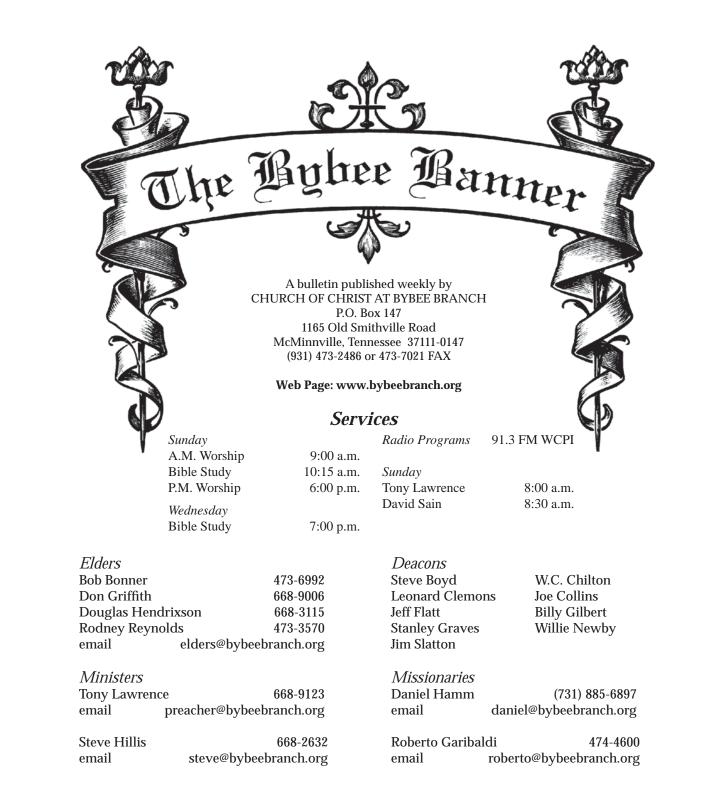
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## Sick

#### At Home:

Vivian Ferrell Eugene & Georgia Jones Roeba Jones Randel Whiteaker Gina Cantrell-Mullican Sarah Southard (Jane Wilcher's mother) Macon Jennings (Sharon Driver's mother) Mary Bacum (former member here at Bybee Branch, diagnosed with cancer) Wanda Mayfield (Becky Crawford's mother-inlaw) Mary Elizabeth Holt (Sandra's grandmother)home from the hospital Woodrow Glenn-home from NHC

#### In The Hospital:

Jeffery Parker (son of Vera Settles)-hospital in Michigan

### Sunday's Sermons

A.M	God Knows Our Needs	
P.M	TBA	

# **Directory Correction**

Please make the following correction to your church directory:

Clent & Lynette Kesey 507-0669

# **Gospel Meeting**

Oakland church of Christ, September 18-21. services at 7:00 pm with Joe Gray preaching.

# Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Dot Peel, sister or our Helen Morgan. She passed away this past week.

## \$0.00

I certainly hope that what I was told recently was not exactly true. I was told about a brother who attends worship services at a fairly large and well established congregation in what I guess would be described as a mid-major metropolitan area. I hesitate to describe what he does as worship, even though, as I have already stated, he is a brother and does attend the worship assemblies regularly.

According to a preacher friend of mine who is in a position to know something about that congregation, this man is a billionaire (that's billion, with a b - or 1,000 million!)While he may not have a billion dollars in ready cash, if all of his assets were sold, his "net worth" would easily top \$1,000,000,000.00

According to the information I received, each Lord's day, when the collection plate is passed, this man drops his check in the plate. Each Lord's day, the amount he writes on the check is exactly the same -- \$0.00!

The reason for this, as I understand it, is that this man "Has a problem" with some of the things going on at this church. He apparently would like to see things going in a different direction than the direction in which the elders are leading this particular flock. So, each Sunday, in silent protest, he "contributes" \$0.00.

What a shame! And what an utter misunderstanding of the purpose of giving of our means!!

Most of us are aware of some of the reasons and motivations for giving as spelled out in the New Testament. I will not go into all of them in this short article.

I will, however, state that I have not yet found the verse that indicates that the Lord intended for giving to be my way of "voting" on how I think things are going at the church where I am a member. Good, effective, open communication between the elders and all of the members is vital in gauging support. Surely, if elders and the other members have the relationship described in the New Testament, no member would feel the need to resort to withholding his or her contribution in protest.

Please read carefully the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians. This is one of the places where we find some information about how the Lord views our giving. It is interesting that giving is nowhere described as "proof of your agreement," "proof of your support for the local programs of work," or "proof of how much you like the elders, preachers, etc."

To me it is very interesting that our giving is called "the proof of your love" (2 Cor. 8:24).

~Jim Faughn~

# Notes From Steve

Our youth are privileged to be a part of the Bible Bowl, a competition in Bible knowledge. The particular class I teach began classes two weeks ago in Acts. The book of Acts is a well researched and written history of the church of Jesus Christ by Luke (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1.) Luke describes in vivid detail the beginning, establishment and growth of God's divine institution. Chapter one deals with Jesus reminding the apostles how they were not to leave Jerusalem, but wait for the "Promise of the Father. Why was this important?

Scripture presents two important things that were to happen in Jerusalem. First, notice Isaiah 2:2-3. "Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." From Jerusalem something was going to happen that would include "all nations" and involve God's Word being presented to the masses. Second, the apostles would receive "power from on high" in Jerusalem (Luke 24:49.) What Jesus meant was they had to be in Jerusalem for the fulfillment of the "Promise of the Father." Jesus had already revealed what the Promise was and why it would happen (please read John 14:15-29; 16:1-15.)

After Jesus ascended back to glory (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12) the apostles and their immediate company did exactly as Jesus had asked; they went back to Jerusalem. Upon arriving in the city, the apostles appointed Matthias to take the place of Judas and waited. Approximately ten days later, the wait would be over and the entire world would be changed forever.

### HOME DEVOTIONAL

Jeff and Mary Flatt will host the next Home Devo on Sunday night, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM. Guys bring a drink and Girls bring a dessert.

### VISITATION TEAM MEETING

Team 3 remember your meeting this Sunday night, September 18<sup>th</sup>, following our evening worship in Room 1.

#### TABS

The first TeenAge Bible Study for this year will take place at Central, Sunday – September 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 PM. We will not take the bus, so make proper travel preparations. The theme for this year is "ONE." Each month the lesson will center around one of the seven "ones" found in Ephesians 4:4-6. Central will present a lesson on "One Body."

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