

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing Stanley Graves
First Prayer Bo Rivers
Reading Harold McGinness
Scripture Proverbs 24:16
Lord's Table (N) *Don Sullivan
(S) *Calvin Rogers
(N) Josh King
(N) Jared Mullican
(N) John David Keele
(S) Ryan McColloch
(S) Micah Lawrence
(S) Joe Roller
Sermon Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing Stanley Graves
First Prayer Dale Bennett
Reading Marty Boles
Scripture Matthew 24:1-3
Lord's Table *Bobby Ashford
..... *W.C. Chilton
Sermon Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-4084) David Keele
Lead Singing Daniel Boyd
First Prayer Tyler Boyd
Reading Justin Griffin
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss David Chilton

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ricky Prince Family
P.M. Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell

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

Ushers:Barry Hendrixson & Kurt Maynard

Attend Nursery:..... June Crouch

Lock Building:..... Danny Duncan

Prepare Communion:

..... Gordon & Linda Fults

Assist with Baptisms:

..... Sharla Hillis & Nelma Chilton

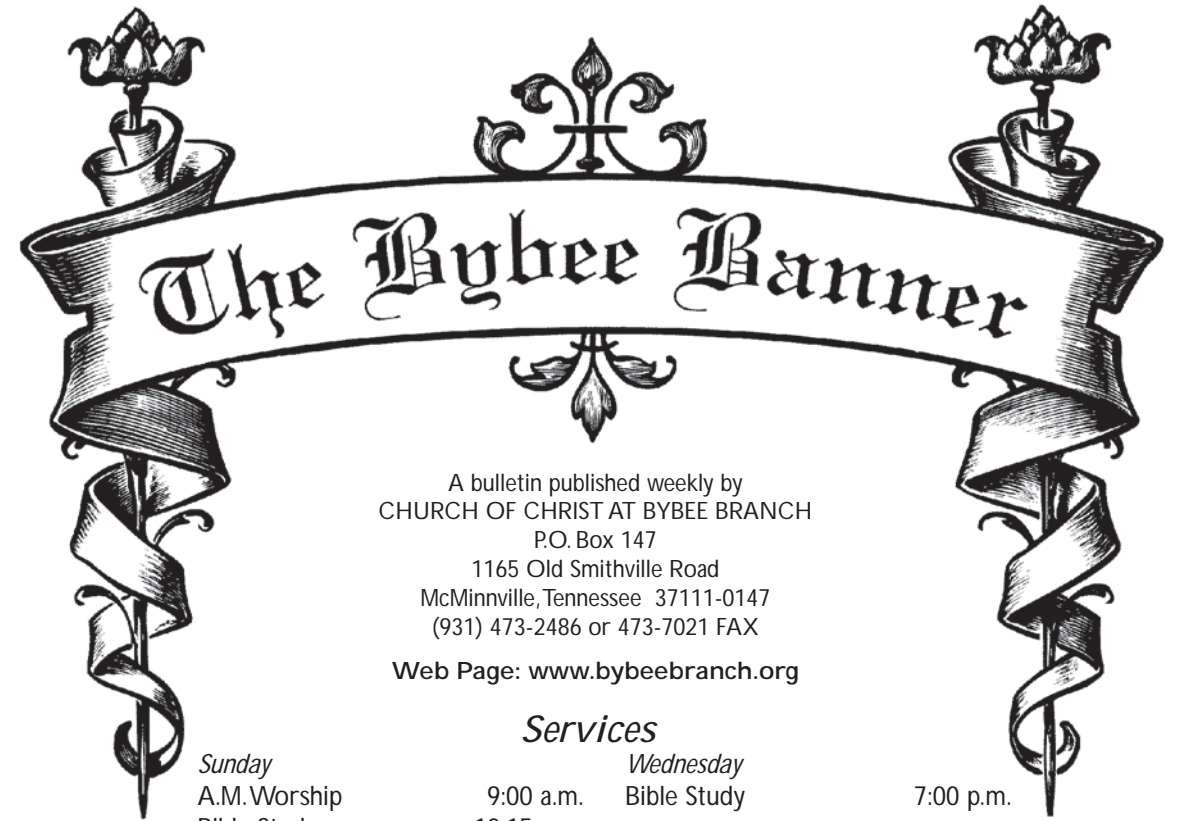
Pantry Item: Pinto Beans

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 317
Bible Study 258
P.M. Worship 218
Wednesday Bible Study 237
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Services

Sunday
A.M. Worship 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:15 a.m.
P.M. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)
Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

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Kurt Maynard Willie Newby
Ricky Prince Jim Slattton
Jeff Templeton

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Sick

At Home:

Asa Kell

Nelma Chilton (began chemo last week)

David Sharpe (Kathy Elam's father) - recovering from back surgery

Dustin Rhea - broken leg

Ken Lee - following implant, not feeling well

Tracy Green (daughter of Roberta Parmley)

Callie Griffith (Morris & Scarlett's granddaughter)- following surgery for tumor

In The Hospital:

none known

Welcome

This past week sister Sandra Thurne met with the elders and expressed a desire to place membership. Her son Jacob was baptized a couple weeks ago. We welcome them to the congregation. Please add their address to your church directories.

