

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton  
 Reading Kevin Judkins  
 Scripture Psalms 96:8-9  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Calvin Rogers  
 (S) \*Don Sullivan  
 (N) Blake Sadlon  
 (N) George Trail  
 (N) Jeremy Burks  
 (S) Matt Martin  
 (S) Jason Vandagriff  
 (S) Joe Maynard  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Noel Pepper

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Allen Hughes  
 Reading Jim Slatton  
 Scripture John 14:1-4  
 Lord's Table \*Ronnie Prince  
 \*Frank Reynolds  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Zollie Settles

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (815-8675) Rickey Burks  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Mark Lawrence  
 Reading Cody Prince  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Kelly Hillis

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Mike Driver Family  
 P.M. Danny Duncan Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

**Ushers:** Ken Martin & Derek Vinson

**Attend Nursery:** Gail Crouch

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

**Prepare Communion:**  
 Denise & Kaitlyn Reynolds

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

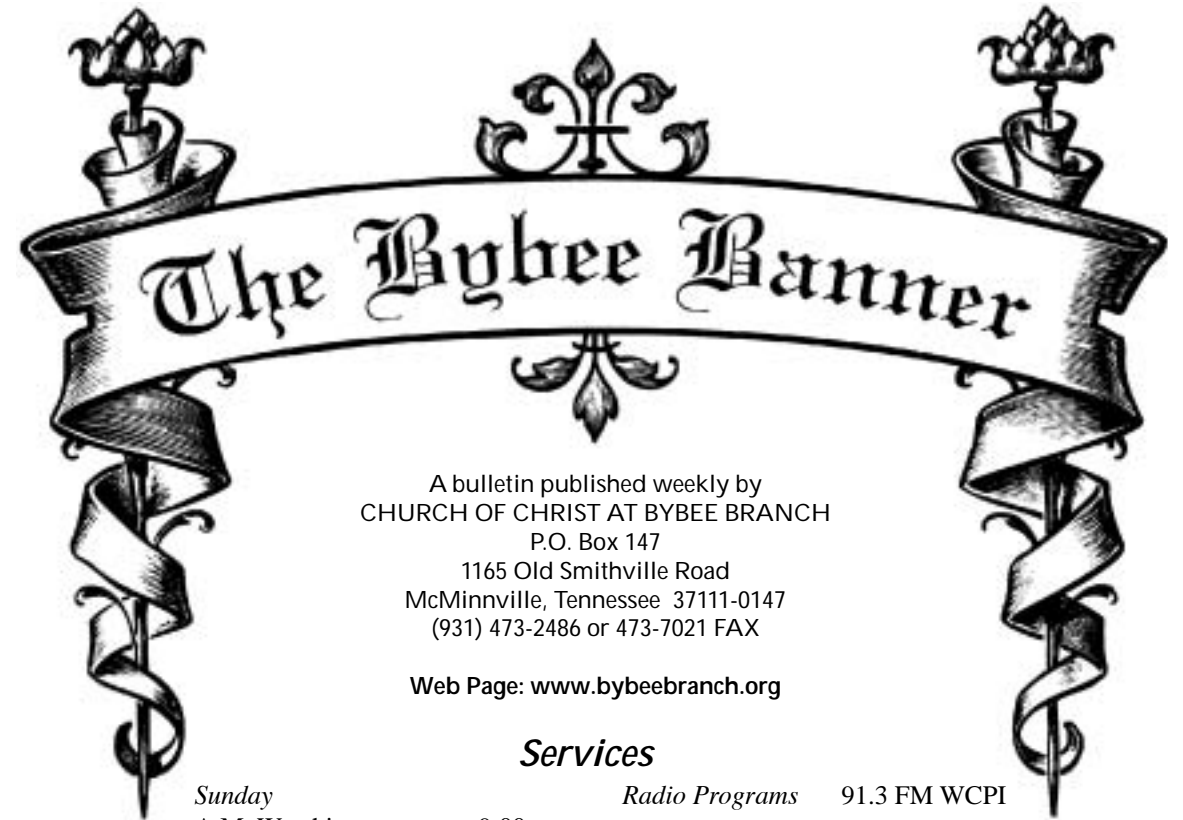
**Pantry Item:** Dry Beans

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship..... 343  
 Bible Study ..... 259  
 P.M. Worship ..... 256  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 207  
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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:

*Shirley Parker*  
*Eugene & Georgia Jones*  
*Mildred Lowry-broken collar bone*  
*Joe Adams (Cindy Roger's father)-home after hospital stay, more tests to be done.*

### In The Hospital:

*Nettie Clemons-Riverpark #300 with pneumonia*  
*Nelma Chilton-will enter Manchester Hospital-to have surgery on the 11th.*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....Attitudes Toward Giving  
 P.M.....Where Do You Want To Live?

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Becky, Mileah and Emily Crawford to the family here at Bybee Branch. Their address is:

6669 Bluff Springs Road  
 Smithville, TN 37166  
 934-2018

## Restorations

On Sunday two precious souls came forward requesting to be restored. Christine Gribble came forward on Sunday morning and Kelly Thaxton came forward on Sunday evening. Please pray for these two Christians.

## Church Directory

Those who have signed up to have their pictures made for the church directory are encouraged to remember their appointments this Sunday evening.

## Shut-ins

### NHC

*Pearlene Cantrell (#300)*  
*Rozelle Goodman (#207)*  
*Pearl Mitchell (#204)*  
*Lorene Pendagraph*  
*Florene Nokes*  
*Carol Sue Taylor (#212)*  
*Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)*

**NHC Smithville** (825 Fisher Ave, Smithville 37166)

*Bertha Stewart*

### McMinnville Boarding Home

*Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)*

**Hillcrest Health Care** (111 E. Lenox St, Ashland City, TN 37015)

*Edith Collins*

**Life Care Center of Sparta** (508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583)

*Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)*

**Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center** (81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702)

*Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)*

### Home:

*Vada Campbell*  
*Carolyn Cantrell*  
*Mildred Gambrell*  
*Greg Grizzell*  
*Willene Kell*  
*Maggie Hurst*  
*Eunice Simpson*  
*Janie York*  
*Loy Watson*  
*Shirley Parker*

## Lessons from Steve

When viewed in contrast with the great kings, emperors, and rulers throughout history, whether in civic or religious jurisdictions, the name of Jesus continues to draw praise from countless people claiming to be His follower, as well as criticism from those who proclaim he was a fraud or just a good man. His name invokes awe and reverence or rolling eyes and hatred. Jesus of Nazareth claimed to be the unique Son of God (Matthew 26:59-68) and the resurrection, claimed by His followers, substantiated it.

Jesus as the Christ caused people to totally change cultural habits, religious practices, and literally place their life on the line daily. Why would Jews all of a sudden stop rituals that were thousands of years old, to follow the rules of Jesus? Why would people like His immediate followers, including the apostles, run from Him and watch Him die, only to preach that He truly was the Christ fifty days later? Why would someone like Saul of Tarsus, the apostle Paul, who persecuted Christians to the point of imprisonment and even death, make a total about face? Obviously, the resurrection was not a myth to them, it was real, and they claimed to be eyewitnesses and their actions back up those claims. The point is Jesus taught wonderful lessons and witnesses said he performed undeniable miracles, but if He died and did not come back from the dead, the whole religion of Christianity is a hoax. Christianity is suppose to be based on verifiable, historical evidence, not just a mere ideology (II Peter 1:15; John 1:1-4, 14.)

So, this is the endearing legacy of Jesus of Nazareth that His claim is backed by the hundreds of eyewitness accounts found in the biographies of His life and by writings of those who saw him alive. The apostle Paul made the following argument, "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died

for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time...Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (II Corinthians 15:3-8; 12-20.) Jesus was not just a charismatic human as some historians try to portray him. He claimed more than that! His followers claimed more than that!

**BIBLE BOWL:** The study will be at the Pryor's, Saturday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The Bible Bowl will be at Main Street with the bus leaving at 1:15 PM.

**SENIOR SAINTS CLASS:** The next class is Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

**WINTER RETREAT:** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with full details.