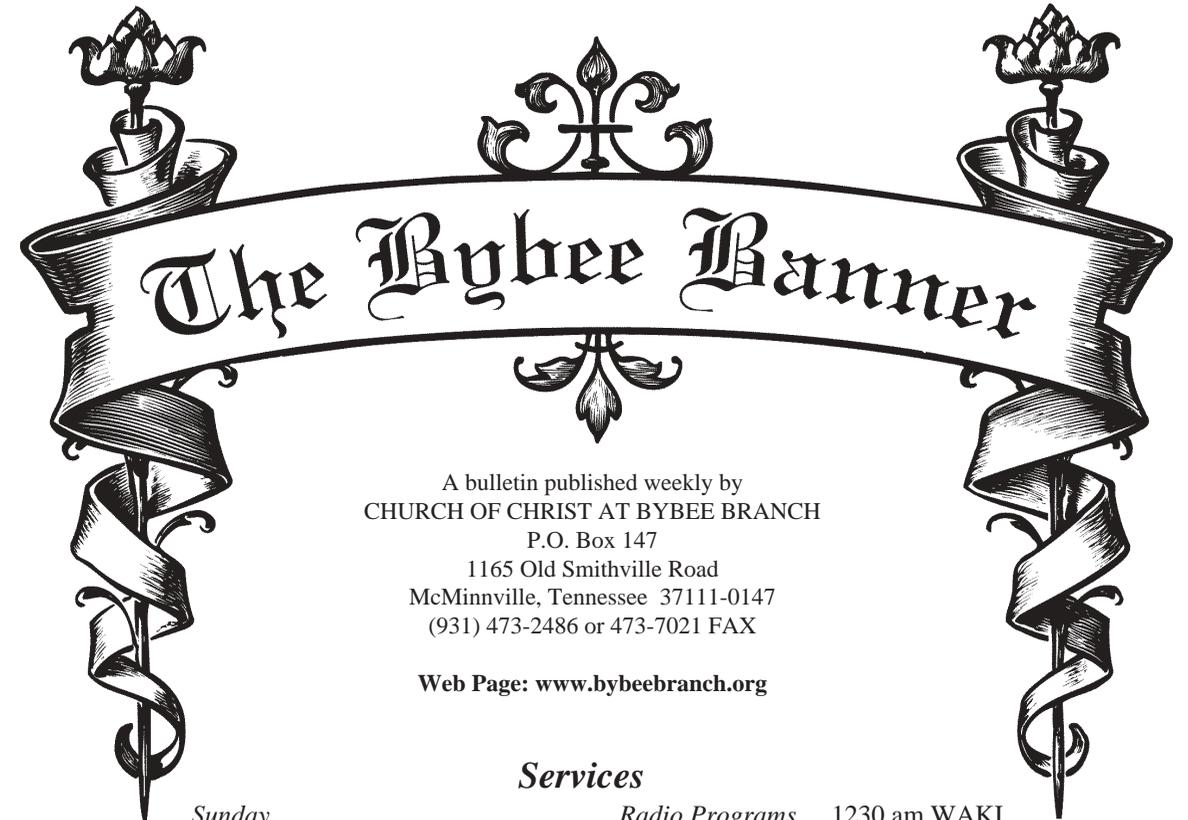
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North Carolina)
Gentry Stanley (brother of Bernice Fults)-
following cancer surgery-Centennial
Hospital

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. What Is Your Sacrifice?
P.M. Islam versus Christianity

Gospel Meetings

Leoni church of Christ, November 2-4, will have their
14th Annual Lectureship. The theme will be "The
Scheme of Redemption" Please see the bulletin board
to times, topics, and speakers.

Mt. Leo church of Christ, November 4-8, services at
7:00 pm with Curtis Cates preaching.

Father & Son Camp Out

On Friday night, November 9, there will be a Father
& Son Camp Out. All the men of the congregation are
invited. This will again be held on the Bob Mayfield
farm as last year. In case of bad weather (rain, not just
cold) it will be held the next Friday night. If you have
any questions see Joe T. Cantrell, Chip Cantrell or
Bob Mayfield.

Restoration

We rejoice that brother Harold McGinness came
forward Sunday evening to be restored to faithfulness
to the Lord.

Islam Lesson Sunday Night



There have been numerous ones asking for a lesson on Islam and its teachings. On Sunday evening the lesson on Islam versus Christianity will be presented. If you have friends and neighbors who would like to study this lesson with us, please invite them.

Is It Okay Now?

NOW that the President has called us to prayer...

NOW that Congress has called us to prayer...

NOW that our Governor has called us to prayer...

NOW that the city Mayor has called us to prayer...

NOW that the "liberal" media and most other branches of our American society have called us to prayer...

AND NOW that our churches are assembling in special prayer...

"Honorable" Justices of the Supreme Court, I have only one question Would it be okay to pray in our schools...???

"We ought always to pray, and not to faint;"
-Luke 18:1

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4, KJV.

November 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Woodrow Glenn Lori Judkins	Barry Hendrixson Matt McColloch Teresa Gann
				1	2	3
Mary Beth Atnip Barbara King	Joe Thomas Cantrell III				Chad Graves	WOODROW & MILDRED GLENN
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rodney Maynard Helen Morgan Bran Merritt <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7 pm</i>	Taylor Felty	Bruce Nunley	Stacey Bonner		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS David King Blake Sadlon	Steve Atnip	Georgia Brooks Alan Collins	WALTER & DAISY MAXWELL Cristy Caldwell		Iona Northcutt Olivia Newby	CHUCK & PAT BOLES
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Anna Jean Bond <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7 pm</i>	Willie Newby Joe Collins	Corretta Lawrence Lauren Roller	Pearl Mitchell	Stefanie McColloch	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Bill Biles
 Reading Shannon Griffin
 Scripture TBA
 Lord's Table (N) *John Biddle
 (S) *W.C. Chilton
 (N) Kevin Judkins
 (N) George Trail
 (S) Asa Kell
 (S) Lee Gann
 (S) Jason Vandagriff
 (S) Jeff Bond
 Sermon Tony Liddell
 Dismiss Caleb Graves

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Chuck Boles
 Reading Ricky Prince
 Scripture 1 Chronicles 4:9,10
 Lord's Table *Willie Newby
 *Rickey Hurst
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Rodney Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton
 Lead Singing John Biddle
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert
 Reading Willie Newby
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Tyler Boyd

