

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Rickey Hurst  
 Reading Ronnie Rogers  
 Scripture Matthew 19:16-22  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Willie Newby  
 (S) \*Don Griffith  
 (N) Eugene Wilcher  
 (N) Jared Mullican  
 (N) John Nussbaum  
 (S) Ken Lee  
 (S) Asa Kell  
 (S) Marek Sadlon  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Brett Merritt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Billy Gilbert  
 Scripture Galatians 1:6-9  
 Lord's Table \*Ken Martin  
 \*Chuck Boles  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (815-8675) Rickey Burks  
 Lead Singing Bran Merritt  
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
 Reading Mike Driver  
 Invitation Paul Hurst  
 Dismiss Daniel Boyd

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Dennis Gann Family  
 P.M. Shannon Griffin Family

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

**Ushers:** Larry Flatt & David Roberts

**Attend Nursery:** Judy Sullivan

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

**Prepare Communion:**  
 Denise & Kaitlyn Reynolds

**Assist with Baptisms:**  
 Judy Sullivan & Cindy Rogers

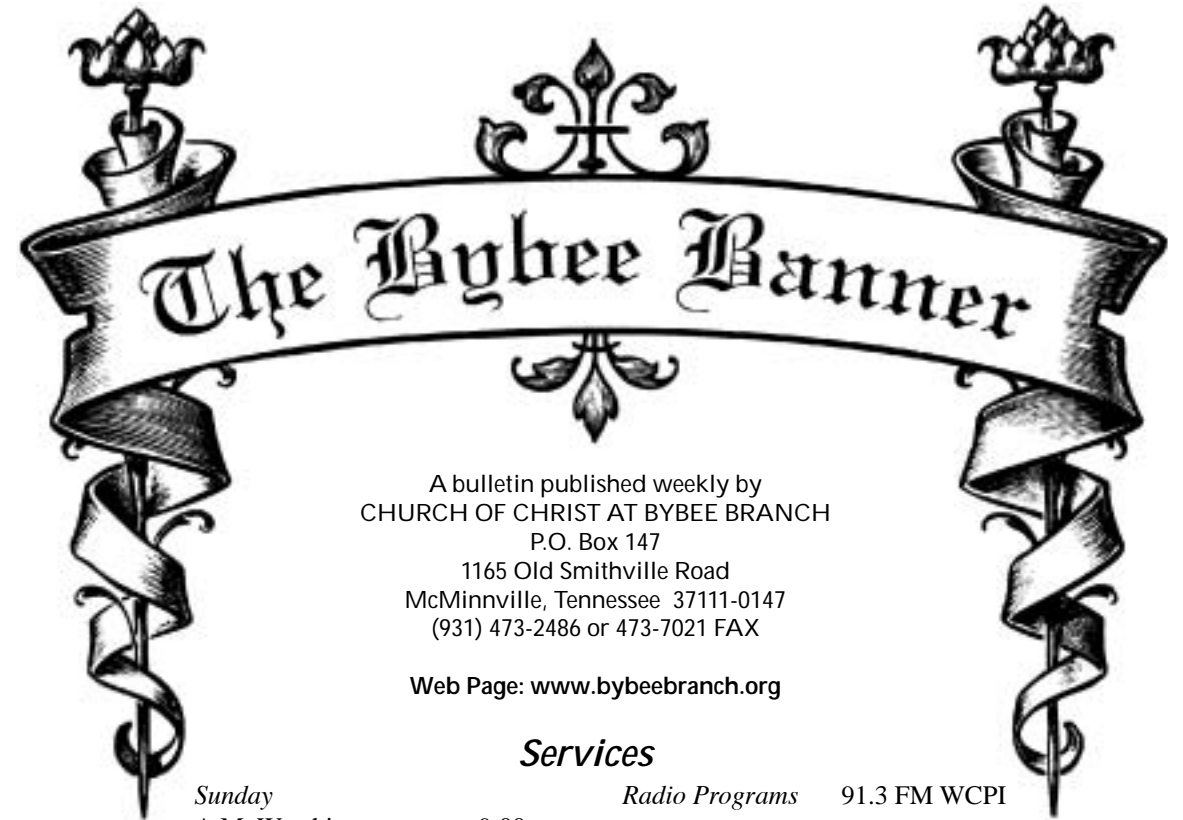
**Pantry Item:** Kool-Aid

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship..... 360  
 Bible Study ..... 290  
 P.M. Worship ..... 244  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 260  
 Contribution ..... \$6,276

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**Services**

|                  |            |                       |              |
|------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <i>Sunday</i>    |            | <i>Radio Programs</i> | 91.3 FM WCPI |
| A.M. Worship     | 9:00 a.m.  |                       |              |
| Bible Study      | 10:15 a.m. | <i>Sunday</i>         |              |
| P.M. Worship     | 6:00 p.m.  | Tony Lawrence         | 8:00 a.m.    |
|                  |            | Winford Claiborne     | 8:30 a.m.    |
| <i>Wednesday</i> |            |                       |              |
| Bible Study      | 7:00 p.m.  |                       |              |

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Donna Anderson*

*Gerry Waddell-following surgery on Monday*

*Louise Driver (Mike's mother)*

*Franklin Brooks (husband of Georgia Brooks),  
following stints*

*Shirley Parker*

*Eugene Jones*

*Mildred Lowry-broken collar bone*

*Joe Adams (Cindy Roger's father)-home after  
hospital stay, more tests to be done.*

### In The Hospital:

*Charles Campbell-St. Thomas following heart  
surgery*

*Robert Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)-St.  
Thomas ICU with pneumonia*

*Nettie Clemons-Riverpark Rehab #254*

*Nelma Chilton-Manchester Hospital*

*Corretta Lawrence-Riverpark*

## Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Paul Rogers (cousin of our Freda Womack. His funeral was in Centerville on Sunday.

