

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture Luke 15:11-13  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Harold Cook  
 (S) \*Steve Boyd  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (N) Lynn Gann  
 (N) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) Matt Martin  
 (S) Asa Kell  
 (S) Billy Pinegar  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (815-9040) Chip Cantrell  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bruce Pryor  
 Reading Ethan Duncan  
 Scripture Luke 4:1-4  
 Lord's Table \*Mike Driver  
 \*Dale Bennett  
 Sermon Stan Stevenson  
 Dismiss Ricky Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee  
 Reading Dustin Rhea  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Zollie Settles

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Kevin Judkins Family  
 P.M. David Bouldin Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

**Ushers:** Rickey Hurst & Steve Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Ruby Huntley

**Lock Building:** Paul Hurst

**Prepare Communion:**  
 David McColloch Family

**Assist with Baptisms:**  
 Cynthia Duncan & Stepanie Maynard

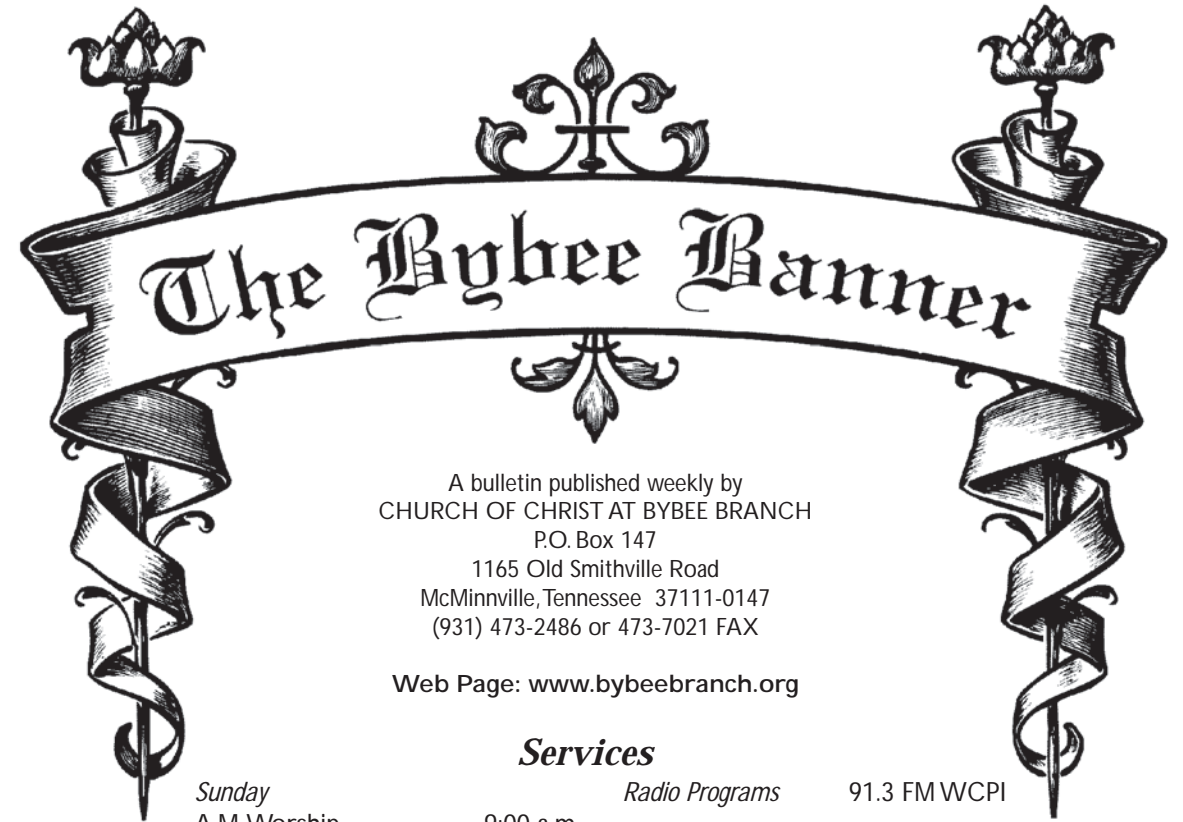
**Pantry Item:** Peaches

**Record For The Week...**

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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:

Nonie Grizzell  
Edith Roberts  
Lawrence Lane  
Kenneth Lance (Janie Griffin's father)  
Isabell Bouldin

### In The Hospital:

Marsha Dunlap (grandmother of James & Sam Gillies)-moved to NHC  
Preslie Slatton (granddaughter of Jim & June Slatton)-room 6310 Vanderbilt Children's Hospital  
Loy Watson-Riverpark with pneumonia

Please help us keep our sick list up-to-date. If you know of someone who has been sick or in the hospital and is not on the list, please call the office or the announcer so it can be announced. Thanks for your help!