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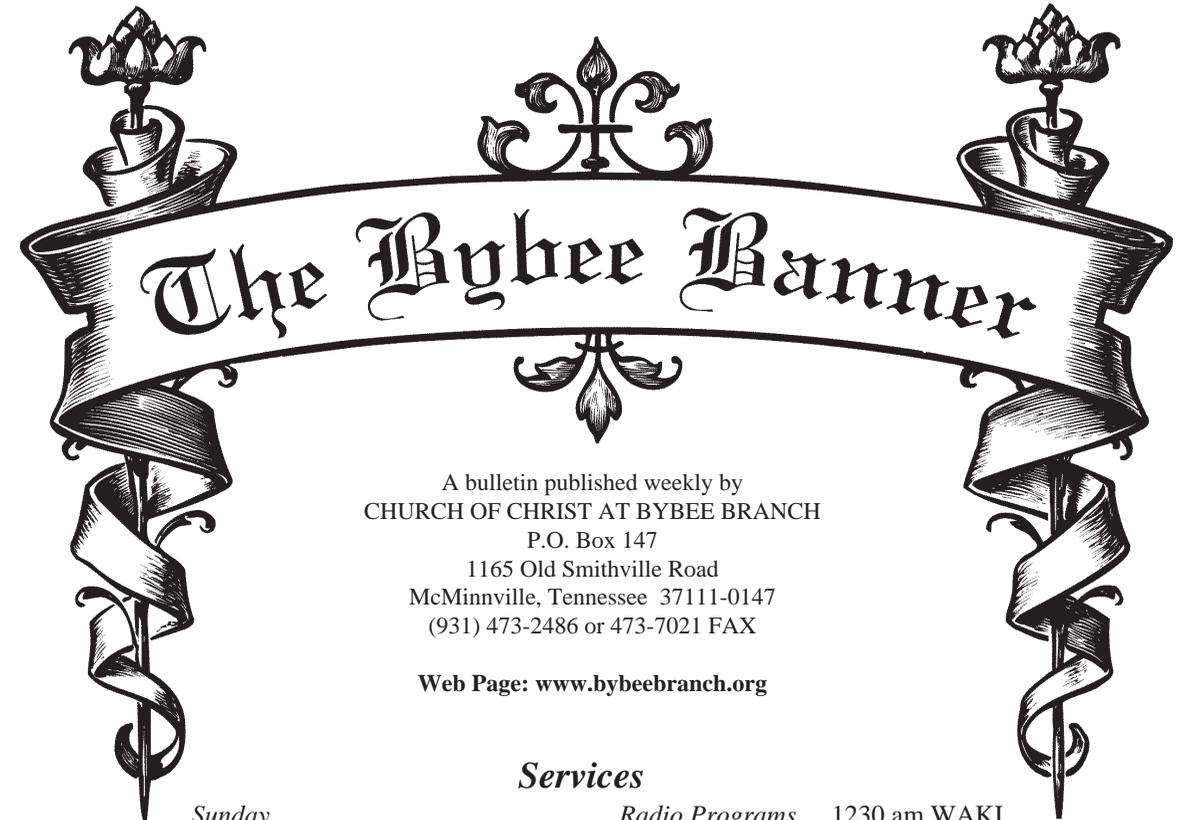
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Gentry Stanley (brother of Bernice Fults)-
following cancer surgery

In The Hospital:

Betty Hill-St. Thomas
Georgia Brooks (anticipating surgery in North
Carolina)
Mildred Gambrell-Riverpark
Magdalene Taylor-Riverpark

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Guest Speaker: Tony Liddell
 P.M. The Prayer of Jabez

Gospel Meetings

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Arlington church of Christ, November 11-14, services at 7:00 pm with Gary Colley preaching.

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Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, visits and cards at the death of my father, Authur Cummings.
 Stella Brown

Bible Bowl

This Sunday we will host the Bible Bowl. Last year we had 415 present and anticipate a similar crowd again this year. Your support and encouragement of our youth is greatly appreciated!

In preparation there will be a study session from 5-8 pm at the home of Steve & Sharla Hillis. If you need directions, please see Steve.

We will need sandwiches and cookies for the Bible Bowl. If you can assist in this, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Memphis School Of Preaching Students to Preach

This Sunday morning three of the students we support at Memphis School of Preaching will be with us. Brother Tony Liddell will preach at the worship hour. He is the son of Bobby Liddell who has spoken here on our Lectureship and is also one of the teachers at the school. Robbie and Jake Brunjes who are nearing graduation will speak at the Bible Bowl. One will speak to the adults while the students are taking the test and the other will speak to the young people while the test is being graded. These two brothers were with us year before last when they first started school.

What Position I n The Church Do You Occupy?

Are You:

- A giver or a getter?
- A wing or a weight?
- A pillar or a sleeper?
- A power or a problem?
- A booster or a boaster?
- A supporter or a provoker?
- An attendant or an absentee?
- A peacemaker or strife creator?

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jane Golden
Lena Mai Gribble
Houston Stiles
Carol Sue Taylor
Magdalene Taylor

NHC Smithville (825 Fisher Ave, Smithville 37166):

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)
Dora Mai Wilcher

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Vada Campbell
Carolyn Cantrell
Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Bessie Parker
Robbie Vandagriff
Violet Webb

Help us keep up with our shut-ins. If you know of someone who should be added to the list or has moved, please let us know. We need to continue to let our shut-ins know that we care about them. TL

Mary Had A Little Boy ...

Mary had a little boy,
 His soul was white as snow,
 He never went to Bible class,
 'Cause Mary wouldn't go.

He never heard the stories of Christ,
 That thrill the childish mind;
 While other children went to class,
 This child was left behind.

And as he grew from babe to youth,
 She saw, to her dismay,
 A soul that once was white as snow
 Became a dingy gray.

Realizing he was lost,
 She tried to win him back;
 But now the soul that once was white
 Had turned an ugly black.

She even started back to church
 And Bible study, too.
 She begged the preacher, "Isn't there
 A thing that you can do?"

The preacher tried and failed, and said,
 "We're just too far behind.
 I tried to tell you years ago,
 But you would pay no mind."

And so, another soul is lost
 That once was white as snow.
 Bible study would have helped,
 But Mary wouldn't go.

~copied~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bob Bonner
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	Romans 12:17-21
Lord's Table (N)	*Ken Martin
(S)	*Kelly Thaxton
(N)	Blake Sadlon
(N)	Zollie Settles
(N)	Jeremy Burks
(S)	Ryan Kesity
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Abram Pryor
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Frank Reynolds

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bob Mayfield
Reading	Rickey Burks
Scripture	Amos 8:11
Lord's Table	*Chip Cantrell
	*Calvin Rogers
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Don Griffith
Invitation	Brett Merritt
Dismiss	Winfrey Hennessee

