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Sunday Morning Worship

(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers Announcements **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** Ricky Prince First Prayer Reading Rodney Reynolds Mark 9:2-13 Scripture Lord's Table (N) *Allen Hughes *Johnny Anderson (N) Eugene Wilcher Dickie Kesey (N) Jeremy Burks (N) Ethan Duncan (S) (S) **David King** Joe Maynard (S) **Tony Lawrence** Sermon **Noel Pepper Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee **Marty Boles** Reading Hebrews 11:7 Scripture Lord's Table *Caleb Graves *Kelly Thaxton Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss Bob Cantrell**

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss

(668-2944) Brett Merritt
Paul Hurst
W.C. Chilton
Bob Bonner
Bob Bonner
Bruce Pryor
Danny Duncan

Welcome Committee

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

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Calvin Rogers & David Roberts

Attend Nursery: Sherry Graves

Lock Building: Eddie Palmer

Prepare Communion:

Ken & Glyna Lee

Assist with Baptisms:

Cindy Fisher & Corretta Lawrence

Pantry Item: Cereal Bars

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	351
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Sick

At Home:

Gina Cantrell-Mullican
Martha Maxwell
Freda Womack
Randel Whiteaker
Sarah Southard (Jane Wilcher's mother)
Janie Barnes (Jamie Griffith's mother)
Gentry McGinness (Harold's father)
Joyce Vandagriff (Jason's mother)
Gladys Prater (sister of Flossie Warren)

In The Hospital:

Wanda Mayfield (Becky Crawford's mother-inlaw)-Centennial Medical Center Woodrow Glenn-Riverpark Harley Northcutt-Riverpark Shirley Nunley-Cookeville Hospital following back surgery Macon Jennings (Sharon Driver's mother)-Riverpark Ken Lee-surgery at St. Thomas on Thursday

Sunday's Sermons

A.M	Hear Him
P.M	Build An Ark

Baptism

It was a great joy to witness the baptism of Kristin Maynard this past Sunday evening. She is just one of the great young people that we have at Bybee Branch.

Gospel Meetings

Central church of Christ - August 21-24 - Jim Gammon preaching at 7 pm.

Bonner church of Christ - August 21-24 - Stan Stevenson preaching at 7 pm.

Notes From Steve

What a scene it must have been! Jesus had just finished speaking with the apostles when all of a sudden His feet begin to leave the ground. Then, to the apostle's amazement Jesus ascends higher and higher, until at last He is out of their sight. Their teacher, friend, leader, and Savior was gone. So distraught were the apostles (apparently) that divine intervention was needed to assure them that everything would be fine. But how could everything be fine if Jesus went away? BECAUSE HE IS COMING BACK AGAIN! (Acts 1:9-11)

When Jesus comes again everyone will know (I Thessalonians 4:16.)

When Jesus comes again there will be no time to prepare (II Peter 3:10.)

When Jesus comes again it will catch many offguard (I Thessalonians 5:1-6.)

The time is coming when "[W] e shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: 'As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.' So then each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:10-12.)

Someday, sooner or later, Jesus will return to take home to the place He has prepared those who were not ashamed of Him (John 14:2-3; I John 2:28.) The appearance will be sudden, with NO time to repent, confess, and be baptized for the remission of sins.

Friend, if you are reading this and are not a part of God's kingdom, please take the time to inventory your eternal destiny and make a life changing decision. Obey the gospel and live!

PEW PACKER'S PICTURE

Following our Sunday morning worship on August 21st (and before class begins), a group

picture will be taken of the Pew Packers (5th Grade and down.)

HOME DEVOTIONAL

Our monthly devo will be held at Missy Biles home on Sunday, August 21st, immediately following our evening worship. Boys bring a 2-liter and girls bring a dessert.

SENIOR SAINT'S CLASS

The next class is Monday, August 22^{nd} , beginning at 9:00 AM in Room 1.

Lordship

I believe the average person has a hard time grasping the scope of the term "lord." After all, we live in the "land of the free; the home of the brave." We choose the place we will live and the type of car we drive. We are subject to certain laws, but by and large, we are free. We may be aware of the dictionary definition of "lord," (a ruler by hereditary right or preeminence to whom service and obedience are due"—Merriam-Webster), but we do not really encounter it outside religion.

When God revealed his will to us in the New Testament, he used a word for "lord" that was already in use in the public domain. It had reference to a ruler who had authority over others by possession of title, land, or the persons themselves. Throughout history, "lord" has carried with it the idea of obedience on the part of those under the lord. During medieval times, people understood lords to be holders of land and rulers over those who were "lesser" by birth and social class. Now, with so much emphasis on personal freedom, it seems that the implications of "lord" are lost on the average American. (Partly because of a general disdain for history, they have no frame of reference.) They are "free" and "don't have to answer to anybody." They don't see obedience to most laws as an infringement upon their freedom (at least, not yet). My point is this: when God spoke of "Lord" in the New Testament, the people knew what that implied because they were familiar with the concept. Now, however, some people resent even the demands of God because they recognize only one complete authority: themselves.

American church-goers of all affiliations are confounding theologians in one major area: they want to "come to God" on their own terms. People want to be seen as "Christian," (and really, any other religion they find appealing), but want only minimum indoctrination—a sort of "giveme-the-old-time-name, but-not-the-old-time-religion!" This, of course, is an oxymoronic state of affairs—you cannot sincerely call Jesus "Lord" and refuse to serve him. But, oh how men try!

This very circumstance is the reason for the multiplicity of religious bodies throughout America and the world. A serious study of the implications of "lordship" in the light of the New Testament would help all of us see the gravity of the confession that "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:11). No wonder, then, the burning question of Jesus, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say?"

~Lance Cordle~ Calvert City church of Christ

"Happiness doesn't depend on what we have, but it does depend on how we feel toward what we have. We can be happy with little and miserable with much."