

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements ..... (815-3033) Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing ..... Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer ..... Jeff Flatt  
 Reading ..... Kevin Flatt  
 Scripture ..... Philippians 2:12-13  
 Lord's Table (N) ..... \*Eddie Palmer  
 (S) ..... \*Willie Newby  
 (N) ..... Caleb Hughes  
 (N) ..... Josh King  
 (N) ..... Kurt Maynard  
 (S) ..... David McColloch  
 (S) ..... Jared Mullican  
 (S) ..... Dustin Rhea  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements ..... (815-3033) Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing ..... Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer ..... Rickey Hurst  
 Reading ..... Chris Neale  
 Scripture ..... Luke 3:8-14  
 Lord's Table ..... \*Leonard Clemons  
 ..... \*W.C. Chilton  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jeff Templeton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements ..... (224-7079) Jeff Templeton  
 Lead Singing ..... Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer ..... Bo Rivers  
 Reading ..... Ricky Prince  
 Invitation ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Steve Boyd

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. .... John & Judy Nussbaum  
 P.M. .... Don & Susie Griffith

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

**Ushers:** ..... Harry Felty & Rodney Myers

**Attend Nursery:**..... Stefanie McColloch

**Lock Building:**..... Rickey Hurst

**Prepare Communion:**

..... Kelly Thaxton

**Assist with Baptisms:**

..... Mary Flatt & Denise Rhea

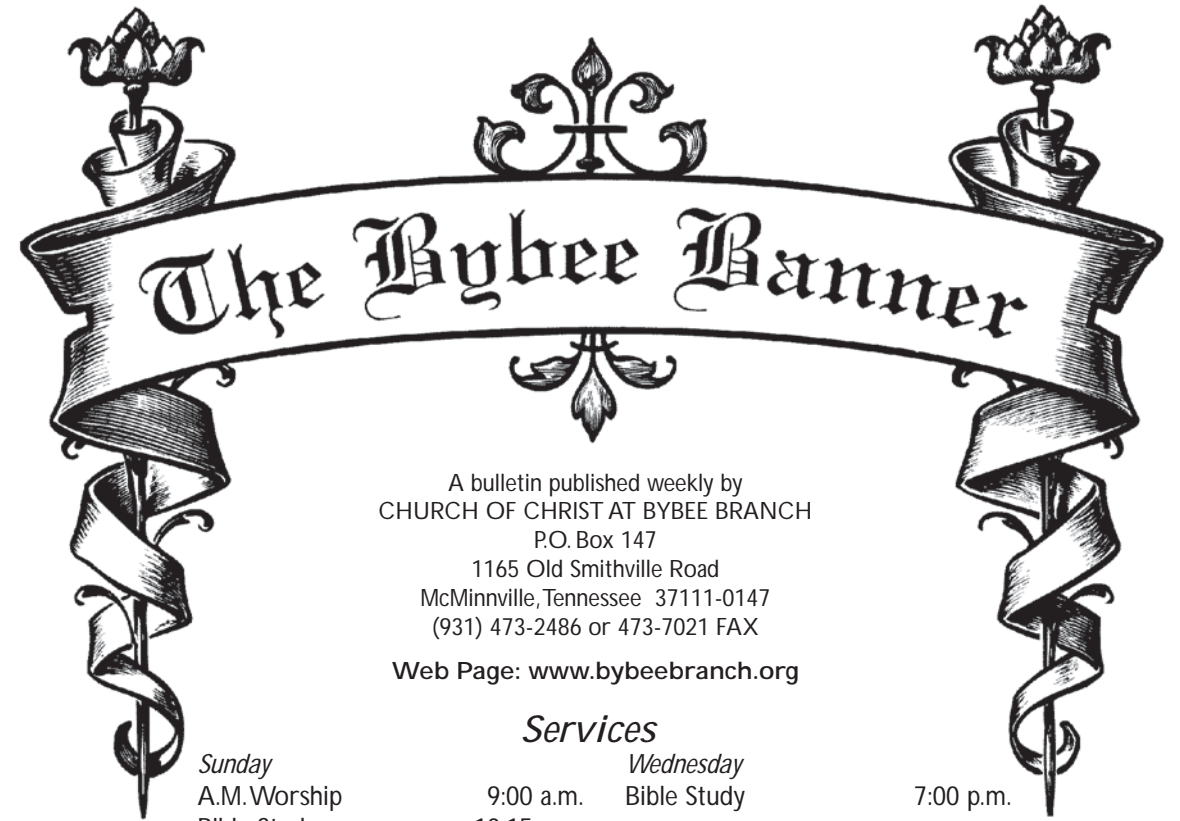
**Pantry Item:** ..... Kool-Aid

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 296  
 Bible Study ..... 248  
 P.M. Worship ..... 229  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 234  
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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>	A.M. Worship	9:00 a.m.	<i>Wednesday</i>	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
	Bible Study	10:15 a.m.		<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
	P.M. Worship	6:00 p.m.			