Welcome Committee

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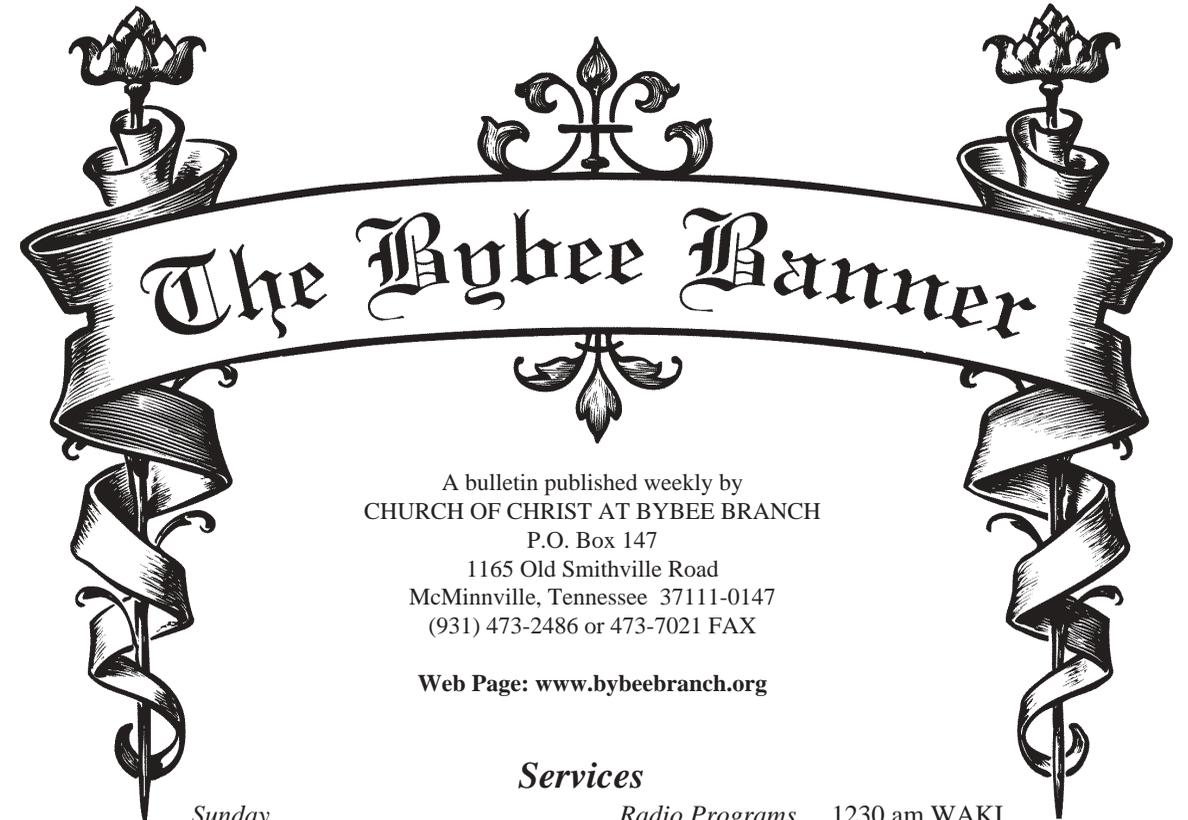
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Services

<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.		

Elders

Bob Bonner	473-6992
Don Griffith	668-9006
Douglas Hendrixson	668-3115
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	668-9123
email	alawrence@blomand.net

Sick

At Home:

Mildred Gambrell
Georgia Womack
Barbara King

In The Hospital:

Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)-Centennial-surgery on Monday
Betty Hill-St. Thomas
Georgia Brooks (surgery in North Carolina)

Sympathies

Death has touched many in our area this past week.

We extend sympathy to the family of Mary Julian (sister of our Asa Kell and Betty Upton). Her funeral was Sunday afternoon.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Ann Dearing Williams (aunt of our Steve Boyd). Her funeral was Monday in Williamson County.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. How Do You Respond To Your Enemies?
P.M. 7 Ways To Bring Famine To The Land

Gospel Meeting

Arlington church of Christ, November 11-14, services at 7:00 pm with Gary Colley preaching.

Baptisms

We rejoice to announce that on Thursday evening two precious souls were baptized into Christ. Ben Biles was baptized into Christ by his grandfather Doug Hendrixson.

Also on Thursday evening Nallely Moreno was baptized into Christ. The Hispanic congregation continues to grow in number.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Jason and Sonia Vandagriff on the birth of a baby girl, Ashley Renee, born Saturday morning at 12:09 am. She is 20" long and weighed 6 lbs and 14 ozs. Leonard and Avie Clemons are the proud grandparents.



Man In The Making

When you see a little fellow
With a little fellow's smile,
With a little fellow's actions
And a little fellow's style—
Doff your hat and pay him tribute;
Stop to praise him while you can,
For this jaunty, carefree youngster
All too soon will be a man.

Soon he'll gain a man's full stature,
Take his place and do his part,
Helping solve a host of problems
With a strong, courageous heart.
He may toil in shop or office,
Run a bank or make our laws;
Someday he may lead his fellows
As a preacher of God's Cause.

So don't fail to stop and greet him,
For this lad so fancy-free
May become the hope of millions
In a world that's yet to be.

~Anonymous~

No Classes on Nov. 21

Due to the fact that many of the teachers will be away due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no classes on Wednesday night, November 21. There will be a devotional period for everyone in the auditorium



Bible Bowl



There were 391 gathered this past Sunday afternoon for the second Bible Bowl of the year. Bybee Branch was privileged to host the meeting this month. Everyone pitched in an admirable way to make this possible. The abundance of refreshments were coordinated by the team of Lynette Maynard, Amy Prince and Hillary McGinness assisted by a number of other ladies of the congregation. Numerous men worked hard to see that all of the 20 classrooms were setup for the teams to take the test and then to return the rooms to their proper condition. Steve Hillis did an excellent job in not only preparing the young people for the test but in serving as M.C. for the program. Robbie and Jacob Brunjes (students from Memphis School of Preaching) delivered two excellent lessons to the adults and the young people. A hearty thanks to all who assisted in any way.

The results for the Bible Bowl are as follows.

- 1st Place (missing 0) Rome and Smyrna with Rome winning the tie breaker.
- 2nd Place (missing 1) Bybee Branch & Leoni
- 3rd Place (missing 2) Earleyville
- 4th Place (missing 3) Bluff Springs, East End, & Mt. Leo.

The remaining schedule for this year's Bible Bowl:

Date	Location	Test to cover:
Dec. 9, 2001	Mt. Leo	Ephesians 1-3
Jan. 13, 2002	New Union	Ephesians 4-6
Feb. 10, 2002	East End	Philippians
Mar. 10, 2002	Central	Colossians

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Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Bruce Pryor
 Reading Joe Roller
 Scripture Romans 13:1-6
 Lord's Table (N) *Mike Driver
 (S) *Larry Flatt
 (N) Leonard Crouch
 (N) David McColloch
 (N) Harley Northcutt
 (S) Steve Wilcher
 (S) Bran Merritt
 (S) Dickie Kesey
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Steve Boyd
 Reading Joe Collins
 Scripture 1 Peter 3:20,21
 Lord's Table *Bill Biles
 *Danny Duncan
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Rickey Hurst

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton
 Lead Singing Steve Hillis
 First Prayer Tim Fisher
 Reading Joey Reynolds
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

