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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Dennis Gann
Reading	Dustin Hillis
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Lord's Table (N)	*Calvin Rogers
	*Doug Hendrixson
	David Chilton
	Kevin Judkins
	John David Keele
	Caleb Hughes
	Marc Martin
	Jared Mullican
	Tony Lawrence
	David Bouldin

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Lynn Gann
Scripture	Psalms 73:1-2
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Hoover
	*Paul Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Ronnie Prince

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Danny Duncan
First Prayer	Jeff Templeton
Reading	Rickey Hurst
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ricky Prince

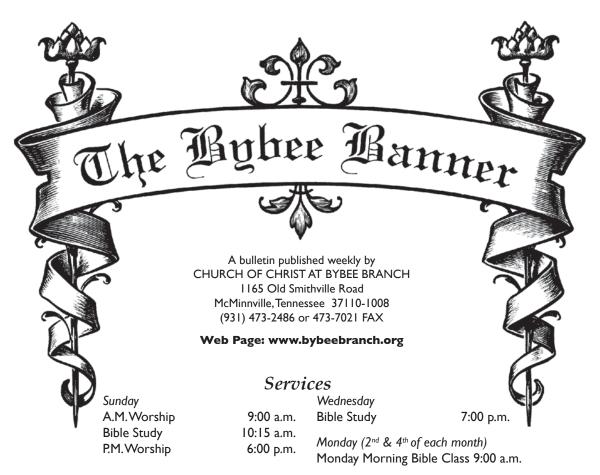
## **Welcome Committee**

A.M	Willie Newby Family
P.M	Ronnie Prince Family

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

Ushers: Ben	Biles & Ethan Duncan
Attend Nursery:	Anna Hendrixson
Lock Building:	Rodney Myers
Prepare Communion:	.Allen Hughes Family
Assist with Baptisms:	
Mis	ssy Biles & Doris Smith
Pantry Item:	Spaghetti Sauce
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### Sick

#### At Home:

Fuston & Freda Womack
Shirley Nunley
Asa Kell (after fall)
Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister) -not doing well
and requests our prayers
Florence Julian (Becky Maynard's mother)
Elaine Hoover (following surgery)
Harley Northcutt

### In The Hospital:

Calvin's home

Vera Settles - San Antonio Hospital following heart surgery

Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother)-at Nancy &

Ken Lee-St.Thomas (Glyna is also suffering from a broken leg)

Marva Hughes (Allen's mother)-will have surgery this week for a broken arm

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....Has Your Faith Been Tested Lately? P.M......Why Does God Allow Me To Hurt?

# **Baptism**

We rejoice with the baptism of Rachel Aldridge this past Friday. Please keep her in your prayers.

## Family Retreat at Short Mtn.

Our annual Family Retreat at Short Mtn. Bible Camp will be August 28-29. This is a great time for fellowship and devotion. Please make plans now to attend. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those attending.

"It isn't the things that go in one ear and out the other that hurt as much as the things that go in one ear; get all mixed up and then slip out of the mouth."

~Bulletin Digest~

## Joseph

Joseph looked up the deep pit into which he had been cast. His cries for mercy echoed off the jagged walls, muffled by the laughter of his older brothers taunting him. He was deeply wounded by the depth of their hatred. Turning to Heaven he pled for deliverance. Joseph longed for home and for the love of his father. Surely it was God's will. But God wanted Joseph to go to Egypt.

Success awaited young Joseph in this new land, so strange to him. But it soon turned to chains. Joseph looked up the bleak walls of an Egyptian prison-house. The darkest of the night brought groaning and pain. Even with the dawn of day the darkness of the prison remained. Joseph prayed for freedom, he longed for home. Surely it was God's will that Joseph escape Egypt, break free of this horrible fate. But God put a wiser Joseph near the throne of Pharaoh.

Joseph looked down on the prostrated brothers who had brought such misery into his life years before. All the emotions of the hatred endured, the hardships of trails faced, the pain of separation thrust upon him could now surface as sweet revenge against these sons of Israel. But Joseph looked up for guidance and God's will brought forth forgiveness.

Perhaps Joseph would tell us that it is not always easy to determine God's will. It is often easier to overlook it for our own, or to reject it as unpalatable. But there is one certain way of identifying God's will, get to know God who has revealed Himself to us through His inspired Word, the Bible. The more we come to understand God, the more natural it will be to recognize His will. And that is the secret of the life of Joseph, he was always looking up!

~David Bragg~ (edited from Bulletin Gold)

# **Gospel Meeting**

The **Harmony church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on August 23-25, services at 7 pm with Michael Shepherd preaching.

# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Sunday August 23rd

· TABS at Main Street

### Friday August 28th - Saturday August 30th

• Family Retreat at Short Mountain

#### Sunday September 6th

Labor Day Youth Madness (Sign up on youth board)

# From Tyler's Desk:

#### **Twelve Hours**

"What is he thinking?!" Jesus' disciples must have been wondering this very question when Jesus decided to go back to Judah. You see, Jesus' last trip into Judah was still fresh on everyone's minds. Last time Jesus was in Judah, "the Jews picked up stones again to stone him" (John 10:31). As a result of this rejection, Jesus retreated across the Jordan River where he continued to teach. But now he wanted to go back to Judah!?

While Jesus was across the Jordan, a man named Lazarus, who is described as one whom Jesus loved, had gotten ill and died. In his love for Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, Jesus desired to go be with the family.

But to Jesus' closest followers, a trip back to Judah seemed nothing less than a suicide mission. Out of their concern for his safety, they asked, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and you are going there again?" (John 11:7).

So just what was Jesus thinking? And equally as important, how can we learn to think like Jesus?

"Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not on him" – John 11:9-10

Jesus recognized his time was limited. Jesus, who is "before all time and now and forever" (Jude 25), understood the brevity of his time on earth.

He went on in his answer by contrasting "walking in the light" with "walking in the dark". The simile

of light contrasted with darkness is used often in scripture. Light is used to represent that which is "good and right and true" (Eph. 5:9). Jesus understood that if he was going to be a light in this world, he must work.

Between work schedules, TV shows, picking kids up from school, and time spent relaxing with our family, our time is quickly consumed. We only have 12 hours in a day. How much of our day will we use serving Christ?

We only have so many days, and tomorrow we will have one less. Don't let God get pushed out of your schedule today. Put Him first in all you do, all day long. Wherever the day may take you, look for ways to let your light shine. We only have so many days, and tomorrow we will have one less. Serve God today.

## **How Much Time**

How much time does it take to read from Genesis to Revelation? If you would read the Bible at standard pulpit speed (slow enough to be heard and understood), reading time would be 71 hours. If you would break that down into minutes and divide it into 365 days you could read the entire Bible, cover to cover, in only 12 minutes a day.

Is this really too much time to spend reading about God? (Source: The Almanac of the Christian World, 1991-1991, p. 225)

~Ronald Bartanen~

Tony's comments: There are many people who say, I would like to read the Bible but "I have long commute times" or "my eyesight is failing" or any number of reasons. There are several options for having the Bible read to you. I. You could buy the Bible on CD's or tapes. I recently bought a set of the ESV in mp3 format for less than \$20.2. If you have an mp3 player then you can download the New Testament of several translations at http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/ambassador/free-audio-bible-download. I downloaded the NKJV New Testament non-drama and listen to it often. Its free too!