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Jeff Flatt	Billy Gilbert
Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
David Keele	Ken Martin
Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
Ricky Prince	Jim Slatton
Jeff Templeton	

**Missionary**

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Wilma Chisam - at the homes of her children  
Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)  
Asa Kell  
Joy Trail  
Mary Driver  
Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)  
Tracy Green (daughter of Roberta Parmley)  
Ken Lee*

### In The Hospital:

*Preslie Slatton - Room 6302 at Vanderbilt Childrens  
Hospital, 2220 Childrens Way, Nashville, TN  
37232  
Pearl Biddle - moved to NHC*

## Sermon Topics

Sunday AM ..... Moments With The Macedonians #5  
Sunday PM..... What Repentance Requires

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jack Bond, husband of our Anna Jean Bond. His funeral was on Friday, November 29. We apologize for failing to include this in last week's bulletin.

## Address Update

Due to the construction of the new road through Newtown, the Hendrixson's address has changed.

Doug & Wanda Hendrixson  
Missy & Ben Biles  
3368 Nashville Hwy  
McMinnville, TN 37110

## Restoration

Last Wednesday evening Jacob Griffin came forward requesting the prayers of the church. Please remember Jacob in your personal prayers.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Jon & Michelle Goodman on the birth of a baby girl Aaliyah Roze Goodman. She was born 4:16 pm on Wed. Dec. 3rd Weight: 6 lbs. 10 oz. Length: 19 1/2". Proud grandparents are Larry & Elaine Goodman.

## Welcome

Sunday morning the elders announced that sister Clara Scott has placed her membership with the congregation. Please welcome her to the church. Her address is:

Clara Scott  
715 N. Spring St.  
McMinnville, TN 37110-1652

## Annual Holiday Fellowship

Please check the bulletin board and for those who can, please sign up to bring the items listed on the board. For those who cannot, please bring the following items: If you last name begins with A-M bring desserts, if it begins with N-Z bring one 2-liter soft drink and one bag of chips.

**WANTED:** Each year I (Tony) prepare a slide show to run while we wait in the auditorium. If you have some church related photos this past year, or older photos of some of beloved members who have grown old gracefully, please bring them to me to scan, or email them to me.

## Simple Thoughts From Scripture

Solomon said, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:...A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;" Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7. In the book of Proverbs he observed, "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise." Proverbs 10:19. Let us choose our words carefully and let us choose when to use them. There is nothing wrong with holding our peace. *T.L.*

## Upcoming Youth Events:

### *Saturday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>*

- Holiday Shopping Extravaganza @ Opry Mills (Bus leaves at 1pm; for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

### *Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>*

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)

### *Wednesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>*

- Birthday Wednesday

### *Saturday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>*

- Buy Gifts for Nursing Homes

### *Monday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>*

- Deliver Gifts to Nursing Homes

### *Friday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>*

- Youth Rally at Cumberland Caverns (Brad Harrub Speaking)

## From Tyler's Desk

### *Miracles in Mark: Learning Your Lesson*

Many of us are very familiar with the story of Jesus walking on the water. Many of us have known this story from the time colored in the blue waves in our coloring books when we were five. When I think of the story, I readily recall the storm, the fear of the apostles, and their amazement when they saw Jesus walking to them on the water. I usually think of a cool story with a happy ending.

When I was preparing for this week's article, I read Mark's account (Mark 6:45-52), and compared it with Matthew and John's account. When I did this I noticed something I had not noticed before.

I always remembered the story ending with Jesus getting into the boat, and the apostles learning another lesson about Jesus' power. However, as I again read Mark's account, it stood out to me that this story does not have the "happy ending" I remembered. Mark ends the story of Jesus walking on the water in verses 51 and 52:

"And he got into the boat with them, and the wind

ceased. And they were utterly astonished, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened."

The story of Jesus walking on the water is about more than another demonstration of Jesus' power.. The previous miracle about Jesus feeding the five thousand with only 5 loaves and 2 fish was a miracle about Jesus' power. The story of Jesus walking on the water is a story of rebuke because the Apostle had failed to learn their lesson.

Just as Jesus cared for the hungry multitude, Jesus would take care of his apostles when they were in need. Just as Jesus had the power to take care of the multitude, He would also have the power to protect his apostles. Mark says that the problem with the apostles was that "their hearts were hardened." Although they had some understanding and appreciation for Jesus' love and power, they were not yet willing to fully surrender their hearts and lives to Him.

I would imagine most of you reading my article already have some understanding and appreciation for how much Jesus has done for you. But have you fully let Him have control of your life? Have you learned from the past, or has the hardness of your heart prevented you from faithfully following Jesus all the time? May we learn from the apostles' mistake and let Jesus be our protector.

## Cumberland Caverns Youth Rally

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, all the youth of the congregation are invited to attend a unique experience, as we will be taking the bus to Cumberland Caverns for a youth rally. The youth rally will be focused on the theme of "Creation" with Dr. Brad Harrub of Focus Press being the keynote speaker. The day will also include "singing in the cave", a tour of the cave, and a light show about creation. Lunch will be provided.