Welcome Committee

A.M. Glenda Faye & Myra Bell
 P.M. Debbie Glenn & Helen Morgan

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Willie Newby & Dale Bennett

Attend Nursery: Judy Nussbaum

Lock Building: Jeff Flatt

Trash Pickup: W.C. Chilton

Cards & Pencils: Joe Collins

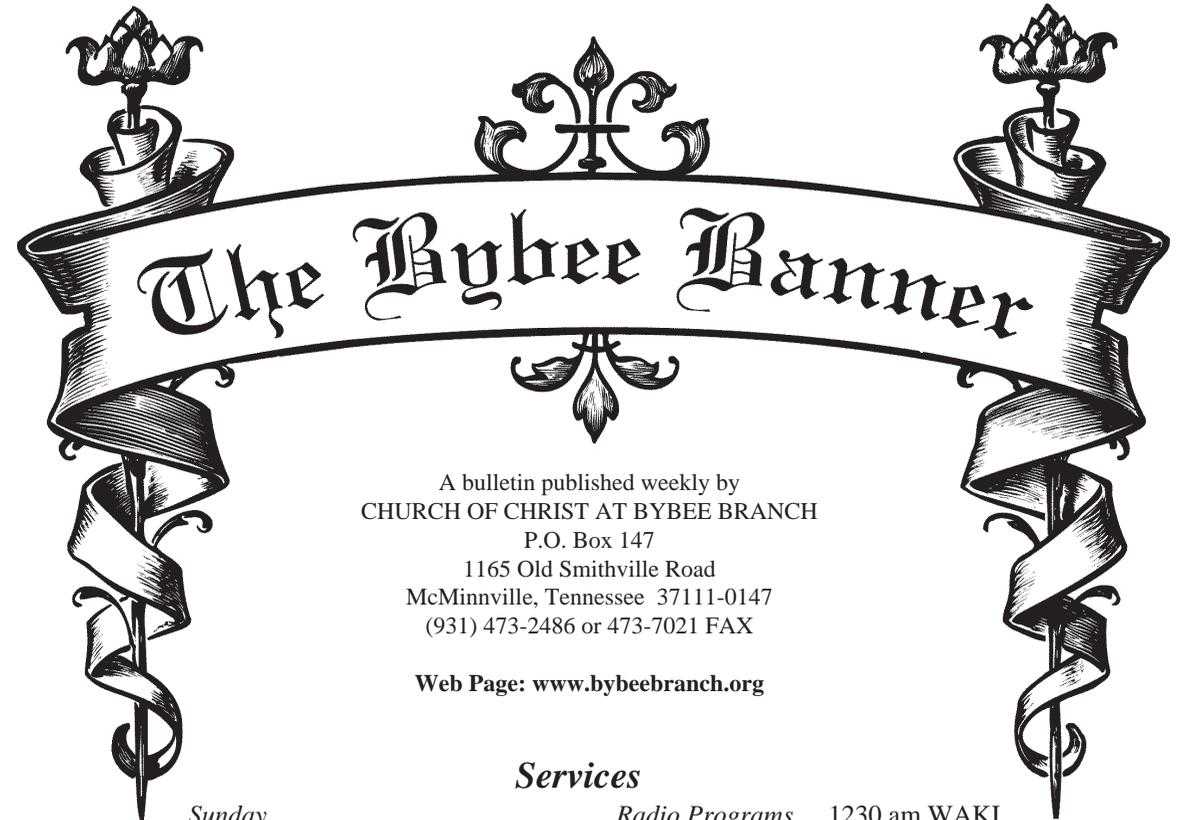
Pantry Item: Chili Beans

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 347
 Bible Study 249
 P.M. Worship 201
 Wednesday Bible Study 222
 Contribution \$5,382

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Sick

At Home:

W.C. Chilton

Josh Templeton

Barbara King

Jalesia Johnson (following triple bypass surgery)

In The Hospital:

Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)-Centennial-hopes to come home this week.

Betty Hill-St. Thomas

Perry Woodlee (brother of Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton)-MTMC/Murfreesboro-Room 213

Georgia Brooks (surgery in North Carolina)

Sympathy

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of J.B. "Byars" Glenn. He was the uncle of Ada Mayfield and Debbie Glenn. His funeral will be Wednesday at 11:00 at Highs.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Is The Government God's Minister?

P.M. Water And Salvation

Ladies Bible Class Party

The annual party for the Ladies Bible Class will be November 27th at 6:00 pm. All the ladies of the congregation are invited. If you have questions, please see Marsha Collins.

No Classes on Nov. 21

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Noah's Ark, A Picture Of The Church

Of the many biblical studies one might undertake, a study of the types and shadows of the Old Testament would certainly be among the most interesting. That such a study would also be very important and profitable is evident, for the Hebrews writer tells us that the law of Moses foreshadowed good things to come (Hebrews 10:1). Simply put, a better understanding of the types and shadows of the Old Testament will yield a better understanding of the New Testament. One such example is Noah's ark. This one of a kind vessel in many ways provides a graphic picture of the New Testament church. What do Noah's ark and the church have in common?

There was only one ark. There is only one church. When God determined to bring a flood of waters to destroy wicked man, He found one man who was worth saving. Moses wrote, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8). Noah was a just man and upright in his generations. When the hearts of the rest of humanity were occupied with evil thoughts, Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:5, 9). How would God spare this just man and his household? In answer to this question God spoke to Noah and said, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood" (Genesis 6:14). Concerning the covenant that would be made and the role the ark would play, God said, "But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with them" (Genesis 6:18). Arguably God could have chosen any number of ways to save Noah and his family, but God chose the ark.

Just as Noah built only one ark, Jesus built only one church. Such was His promise in Matthew 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church (singular) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Further, the great apostle Paul said, "There is one body, "which he makes clear is the church (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4). Yes, God could have instructed Noah to build an entire fleet of ships to save his family and the animals. He desired only one. Arguably, Jesus could have built many churches, but he did not. He built only one.

Both the ark and the church were constructed according to God's divine pattern. Noah was not permitted to build

the ark according to a pattern of his own choosing. God provided the pattern (Genesis 6:14-16). Noah followed it precisely, for the record states, "Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Genesis 6:22). Could Noah have altered the pattern, perhaps changing its dimensions, or the type of wood that was to be used? Certainly. Could he have done so and been pleasing to God? No. Noah would have had an ark, but it would not have been THE ark, that is, the ark of God's choosing. With a flood of waters on its way, capable of destroying all flesh wherein was the breath of life, Noah wanted his family to be in the ark that had been built according to God's divine pattern.

The New Testament church has been built according to a divine pattern as well. That divine pattern is the New Testament, and it does not change with the times. The church that the New Testament describes is far different from many that exist today. The church that was built according to God's pattern does not teach a system of justification by faith alone,"but rather "faith wrought with works," which equals a "living faith" (James 2:17-26). The church that was built according to God's divine pattern does not praise Him by playing mechanical instruments of music, but rather by "singing and making melody with the heart" (Ephesians 5:19). The worship of the New Testament church is not designed to entertain but to edify, the services being conducted "decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). With a greater judgment than the flood still to come, a judgment" wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat "(2 Peter 3: 12), would it not be wise to be in the church that was built according to God's divine pattern?

Only those in the ark were saved. Only those in the church will be saved. When the flood of waters came upon the earth, there was only one place wherein salvation could be found. Moses writes, "And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark" (Genesis 7:23). It may be that those outside the ark sought refuge in other boats, but to no avail. Those who sought safety in high places found none, for even "the mountains were covered" (Genesis 7:20). The ark was the only means of escaping God's judgment.