## Sermons Topics

Sunday AM ..... A Good Look At Two Sons  
Sunday PM .... "Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone"

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike and Tina Mullins who were married on May 26. Their new address is:

6131 Jacksboro Road  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
939-3786

## Address Updates

Kathy & Robert Elam  
10296 Manchester Hwy  
Morrison, TN 37357-5906  
635-3566

Harold & Judy Cook  
544 Steakley Road  
Morrison, TN 37357-6086  
635-2811

## Gospel Meetings

*Grange Hall church of Christ*, June 17-21, 7 pm, Glann Lee, preaching.

*Spencer church of Christ*, June 17-21, 7 pm, Bud Lambert preaching.

## Vacation Bible Schools

*Leoni church of Christ*, June 17-20, 7 pm. Theme: The Life Of Joseph.

*Woodbury church of Christ*, June 18-22, 9-11 am, Speaker for adult class will be Carl Goad.

*Iconium church of Christ*, June 24-28, 7 pm, Speakers for adults: Rush Cheeks, Robert Jefferies, Terry Townsend, Vernon Joines, & Charlie Gunter.

## Summer Series

Our speaker for this coming Sunday evening will be Stan Stevenson. Stan has spoken at Bybee Branch several times is always a favorite with his rich and deep lessons. He worked with the Mt. Leo congregation for several years and has been with the Rome congregation in Smith county for 10 years. Stan is a graduate of Regions University with a bachelors degree and has a Masters from Freed-Hardeman University.

**Remember our goal is 275!**

## The Candle Goes Out

Life is like a burning candle  
Flickering as the winds blow  
How long will it give its light?  
No one except God knows.

One day the flame will grow weaker  
When time to leave this earthly zone  
How sweet to have the sunlight of Jesus  
When our candlelight is gone.

~Benny Bristow~

## Youth Notes from Steve

I remember Terann (my oldest daughter) complaining at an early age about her living conditions. Seemingly, her life was miserable. Same old food, same old room, same old people. So, she was given an ultimatum. If free food and free lodging and people who loved and cared for her deeply was not suitable, she was invited to leave. Well after a few tears and I'm sorry, we eventually were on the same page (until she became a teenager, which is another story.)

The Israelites were in a similar position wandering through the wilderness. Numbers 21:4-9 reveals a people who were "fed-up," their patience had run out. So, they let Moses and God both know how they felt. God's chosen thought things could not possibly get any worse. Egypt was looking a whole lot better than the continuous exodus around the dessert, and the manna...everyday, the same old food and traveling with the same old people! Unfortunately for the Israelites, God took exception to the complaints and proceeded to unleash (not child psychology) but a serious and stern reminder of the freedom God was offering. As the fiery serpents reigned terror on the hapless people, they soon realized the error of their way and begged for mercy. What happens next is the most striking part of the story. God did not simply call-off the deadly serpents, but provided a way for the people to be reconnected to Him. Moses was instructed to make a fiery serpent (which he did), place it on a pole and all who had been bitten that looked on it would live.

The above story did not escape the attention of Paul, who used this as an illustration for the church at Corinth, "**nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents**" (I Corinthians 10:9.) Our position today is no different than the Israelites. Meaning, who are we to test God? The Lord has sacrificed so much for us and His love is immeasurable. Any resistance or impatience to the will of God on our

part could result in a failed relationship with Him. Obedience and loyalty has always been a prerequisite to a relationship with God, which is probably the key lesson from this story. The Israelites had failed God, but He gave them an opportunity, a choice to come back to Him.

Even Jesus harkened back to this episode while speaking to Nicodemus. "**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life**" (John 3:14-15.) The Israelites, who were injected with deadly poison, were given a shot at redemption by obeying God's instructions and looking at the fiery serpent. We find salvation by looking at the humble, loving, selfless life Jesus temporarily forfeited for our sins on the cross. However, standing and gazing at the cross is not enough. We must be willing to deny ourselves (stop testing God) take up our cross (obey God's commands no matter what) and follow Jesus Christ (because He freely gave His life to save ours) (Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23.)

Our focus should be to not let the struggles of this life, hinder our ability to reason in a sane manner. "Fiery serpents" can come in many forms (words, thoughts, and deeds) and from within or without. Remembering how God freely gave so we could have eternal freedom will hopefully be enough to help us look to the cross for inspiration and guidance. Because looking at the cross reminds us where we have been and the potential for where we can go.

### FUN NIGHT

The B.B.Y.G. is to meet at the church building this Thursday night (June 21<sup>st</sup>) by 8:00 PM. Bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket.

### BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY

All the kids of Bybee Branch are invited to help celebrate our youth with June birthdays next Wednesday night, June 27<sup>th</sup>, following our devotional.