

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer Allen Hughes
 Reading Dustin Rhea
 Scripture Mark 6:21-28
 Lord's Table (N) *Ricky Prince
 (S) *Jeff Templeton
 (N) Rodney Myers
 (N) Steve Mitchell
 (N) Micah Lawrence
 (S) Marc Martin
 (S) James Gillies
 (S) Caleb Graves
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Sunday Evening Worship

Young Men To Conduct Services

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements Jeff Templeton
 Lead Singing Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer Don Sullivan
 Reading Jamie Brock
 Invitation Willie Newby
 Dismiss John David Keele

Welcome Committee

A.M. Danny Duncan Family
 P.M. Bob & Melba Bonner

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

Ushers: Clent Kesey & Joe Maynard

Attend Nursery:.....Becky Maynard

Lock Building: Clent Kesey

Prepare Communion:

..... Shannon Griffin Family

Assist with Baptisms:

..... Maggie Hurst & Elaine Hoover

Pantry Item: Kool-Aid

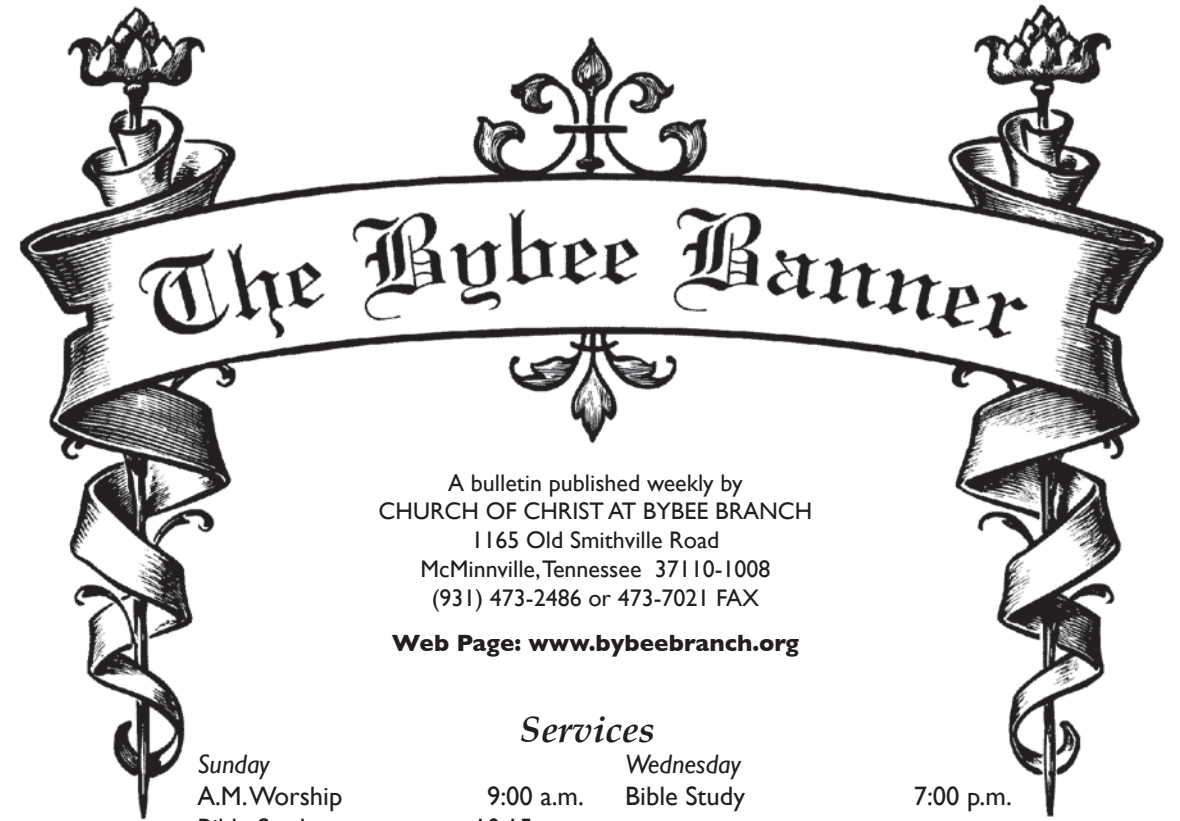
Elder Closing Remarks: Leonard Clemons

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 278
 Bible Study 206
 P.M. Worship 235
 Wednesday Bible Study 220
 Contribution \$5,026

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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 (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
	P.M. Worship	6:00 p.m.		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 a.m.

Elders

Bob Bonner	473-6992
Steve Boyd	668-2115
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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

Robert Garibaldi	314-1387
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Sick

At Home:

Patsy Reynolds

J.B. Gribble

Essie Hillis

Joy Trail

Asa Kell

Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene Palmer)

Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl Douglas Newby, 375 Old Douglas Ln, Gallatin, TN 37066

In The Hospital:

Nellie Thomison - moved to NHC

Perry Woodlee (brother of Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)-Parthenon Pavilion

Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower in honor of Jennifer Flatt on Sunday, March 29, from 1-3 pm at the home of Tim & Cindy Fisher.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Caleb & Rachel Graves on the birth of a baby girl, Ashlynn Claire, she was born Monday afternoon. She was 20 inches long and weighed 8 lbs.