Today, the New Testament church is the only safe haven for mankind. Paul writes, "For the husband is the head of

the wife, even as Christ is the head of die church: and he is the saviour of the body" (Ephesians 5:23). Common sense tells us that if Christ saves the body, which is the church, any person who is not in the body does not have Christ as his savior. Just as the ark carried the righteous to the newly purified world, the church, which is the kingdom, will carry the righteous to their eternal abode when it is delivered up (1 Corinthians 15:24). Regardless of what many are saying about the importance of the church, a person has the same chance of being saved separate and apart from the body that a person had of being saved without the ark. No chance.

There was only one way into the ark There is only one way into the church. When God said to Noah, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark" (Genesis 7:1), it was not necessary to specify how they were to enter. There was only one way in. In keeping with God's pattern for the barge, Noah installed only one door (Genesis 6:16). Perhaps one of Noah's sons could have made the argument that they should install two doors for the sake of convenience. After all, with two doors the animals could be loaded twice as fast. Of course Noah would not have done this for God ordained that there be only one door into the ark.

Any person seeking entrance into the New Testament church will find his options as limited as Noah's with respect to the ark. There is only one way in. Paul has written, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Paul says we are "baptized into one body, "or into the one church. The apostle also says we are "baptized into Christ" (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27). To be in Christ is to be in His body, the church. Those who are baptized are not "joining" the church, for no one "joins" the New Testament church. Rather, baptized believers are "added" to the church by the Lord Himself (Acts 2:41, 47). Just as Noah and his family gained access into the ark through its one door, access into the church is limited to those who have been immersed in water.

God will one day bring a judgment upon this earth, the likes of which the world has never seen. At that time there will be only one place of safety, the church. All those who seek refuge in the body will be able to recognize it by its unique design. Have you been baptized into Christ? Have you been added to the church by the Lord? The wise will make preparation today for the judgment that may come tomorrow.

~A. J. Cox~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Allen Hughes
 Reading Danny Duncan
 Scripture Romans 14:1-8
 Lord's Table (N) *Tim Fisher
 (S) *Winfrey Hennessee
 (N) Don Johnson
 (N) Micah Lawrence
 (N) Marc Martin
 (S) Harry Felty
 (S) Tyler Boyd
 (S) Eric Fisher
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds
 Reading Brett Merritt
 Scripture John 8:23
 Lord's Table *Tommy Crouch
 *W.C. Chilton
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss John Biddle

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
 Lead Singing Paul Hurst
 First Prayer Bob Bonner
 Reading Bob Cantrell
 Invitation Rickey Hurst
 Dismiss Billy Gilbert

Welcome Committee

A.M. Jeff Templeton Family
 P.M. Tim Fisher Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Joe T. Cantrell & Bob Mayfield

Attend Nursery: Lori Judkins

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Trash Pickup: Jeff Flatt

Cards & Pencils: W.C. Chilton

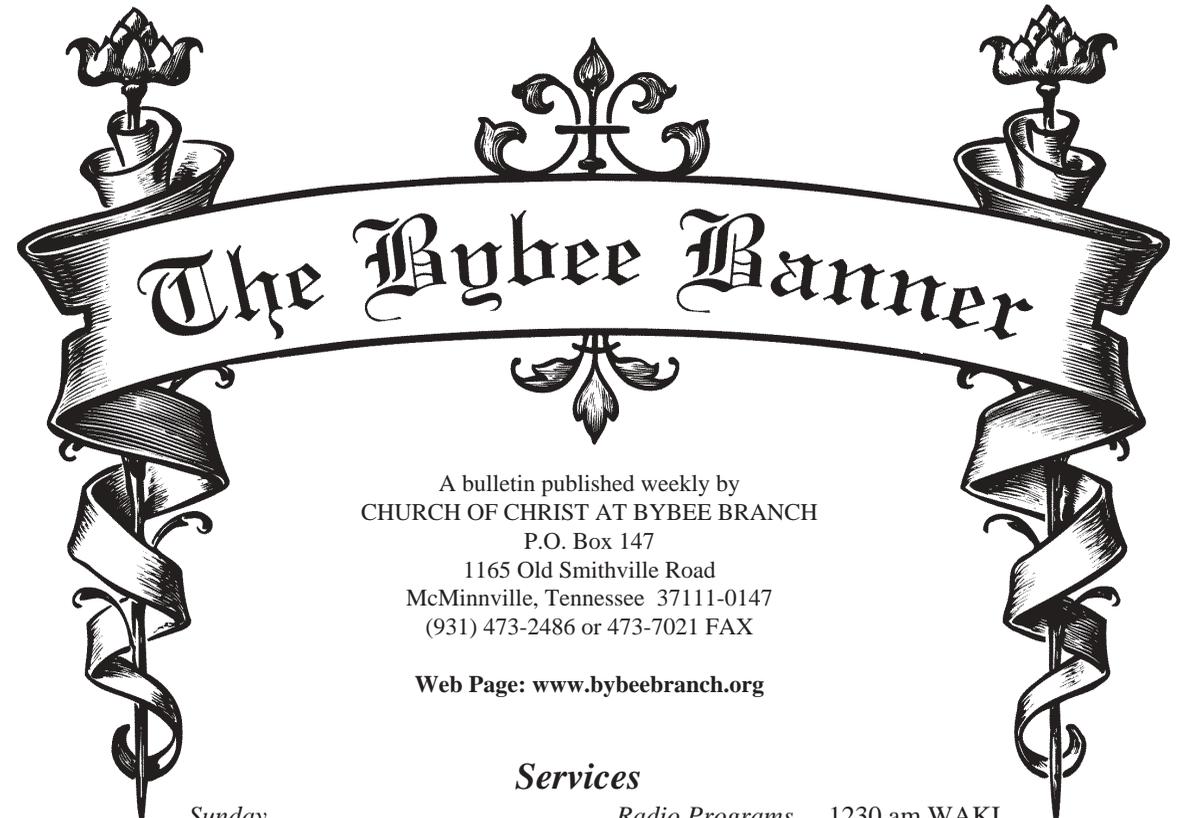
Pantry Item: Chicken Noodle Soup

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 336
 Bible Study 248
 P.M. Worship 271
 Wednesday Bible Study 197
 Contribution \$4,131

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Zollie Settles
 Reading Jason Vandagriff
 Scripture Romans 16:17,18
 Lord's Table (N) *Ken Lee
 (S) *Eddie Palmer
 (N) John Stembridge
 (N) Chris Burks
 (N) Joey Reynolds
 (S) Shane Fisher
 (S) Joe Maynard
 (S) Buell Warren
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Chuck Medley

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Steve Hillis
 Reading Willie Newby
 Scripture Matthew 26:36
 Lord's Table *Steve Boyd
 *Chip Cantrell
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bill Biles

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
 Lead Singing Young Men
 First Prayer Don Griffith
 Reading Blake Sadlon
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

Welcome Committee

A.M. Eugene & Doris Wilcher
 P.M. Dennis Gann Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Barry Hendrixson & Bruce Pryor

Attend Nursery: Stefanie McColloch

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Trash Pickup: Jeff Flatt

Cards & Pencils: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Baby Formula

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	336
Bible Study	260
P.M. Worship	354
Wednesday Bible Study	228
Contribution	\$4,201

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Sick

At Home:

Eugene Wilcher
Edgar Webb (following car accident)
Betty Lane
Mary Davis

In The Hospital:

Eugene Jones-Riverpark for surgery
Betty Hill-St. Thomas
Georgia Brooks (treatment in North Carolina)

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of *Mildred "Dot" Green*. She passed away last Wednesday and her funeral was conducted last Saturday. She and brother Everett Green were long-time members at Bybee Branch and brother Green served many years as a deacon. Sister Green had been in Nashville the past few years to be nearer her children.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. How Do You Handle Divisive People?
P.M. Significant Places & Events: Gethsemane

New Church Directories

Our new church directories were passed out last Sunday. If you were not here to get yours, please ask one of the elders or Tony.

