

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements ..... (668-9581) Willie Newby  
 Lead Singing ..... Joe Collins  
 First Prayer ..... Tim Fisher  
 Reading ..... Tommy Crouch  
 Scripture ..... Proverbs 23:17-18  
 Lord's Table (N) ..... \*Jim Slatton  
 (S) ..... \*Steve Hillis  
 (N) ..... Dickie Kesey  
 (N) ..... J.B. Gribble  
 (N) ..... Kane Maynard  
 (S) ..... Steve Wilcher  
 (S) ..... Matt Martin  
 (S) ..... Harold McGinness  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Kelly Hillis

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements ..... (668-9581) Willie Newby  
 Lead Singing ..... Joe Collins  
 First Prayer ..... Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading ..... Derek Vinson  
 Scripture ..... Acts 10:32-35  
 Lord's Table ..... \*Ronnie Prince  
 \*Allen Hughes  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... David Chilton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements ..... (668-2184) Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing ..... Ethan Duncan  
 First Prayer ..... Jeff Flatt  
 Reading ..... Mark Lawrence  
 Invitation ..... Steve Boyd  
 Dismiss ..... Kurt Maynard

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. .... Mike Driver Family  
 P.M. .... Willus & Edith Roberts

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

**Ushers:** ..... Noel Pepper & Charles Gillies

**Attend Nursery:**..... Elaine Goodman

**Lock Building:**..... Rodney Maynard

**Prepare Communion:**

..... Darron Dixson Family

**Assist with Baptisms:**

..... Sonia Vandagriff & Amy Prince

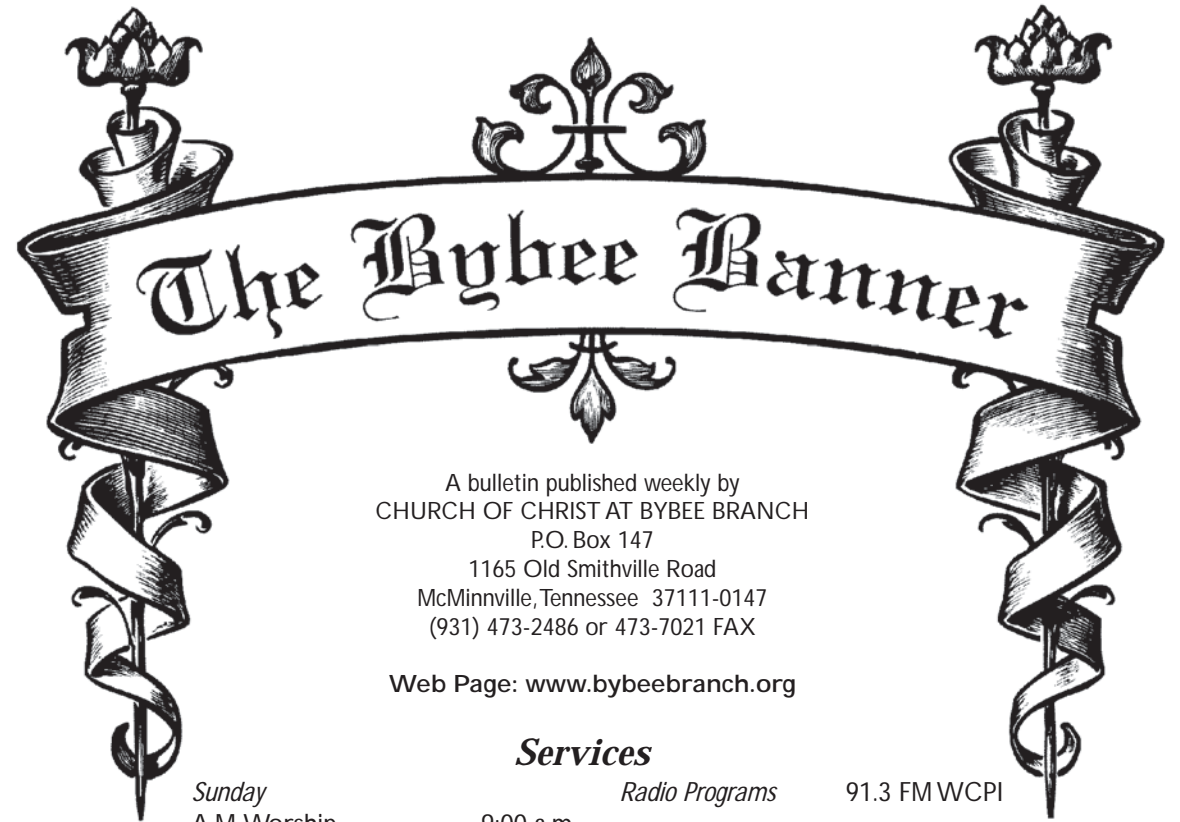
**Pantry Item:** ..... Pancake Syrup

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 328  
 Bible Study ..... 253  
 P.M. Worship ..... 272  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 224  
 Contribution ..... \$5,308

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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Radio Programs</i>	91.3 FM WCPI
A.M. Worship	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday</i>	
Bible Study	10:15 a.m.	Tony Lawrence	8:00 a.m.
P.M. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Winford Claiborne	8:30 a.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>			
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Georgia Brooks*  
*Mary Davis*  
*James Eaton (Sarah Kell's brother)*  
*Dorothy Adcock (Jane Crouch's mother)*  
*Hoyt Crouch*  
*Ken Lee*  
*W.C. Chilton*  
*Amy Matheny (Martha Pepper's niece)-surgery in Ohio*

