

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bruce Pryor  
 Reading David McColloch  
 Scripture 1 Peter 1:18-19  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Michael Andrews  
 (S) \*Bob Bonner  
 (N) Matt Martin  
 (N) Ben Biles  
 (N) Jared Mullican  
 (S) Lynn Gann  
 (S) Marty Boles  
 (S) Eugene Wilcher  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Rickey Burks  
 Reading Kelly Thaxton  
 Scripture Galatians 2:20  
 Lord's Table \*Billy Gilbert  
 \*Ronnie Hoover  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss W.C.Chilton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby  
 Lead Singing Rickey Hurst  
 First Prayer Mike Driver  
 Reading Joe Collins  
 Invitation Rickey Burks  
 Dismiss Darron Dixson

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ken & Nona Martin  
 P.M. Chip Cantrell Family

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

**Ushers:** Bob Cantrell & Mark Lawrence

**Attend Nursery:** Ashley Pinegar

**Lock Building:** Clent Kesey

**Prepare Communion:**  
 Kelly & Gaye Hillis

**Assist with Baptisms:**  
 Corretta Lawrence & Sharon Driver

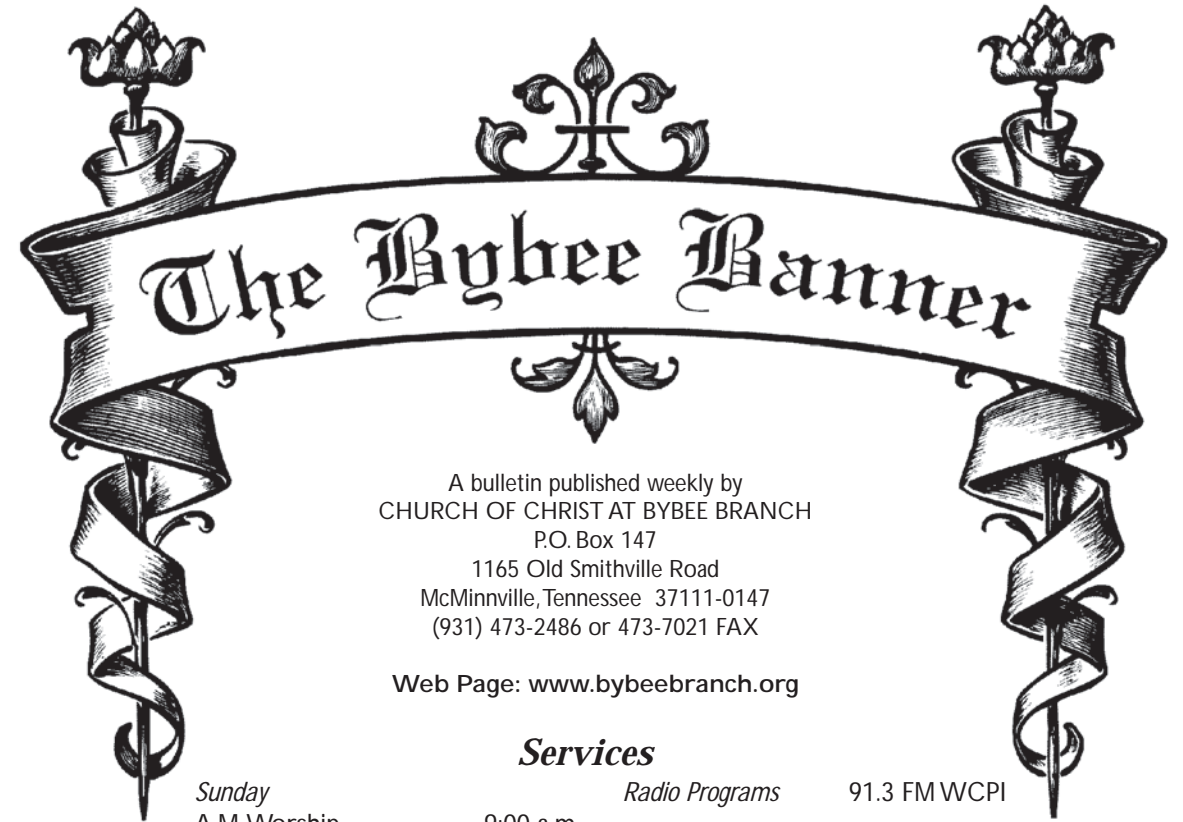
**Pantry Item:** Crackers

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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.
		David Sain	8:30 a.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>			
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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## Sick

### At Home:

Larry Goodman  
Dennis Gann  
Mildred Lowry-following a fall  
Eugene Jones  
Polly Woodlee (Chris Neale's grandmother)  
Drucilla Crouch  
Pat Gribble (Jane Flatt's sister-in-law)  
Walter Maxwell  
Wilma Chisam-following surgery  
Sonia & Ashley Vandagriff  
Bailey Martin-chicken pox  
David Chilton  
Tyler Campbell-pneumonia  
Judy Nussbaum

### In The Hospital:

Charlie Cantrell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro  
Otis Merritt-moved to NHC  
Willard Bouldin (Avie Clemons's father)-St. Thomas  
Yvonne Wheeler-Riverpark Rehab (following a fall  
and several broken bones)  
Shirley Parker-Riverpark

**When you know of those sick at home, in the hospital or having surgery, please call the office so we can list them in the bulletin.**

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of William Goolsby (brother of James Goolsby). His funeral was Sunday afternoon.