T.A.B.S Program

Thanks to all who made the TABS (TeenAge Bible Studies) program a success this past Sunday evening. We had a great attendance of 354 on Sunday evening. Thanks to Steve Hillis for coordinating the program and to Lynette Maynard, Hilary McGinness and Amy Prince for coordinating the refreshments. We are truly blessed with some great young people and many who encourage and support them.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Jane Golden
Lena Mai Gribble
Houston Stiles
Carol Sue Taylor

NHC Smithville (825 Fisher Ave, Smithville 37166):

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Edith Cantrell
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)
Dora Mai Wilcher

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

85 Main St. N
Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada
Stanley McNery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Vada Campbell
Carolyn Cantrell
Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Bessie Parker
Robbie Vandagriff
Violet Webb

Bible Bowl Sunday

This coming Sunday will be the Bible Bowl at the Mt. Leo congregation at 2 pm. Listen to the announcements Sunday about carrying the bus.

There will be a study session at the Rickey & Maggie Hurst home this Saturday evening from 5-8 pm. If you need directions, See Paul, Amy or Sarah Beth Hurst.

"Witnessing"

Gary McDade

The cartoon pictured a "sweet, little, old lady" in the jury box during the selection process saying to the attorney, "I'd rather be a witness." She was like some in the church today who do not study their Bibles enough to know what the qualifications are to be a witness for Christ. A so-called Christian college had as its theme this year "Be My Witness." One preacher who attended published "the essence of some of the presentations" in which he reported, "Our purpose is to witness for the Lord . . ." and "We are people of no other name (Acts 4:12) and that means we have confidence in the Lord, are devoted to prayer and live as witnesses just like the disciples."¹ Be witnesses "just like the disciples"? One youth program reported its recent activities which included, "Our student praise team led worship during the worship time from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The skit team performed a skit on love. _____ and _____ shared their testimonies."² A mission bulletin from the same congregation ends in thirty-six-point type misapplying a text which says, "You will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard."³ And, within the publication interested parties are being urged to financially support among other activities "The Ministry for Theological Education (MTE)" wherein "men like Allen Black and Richard Oster work hard to provide biblical training to leaders in churches all over Europe."⁴ Black and Oster are recognized as professors at Harding University Graduate School of Religion, yet they have not "provided biblical training" to leaders in churches in Memphis which enables them to know what the biblical qualifications are to be a witness for Christ.

The writing of the apostle Peter will show people who are interested in "speaking where the Bible speaks" the way the term "witness" properly is used. For example, in Acts 10:39-43 Peter said, "And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick [living, ASV] and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." "We are witnesses" refers to the apostles of Christ. The risen Lord was shown "not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God." And, then Peter became very specific when he said, "Even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead." Anyone who teaches they are witnesses of Christ today makes the lady mentioned earlier look like a genius.

Since people in prominent positions of leadership and learning and even higher learning obviously are not studying their Bibles on this point. Please, consider the imperative language of Acts 1:21-22 for the qualifications required to be a witness of Christ: "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection." Peter said, "These men" not "those men" out in coming generations. And, he said, "Must one be ordained to be a witness with us" emphatically showing the imperative nature of the qualification. In view of this text a witness today would have to be somewhere around two thousand years old!

ENDNOTES

¹ Leon Sanderson, *Server* (A weekly publication of the church of Christ at White Station in Memphis), February 28, 2001, 48:9, p. 2.

² Buster Clemens and Donnie Stover, *The Acts of Highland Street* (A weekly newsletter published by Highland Street Church of Christ in Memphis), March 1, 2001, 21:8, p. 30. The two blanks represent the omission of the names of two children, a boy and a girl

³ *Mission Contributions 2001*, Highland Street Church of Christ, p. 4.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 2.

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Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Ricky Burks
 Reading Harold McGinness
 Scripture Colossians 1:13,14
 Lord's Table (N) *Ronnie Prince
 (S) *Jim Slatton
 (N) Rodney Maynard
 (N) Abram Pryor
 (N) Ryan Kesity
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell
 (S) George Trail
 (S) John Nussbaum
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Joe Collins

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Chuck Boles
 Reading Mike Driver
 Scripture Luke 19:1-10
 Lord's Table *Ken Martin
 *Frank Reynolds
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss David Chilton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers
 Reading Don Sullivan
 Invitation Leonard Clemons
 Dismiss Paul Hurst