Sandra & Jacob Thurne
272 Willow Way
McMinnville, TN 37110
(931) 668-7305

Sermons Topics

Sunday AM ... Are You A Failure Waiting To Succeed?
Sunday PM Master's Message From Mt. of Olives#1

Family Retreat

September 26-27

Short Mountain Bible Camp

Be sure to put your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board so enough food can be prepared!

New Arrival

Congratulations to Megan Rhea on the birth of a baby boy, Jaxon. He was born on Friday weighing 8 lbs 6 ozs and 21 inches long.

Gospel Meetings & Lectures

Harmony church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on September 19-21, services at 7 pm with Glann Lee preaching.

Science Hill church of Christ will have a Lectureship on September 19-21. See the flyer on the bulletin board for times, topics and speakers.

Arlington church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on September 21-24, services at 7 pm with John Shannon preaching.

Morrison church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on September 21-25, services at 7 pm with William Woodson preaching.

Centertown church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on September 26-28, services at 7 pm with Daniel Hayes preaching.

Mt. View church of Christ will have a Ladies Day on September 27, beginning at 8:30 am. Theme: "The Christian Woman's Work Is Never Done." Speakers: Mildred Prater & Denise Baliff

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday Sept 21st

- TABS @ Hickerson Station (Bus leaves at 3:45)

Wednesday Sept 24th

- Birthday Wednesday

Fri. 26th – Sat. 27th

- Short Mountain Family Retreat

Sunday Sept 28th

- Youth Devo @ the Templeton's (9th-12th guys bring saltine crackers, 5th-8th guys bring drinks, Girls bring dessert)

From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: Compassion for the Contaminated

Leprosy was one of the most horrific diseases of ancient times. Not only was leprosy often fatal, it also resulted in the infected person being considered unclean. A leper was required to live in isolation from all others. If a clean person were to come near then, a leper was required by law to cry out "Unclean! Unclean!" (Lev. 23:44-46). Living life as a leper would be one of the most depressing and lonely lives imaginable.

Through Mark chapter one we see Jesus' popularity quickly begin to grow as he began healing sick and casting out demons (vs. 32-33). In verse 40 we're introduced to a man who had this horrible disease of leprosy. From Luke's account we read that the man was "full of leprosy." His leprosy had progressed to a severe stage. It is possible that by the time he came to Jesus he may have even lost some of his toes and fingers as a result of this disease. As you would expect, this man had an incredibly great desire to be healed of this disease.

Just like most everyone else in the region of Galilee, this man had heard about the great things Jesus was doing. He was convinced Jesus had the ability to heal him of his leprosy. The only doubt the leper had was whether or not Jesus would want to. In verse 40 we read the leper's words as he implored Jesus to heal him: "If you will, you can make me clean."

Our sin is a lot like leprosy. Both are fatal. Like leprosy left individuals in the Old Testament unclean, our sin leaves us unclean from God. And therefore, our sin forces us to live in isolation from God.

Throughout the gospel's we learn time and time again of Jesus' authority. Jesus had authority over Satan and his demons, authority over the laws of nature, and authority to forgive sins (See Mark 2:10). Jesus has

the ability to cleanse us of our sins. He can make us clean. But does He desire to make us clean?

After the leper begs for Jesus' cleaning in verse 40, Verse 41 reads, "Moved with pity; he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, 'I will; be clean'. Instead of scolding the leper for endangering His health with the contagious skin disease, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the leper! Through the action of touching the leper's uncleanness, the leper was cleansed.

Jesus has the ability to forgive us of our sins, but does he desire to? After all, the word sin means "to miss the mark." Sin is rebellion against God's will. Sin violating what God has told us to do. Sure Jesus has the power to forgive our sins, but when we so often blatantly rebel against God, why would He want to?

Jesus had pity on the leper, and even touched his uncleanness to make him clean. We are reminded time and time again in scripture that Jesus has done the same for us. Romans 5:8 reads, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In 1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9 we read that God wants all men to be saved. Like the leper, Jesus cleansed us by touching our uncleanness, just as 2 Corinthians 5:21 reads, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Not only does Jesus have the ability to save all men, but he also has the desire to save all men – even the worst of sinners.

Jesus had pity on the leper and the desire to heal him. The leper knew Jesus had the ability to heal him. However, if the leper never went to Jesus, he would have died a leper.

We know Jesus can save us of our sins. The Bible tells us God desires for us to be saved. The leper hated his uncleanness, and therefore went to Jesus. Do you hate your sin enough to turn to Jesus and faithfully follow His will?