## Restoration

We rejoice that on Sunday morning sister Barbara Lorance came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. Please continue to pray for her.

## Sermons This Week

Sunday AM ..... There Is Power In The Blood  
Sunday PM..... Christ Living In Me

## Annual Holiday Fellowship

The Annual Holiday Fellowship party will be following the evening services on Sunday, December 17. We will be serving soup & rolls.

If you last name begins with **A-K**, please bring one dozen of the following: ham/roll, turkey/roll, pigs in blanket, or crossants.

If your last name begins with **L-Z**, please bring a dessert.

If you are able to help serve on this evening, please see Mary Flatt.

## Christmas = Christ's Birthday?

The world today often is confused on biblical teaching. Below are some things which the Bible does NOT teach about Christ's birthday.

1. The Bible does not teach that Jesus was born December 25, 1 BC/AD. Shepherds do NOT stay with their flocks at night during this time of the year. Herod died in 4 BC so Jesus birth must have been before then.
2. The Bible does not teach that three wise men visited Jesus in a manger. Nowhere does the Bible use the number 3. According to Matthew 2:11, Jesus was in a house, not the stable when the wise men arrived. Note the use of "after" in Matthew 2:1.
3. The Bible does not say that Christians should observe this day as a day of worship. One's traditions should be based in God's word, not man's (2Thess. 2:15). In fact, the Bible is very clear on religious observances apart from Divine sanction (Gal. 4:10-11).

Is it wrong for Christians to enjoy a seasonal time of the year with joy, fellowship and exchanging presents? Not any more than enjoying national holidays like the 4th of July, or family celebrations like birthdays and anniversaries. However, none of these are a part of the worship of the church. Be sure not to let the world confuse you.

~Tony Lawrence~

## Notes From Steve

"Stop spreading poison and start spreading the good news!" For 2007 this will be our Youth Group's motto. The emphasis centers on each individual bringing something positive to the group. Sometimes we knowingly spread poison, like the mother from the movie The Sixth Sense who slowly but surely poisoned her daughter until she died. Sometimes we may not realize that our actions and words are toxic, potentially endangering the entire group. Paul broached this subject with the young evangelist Timothy. **"Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer."** II Timothy 2:14-17 Probably everyone reading this has known a loved one who started out with a small spot of cancer, only to see it grow and spread like the poison it is. The same is true with unprofitable words and useless talk. That is why Paul contrasts poison with the nonpoisonous truth of God's Word. The Bible leads to positive maturity and growth, where no poison is found, only life changing words that lead to salvation.

The goal is to stop the spread of poison and start spreading that which is honorable. Paul goes on to say, **"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."** II Timothy 2:20-21 Are you gold/silver (Honor) or Wood/Clay (Dishonor?) Are you spreading poison that could eventually kill our Youth Group (this is to

the youth and parents?) Or have you rid yourself of poison and are now spreading the seed, which is God's Word? Notice again what Paul says about the one who stops spreading poison. He or she is a vessel for honor, one whose cargo is full of gold and silver. This individual is sanctified, has been set apart from the world to spread good things, not bad. A person that God can use, who has rid themselves of poison and has prepared their mind and heart to work for the Lord.

So, does God acknowledge you as belonging to Him? Have you fled from iniquity since becoming a Christian? Paul revealed a simple truth to Timothy when he said, **"Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."** II Timothy 2:19 God does not know you if you are spreading a poisonous message. We are not practicing Christianity as Jesus desires, if we have not rid ourselves of poisonous messages. Again, the plan is this: "Stop spreading poison and start spreading the good news!" I hope each youth, parent, and guardian will take this message seriously. I have full confidence you will.

## YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

The schedule for our service projects is as follows:  
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

*Wrap gifts – 5:00 PM to Time of Class*

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

*Wrap & Deliver Gifts – 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM*

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

*Services @ Riverview Terrace – 6:00 to 7:00 PM*

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

*NHC "Elves" – 1:30 PM to ??*

## EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY

E. U. takes place the weekend of January 12 – 14 in Savannah, TN. The cost for the trip is now \$40.00. The cut-off is this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The trip is for High School students only.