Welcome Committee

A.M. John & Pearl Biddle
 P.M. Kevin Judkins Family

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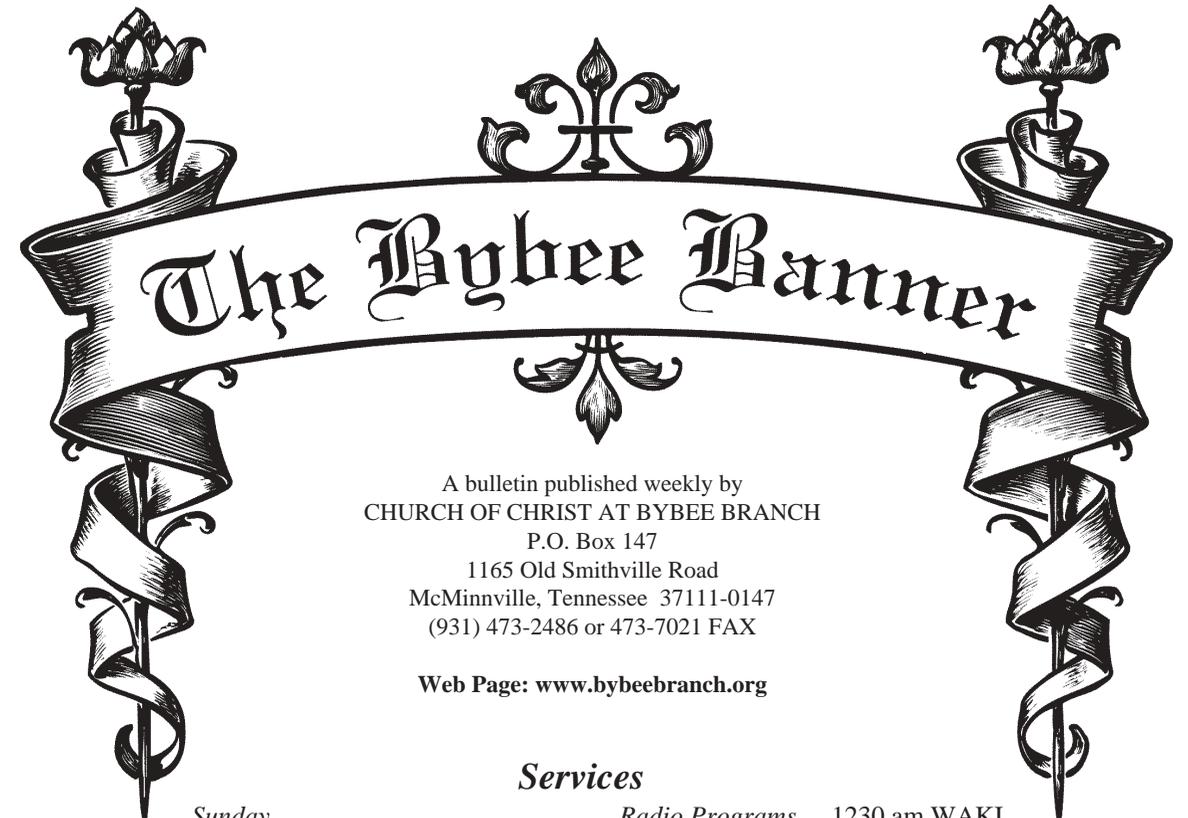
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Services

<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>			
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Steve Boyd W.C. Chilton
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Sick

At Home:

Eugene Wilcher
Edgar Webb (following car accident)
Mary Davis
Eugene Jones
Shirley Parker (at daughter's home)

In The Hospital:

Perry Woodlee (brother to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)-Riverpark
Betty Hill-St. Thomas
Georgia Brooks (treatment in North Carolina)
Josh Templeton-minor surgery Tuesday at Vanderbilt

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Hassie Mae Phillips, sister-in-law to our Charles Campbell. Her funeral was Tuesday.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Translated Into The Kingdom
P.M. Significant Places & Events: Jericho

Visitation Program

The visitation program is being reorganized for the coming year and if you are not involved with this program and would like to be, please see Joe Collins or Billy Gilbert. Joe will be in charge of this program in 2002.

Holiday Fellowship

Every year in December we enjoy a holiday fellowship. It will be this coming Sunday evening following services. Please plan on staying and enjoying the fellowship. As we have done in the past, you are asked to bring items based on the first letter of your last name. They are as follows:

A-G 2 Dozen sandwiches
H-N Desserts
O-Z Large Chips and Dip

Bible Bowl ~ 1st Place

What a great gathering of 395 at Mt. Leo this past Sunday afternoon! Our young people did excellent on the test missing none, and took first place. The first four places were as follows:

1st Place (missing 0) Bybee Branch
2nd Place (missing 2) Smyrna
3rd Place (missing 3) Leoni
4th Place (missing 4) Rome & Earleyville

Next month the New Union congregation will host the Bible Bowl on January 13. The test will come from Ephesians 4-6.

Young Girls Fellowship

There will be a holiday fellowship for the young girls in grades kindergarten-6th grade on Thursday December 20, from 6:00-9:00 pm, in the fellowship room. See Amy Prince, Hilary McGinness, or Lynette Maynard if you plan to attend.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF

NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR: The following material was in response to some comments and questions regarding the DISASTER RELIEF program. Since I live in the Nashville area I am well acquainted with people directly involved with CCDR and, hence, have access to firsthand information.

REGARDING THE BOARD OF CCDR

At the beginning this program was simply identified with the name "Disaster Relief." It was started at the Tusculum congregation by the preacher, John Miller. Its first "board" was the eldership at Tusculum. However, the Tusculum congregation eventually dropped the program at which time it was placed under a generic board made up of various men in the

Nashville area. John Miller became its first and only "president." I asked one of the present board members (a former elder at Tusculum, but who left that congregation because of liberal goings on) why the elders dropped "sponsorship" of the program. He explained it was because Tusculum had supported the infamous "Jubilee." Complaints coming to the elders made it necessary (if the program was to continue receiving support from other brethren) to remove it from the Tusculum congregation. (However, this elder told me he felt it should be under an eldership and not a general board.)

THE TITLE: "CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF"

When word got out that the title "CHURCH OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF" was in the working, it was soon pointed out that this was an improper use of the expression "church of Christ." My understanding is that some suggested using the title "DISASTER RELIEF" with the subtitle "Supported by Churches of Christ." I, along with others, was under the impression the title "CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF" would not be used. However, the next thing I knew it was being used, with the modification of "CHURCHES" plural. I suppose they felt the plural sounded less objectionable. (Actually, the official title now is: "CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT, INC.")

IS CCDRE JUSTIFIABLE?

When discussing this with others I have made it a point to bring out the following questions:

- 1) Is it the responsibility of the Lord's church to provide relief to the world at large? Is not this the premise on which CCDRE was founded? Is not this what CCDRE has become — a generic relief society? Why did not the early church organize such programs?
- 2) Is not CCDRE the creation of another "para-church organization?" Is it not true that well-

meaning brethren become involved in this project without first ascertaining its right to exist?

- 3) Is the use of "CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT, INC." a scriptural concept? Is there such an animal? What is the difference between this and a "Churches of Christ Hospital," "Churches of Christ Home for the Elderly" or "Churches of Christ Half-Way House?" (In the Nashville area we have many hospitals. Many people come here for organ transplants and treatments. These transplants and treatments can become very, very expensive, often wiping out a family's financial base. I ask — could not congregations organize a "CHURCHES OF CHRIST MEDICAL DISASTER RELIEF" and provide housing and funds to help needy families? I proposed this to a supporter of CCDRE. He rejected it as unscriptural. I asked him to explain the difference between this and CCDRE. No response as yet.)
- 4) Has CCDRE not become a community-wide project? Has it not become a co-operative effort with people of various religions seeking to offer assistance?
- 5) Does not CCDRE solicit goods, services and funds from merchants? Is this the way New Testament Christians carry out benevolence?
- 6) Will CCDRE accept financial aid from anyone who will contribute? (I am well acquainted with a brother who witnessed a check from Anheuser-Busch being counted in CCDRE revenues.)
- 7) Is it scriptural for CCDRE to pay a preacher to do "follow-up" work? What is the difference between this and the Missionary Society? (One of the board members confirmed to me that this is a part of CCDRE's program. He said he objected to it but was overruled.)

These are my thoughts. I believe I have taken a sensible approach to the matter.