Fifth Sunday Contribution

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday and the elders have announced that all the contribution will go to retire the debt on the Nonie Grizzell property. Please give generously.

Baptisms & Restorations

We rejoice with the responses that took place this past weekend at the Spring Youth Retreat and at Bybee Branch. Baptized were Marissa Hillis (from the Mt. Leo congregation) and Tyler Judkins. Requesting prayers were Lauren Wilcher (from Earleyville congregation), Spencer Warren, Emily Newby, and Regina Templeton.

Gospel Meetings

The **Dibrell church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting March 27-29, with services at 7 pm with Stan Stevenson preaching.

The **Arlington church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting March 29-April 1, with services at 7 pm with Jeff Wilder preaching.

The **Keltonburg church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 3-5, with services at 7 pm with Jim Dearman preaching.

The **Leoni church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 5-9, with services at 7 pm with B.J. Clark preaching.

The **Smith Grove church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 5-8, with services at 7 pm with Jimmy Carver preaching.

Our own Gospel Meeting with Earl Edwards will be April 19-23 - REMEMBER THE WORKDAY for April 4 at 8 am, rain out date will be April 11.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Quinn

and Mrs. Clara Roller

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their children

Jamie Kristin Quinn

and

Joe Brent Roller

Saturday, the twenty-eighth of March

two thousand nine

at one o'clock

Morrison Church of Christ

Morrison, Tennessee

Reception following ceremony

MIAs of the Lord's Army

World War II, which many of us vividly remember, resulted in millions of deaths, multitudes of physical and emotional wounds, thousands of widows and orphans, shattered dreams and broken hearts that never healed. In the course of the years, many grieving fathers, mothers, wives and children had their hurt taken to "the silent city." But for others, the pain of MIA loved ones still lingers.

According to the Dec. 13/20, 2008, issue of World, more than 50 years after the global tragedy of WWII, some 72,500 Americans are still classified as missing in action ("Rest in Peace," 13).

The New Testament often uses the metaphor of warfare in explaining the Christian life (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Cor. 10:3-5). The statistic of wartime MIAs makes one wonder how many in the Lord's army are currently missing in action.

In any city or community where the Lord's church has existed for any length of time, there are those who have wandered away spiritually. If the MIAs could be identified and restored or converted (Gal. 6:1; Jam. 5:19-20), membership in the Lord's army would probably nearly double. The Lord's concern and love for spiritual MIAs is seen in His exhortation to those still fighting the good fight of faith to identify, restore and convert people who continue to be important to the Savior.

Many people are now missing in action because the unfairness of life with its trouble, illnesses and heartaches got them so discouraged that they wandered astray. God's people often suffer trials, pain, disappointment and illness (Jam. 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:5-9). Paul knew the potential blessings of perseverance, character and hope that could come from a proper reaction to the trials of life; therefore he could say, "We glory in tribulations" (Rom. 5:3 NKJV). However, if people blame God for the pain and trials of life that come from Satan, they may indeed become MIAs in the Lord's army (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

In Scripture, the Holy Spirit warned God's people of the danger Christian soldiers face. God's soldiers

are admonished to refuse the efforts of the world to win conformity to its distorted values (Rom. 12:1-2). John warned, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15 KJV).

This age is a time of intellectual confusion because of such philosophies as humanism, secularism, materialism, hedonism and relativism. How many young people are now MIA because some atheistic professor robbed them of their faith or some pleasure-seeking and pleasure-preaching peers led them into a sinful life? No wonder the Bible warns of the danger of human philosophy (Col. 2:8).

The world is not only intellectually confused but also characterized by moral corruption (2 Pet. 1:3-4). The salient characteristics are identified as works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). The morality of this age is as corrupted as in the time of Isaiah when people were calling evil good and good evil (Isa. 5:20).

Killing children in the name of abortion is supposedly good. If not, why have some 50 million been so abused? Rejecting God's plan for marriage (Mat. 19:1-9) for an alternative lifestyle is supposedly good, but taking God's Word to show the sanctity of marriage of one man to one woman is evil or homophobic.

Can you imagine the suffering of parents and spouses whose beloved soldiers are unaccounted for? If so, perhaps it will give an insight into the "longsuffering of God" when some of His children are MIA. Can we not see why there is "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:7 NKJV)?

Organizations are now actively seeking the mortal remains of MIAs from WWII. On one South Sea island, the bodies of 139 sailors and Marines have recently been recovered (World, p. 13). Now is the time for elders, preachers and all Christians to seek actively to find, reclaim, restore and convert the MIAs of the church (Gal. 6:1). May we be moved to action by the possibility of bringing joy to heaven because, as our Savior declared, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

~ Tom Holland ~