Sympathy to the family of Effie Mae Turner (mother of our Georgia Brooks and Pat Merritt), her funeral was Wednesday.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M..... So Close, But Lost

P.M..... Modern Day Revelations

## Baby Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Rebekah Merritt on Sunday, January 16, from 1-3 pm at the home of Ada Mayfield.

## Lessons from Steve

The Preacher of Ecclesiastes gives us wonderful lessons about what he saw under the sun. One such lesson is found in Ecclesiastes 4:13-16. The Preacher talks about how a poor and wise youth is better than an old, foolish king who would not heed the advice of others. Eventually this youth rose up from poverty to become king. However, here is where the story makes an interesting turn. All the people were with the youth who became king, but those subjects who came later did not have the same feelings. So, what is the lesson to be learned?

Reread Ecc. 4:13-16 and think about the story in terms of popularity. Many things are fleeting in this life and the pursuit of popularity is one of them. Countless stories could be told of those who achieved great notoriety, only to lose it and no one pays attention or takes them seriously again. Some will go to great lengths to attain a popular status, but the Preacher states this too is vanity and grasping for wind.

So, as Koheleth instructs, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil" (Ecc. 12:13-14.)

### BIBLE BOWL

Congratulations are passed along to our Bible Bowl team who brought home a blue ribbon from Main Street last Sunday. I know we are all proud of the effort they are giving to studying God's Word. Also coming in first place were Rome and Woodbury. Other groups who placed were Arlington (3<sup>rd</sup>), Bluff Springs, Dibrell, Hebron, Ivy Bluff, & New Hope (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Mt. Leo (4<sup>th</sup>).

### EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY

Several of us will be traveling to Savannah, TN this weekend (14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>) for this wonderful program.

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel.

### WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

This retreat will be held in Pigeon Forge on February 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Resort Hotel and Convention Center. The retreat is for students in the 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, families, and chaperones. The cost for students and chaperones is \$45.00 with an additional price for families who would like a private room. The theme is "Family Matters" with Kyle Butt (Apologetics Press) as the keynote speaker.

A meeting to answer any questions you may have will be this Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, after the evening worship. This meeting will serve as the last time you can sign-up to go AND all money must be turned in at his time. Additionally, release forms will need to be filled out and notarized before we leave for the retreat.

### PEW PACKERS

All the younger youth are asked to join us for bowling on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The cost is \$7.00, which includes 2 hours of bowling and shoes. Parents will be responsible for getting their kids to the bowling alley and picking them up.

## Just An "Amateur"?

This was the concept shared by Jerry Jenkins at the most recent *Polishing The Pulpit*, held in Jacksonville, Alabama, this year. Brother Jenkins is the highly effective, long-serving preacher for the peerlessly evangelistic Roebuck Parkway church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama. His was an audience of almost exclusively preachers. His point was basic, but profound.

He introduced his idea by going back to his rural upbringing, when he and several other boys congregated on a cow pasture to play football. There were no pads, no officials, no goalposts, no salaries, and (ahem) built-in impediments. What

compelled these guys to join in the game? They were amateurs. Brother Jenkins then revealed the etymology (origin) of the word "amateur." I checked behind him by going to the office's trusty Webster's Dictionary. I should have detected it. The word is derived from the famous French word "amare" (the Italians say "amore"), meaning "love." As he said, amateur literally means "one who does something for pleasure, not for money."

Then, brother Jenkins called all of us preachers "amateurs." All you non-preaching readers have now properly "amended" his assessment of us. However, here is what *he* meant by it. A good, effective preacher is an evangelist, not a mere office manager. He does what he does out of the love for souls, not the paycheck he draws. While preaching has its "business side" and a preacher, like others, must provide for his own household (cf. 1 Tim. 5:8), have there been preachers whose primary concern was the pay rather than the people, the support over the souls? To quote a phrase used frequently by Paul, "May it never be" (the KJV more strongly puts it, "God forbid!").

Whether preacher or non-preacher, we share the gospel, we live the Christian life, we serve and are involved, we live Christ before others, we refrain from worldliness, and we overcome adversity best by being pure amateurs! Whatever you attempt in life, you will do far better and enjoy far more those things you do just for the love or pleasure of it than those things you push yourself to do because you just have to do it. Certainly, as parents, spouses, employees, and Christians, we must do the attending duties whether or not we feel like it. Yet, I am convinced that very often, if we will let ourselves, we can do all of these things "for pleasure."

Serve Christ with all your heart today, and do it just for the love of it!

~Neal Pollard~