### In The Hospital:

*Preslie Slatton (granddaughter of Jim & June Slatton)-Vanderbilt Children's Hospital*  
*Martha Bouldin (Avie Clemons mother)-Riverpark*  
*Lola Barrett-Middle Tennessee Medical Center-back surgery Friday*  
*Steve Smith-Vanderbilt (returned with a fever)*

## Sympathy

Members of the congregation continue to be touched with the passing of beloved family members. We extend our sympathy to the family of **Rosie Rogers**, mother of our Calvin Rogers. She passed away on Monday afternoon and her services will be Thursday at 1:00 pm at Love, Cantrell, Cope Funeral Home.

## Sermons Topics

Sunday AM .....Surely There Is A Hereafter  
Sunday PM .....Conversions In Acts #5

## 90th Birthday

One of our dears sisters at Bybee Branch will turn 90 years old on September 9. Let us send her cards to help her mark this great event in her life. You can send the cards to:

Roeba Jones  
276 Sullivan Road  
McMinnville, TN 37110

## Shut-ins

**NHC** (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)  
*Nettie Clemons (#414)*  
*Carol Sue Taylor (#212)*  
*Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)*  
*Lillard Vandagriff (#316)*  
*Florene Nokes*  
*Sarah Pennington*

### Alive Hospice, Inc.

(1718 Patterson St. Nashville, TN 37203)  
*Georgia Womack*

### Raintree Manor

*Clercie Delon*

### Hillcrest Health Care

(111 E. Lenox St, Ashland City, TN 37015)  
*Edith Collins*

### Mayfield Rehab and Special Care

(200 Mayfield Dr, Smyrna, TN 37167)  
*Loy Watson*

### 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:

*Charles & Vada Campbell*  
*Greg Grizzell*  
*Nonie Grizzell*  
*Georgia Jones*  
*Willene Kell*  
*Helen McGinness (Harold's mother)*  
*Ruby Glenn*

## Family Retreat @ Short Mtn

This Friday and Saturday will be the family retreat at Short Mountain Bible Camp. Supper will be served at 6:30 pm Friday and breakfast at 9:00 am Saturday.

## Notes From Steve

"Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting" (Genesis 27:30.) The rest of the story could be summarized in one word...SURPRISE! The entire episode between Esau and Jacob combined with the actions of Jacob and his mother Rebekah are not simply explained. Was arrogance the downfall of Esau for despising and selling his birthright (Gen. 25:34; Heb. 12:16?) or was deception and lies by Jacob and Rebekah the underlying factor for the eldest son losing his birthright and blessing (Gen. 27:5-19?) I do not know, but we can look at some factors that may have played a part in determining the outcome of this event.

First – Esau. He initiated the problem by disregarding the privilege of having firstborn status (again reference Gen. 25:34; Heb. 12:16.) Maybe he thought (if he was thinking at all) that he would still receive the full package of his father's blessings. By the tone of Isaac, that seemed to be his intention (Gen. 27:24-29.)

Second – Jacob. In true Americana style, he was an opportunist. Isaac was a very wealthy man (Gen. 26:12-14) and the firstborn would gain the majority holding of material goods as well as the spiritual aspects of the blessing. When Esau presented himself on that fateful day, Jacob obliged. Jacob's capitalistic ways, however, cannot excuse the deception he practiced. He lied. Genesis 27:24 states, "**Then he (Isaac) said, 'Are you really my son Esau?' He (Jacob) said, 'I am.'**" (emp. mine.)

Third – Rebekah. I will not try to defend her actions. One thought that comes to my mind, though, is who exactly knew about what God had revealed to her? Did she feel that she had to take drastic measures to assure that God's plan would be carried out? Harken back to when Rebekah was pregnant and the turmoil that was taking place within her (Gen. 25:21-22.) Here is what the Lord told her, "**Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples**

shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, **And the older shall serve the younger**" (Gen. 25:23.)

Esau had no problem in starting the process, Jacob had no problem in taking advantage of the situation, and Rebekah had divine knowledge that Esau would serve Jacob. So, this brings us to the real question or at least for me. Did God condone the means by which Jacob received his father's blessing? We will look at that question in depth next time.

### PEW PACKERS CLASS

Our next class will be this Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 pm. We are exploring the world of Biblical animals and the topic for this month is Dogs. Please make arrangements for your child to join us.

### S.B.B. & I.B.S.

We begin a new installment of Spiritual Body Building (boys) and Inner Beauty Salon (girls) this Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is "Youth Serving the Local Congregation." Lisa Hilton and I will work with each group separately. The first few lessons will show the "behind-the-scenes" activities that take place at Bybee Branch. The final lessons will enable each student to prepare and present a five-minute lesson.

### RUSH

Freed Hardeman University hosts a weekend of fun and information for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to introduce them to the school. A brief meeting will be held this Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, for all those who will be attending. The cut-off is also this Wednesday, so proper housing can be arranged.

### YOUTH SINGING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Youth Singing @ the Fair" (hosted by the BBYG) is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Antioch Building. We will sing praises to God from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. I had several positive comments about this activity last year, so please make plans to join us!