~Jon Gary Williams~

(Reprinted from *Seek The Old Paths*, November 2001)

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard
 Reading Ricky Prince
 Scripture Colossians 1:15-20
 Lord's Table (N) *Calvin Rogers
 (S) *Noel Pepper
 (N) Jeff Templeton
 (N) Marty Boles
 (N) Caleb Graves
 (S) Barry Hendrixson
 (S) Tom McColloch
 (S) Ben Biles
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell
 Reading Leonard Crouch
 Scripture Micah 5:2
 Lord's Table *Joe Collins
 *Dennis Gann
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Allen Hughes

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
 Lead Singing John Biddle
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson
 Reading Steve Boyd
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Danny Duncan

Welcome Committee

A.M. Marc Martin Family
 P.M. Brett & Bran Merritt

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Willie Newby & Dale Bennett

Attend Nursery: Margaret Hurst

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Trash Pickup: Jeff Flatt

Cards & Pencils: W.C. Chilton

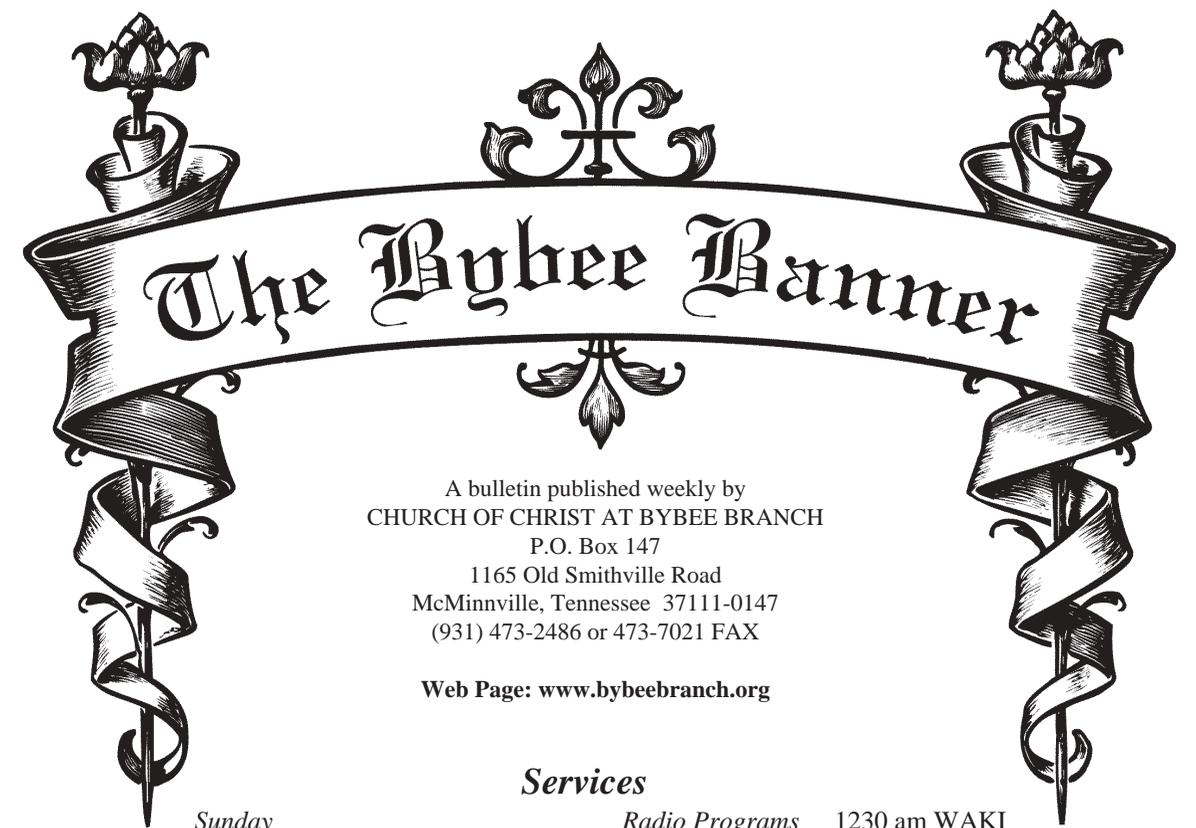
Pantry Item: Vienna Sausage

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	349
Bible Study	261
P.M. Worship	272
Wednesday Bible Study	205
Contribution	\$4,806

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Restoration

We are proud of Regina Templeton in her request for prayers this past Wednesday night. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Preeminent Christ
 P.M. Significant Places & Events: Bethlehem

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Sympathy

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Young Girls Fellowship

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A Tremendous Thanks

There is no way we can adequately express our thanks to the congregation for your many acts of kindness toward us. You honored and humbled us with a generous gift of \$411 on Sunday evening.

Tony, Corretta, Mark & Micah Lawrence

Graduation

Congratulations to Mark Lawrence on his graduation from Freed-Hardeman University this past Friday evening. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design.

10 Resolutions For Young People

1. I am resolved to keep myself clean of mind, heart, and hand.
2. I am resolved that my head shall rule my body, and Christ shall rule my head.
3. I am resolved that I shall not forget my exercise: Exercise my mind by good reading; exercise my soul by spiritual interests; exercise my body by wholesome recreation.
4. I am resolved to live above the world.
5. I am resolved to develop lasting friendships by unselfishness and true affection.
6. I am resolved to know God by studying His Word!
7. I am resolved to be true to that higher self that I know I am.
8. I am resolved to play the game fair and clean - the game on the athletic field and the game of life.
9. I am resolved to remember other people and act as though I were they.
10. I am resolved to prepare for life, but to live now, not tomorrow; to live every moment as a part of eternity; to live that moment according to the One who came that I might live abundantly!

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Program for Sunday, December 30, 2001 and Wednesday, January 2, 2002

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Rodney Reynolds
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Bob Mayfield
(S)	*Billy Gilbert
(N)	Joe Roller
(N)	Dickie Kesey
(S)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	David McColloch
(S)	Shannon Griffin
(S)	Harley Northcutt
Sermon	Ricky Burks
Dismiss	Kraig Campbell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2115) Tyler Boyd
Lead Singing	Eric Fisher
First Prayer	Shane Fisher
Reading	Chris Burks
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Ricky Burks
	*Jeremy Burks
Sermon	Elders
Dismiss	Bran Merritt

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Steve Hillis
Invitation	Bruce Pryor
Dismiss	Winfrey Hennessee

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Doug & Wanda Hendrixson
P.M.	Asa & Sarah Kell

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Rickey Hurst & Hoyt Crouch

Attend Nursery: Tamela Roberts

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Trash Pickup: Jeff Flatt

Cards & Pencils: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Instant Oatmeal

There will be no bulletin printed next week due to the Lawrence's being on Vacation so be sure to keep this bulletin for the program for the next week.

Preparation of Communion

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for those who would be willing to prepare the Lord's Supper for the 2002 year. If you would be willing to do this please sign the list soon.



Gambling Tract

There subject of a lottery in the state of Tennessee will soon be coming. Christians must do all they can to defeat this insidious evil. People must be taught the Truth. Brothers Garland Elkins and Robert R. Taylor, Jr. have written an excellent tract on this subject and the elders have ordered 1000

of these for distribution. If you would, please get a few and start distributing them. Look for these tracts on the table in the foyer.