

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (815-3033) Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing..... Stanley Graves
 First PrayerJoe Collins
 Reading..... Chuck Boles
 Scripture..... Luke 14:25-27
 Lord's Table (N).....*Noel Pepper
 (S).....*Ronnie Hoover
 (N)..... Harry Felty
 (N)..... Kevin Flatt
 (N)..... Gordon Fults
 (S).....Lynn Gann
 (S)..... Harold McGinness
 (S)..... Robert Elam
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 DismissAllen Hughes

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (815-3033) Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing..... Stanley Graves
 First Prayer..... Tyler Boyd
 Reading..... Darron Dixon
 Scripture..... Zechariah 14:16-21
 Lord's Table.....*Rickey Hurst
*Jeff Flatt
 Sermon Shane Fisher
 Closing Prayer Ryan McColloch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (635-2811) Harold Cook
 Lead Singing..... Paul Hurst
 First PrayerShannon Griffin
 Reading..... Joe Roller
 Invitation Dale Bennett
 DismissJohn David Keele

Welcome Committee

A.M..... Tony & Corretta Lawrence
 P.M.....Harry Felty Family

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

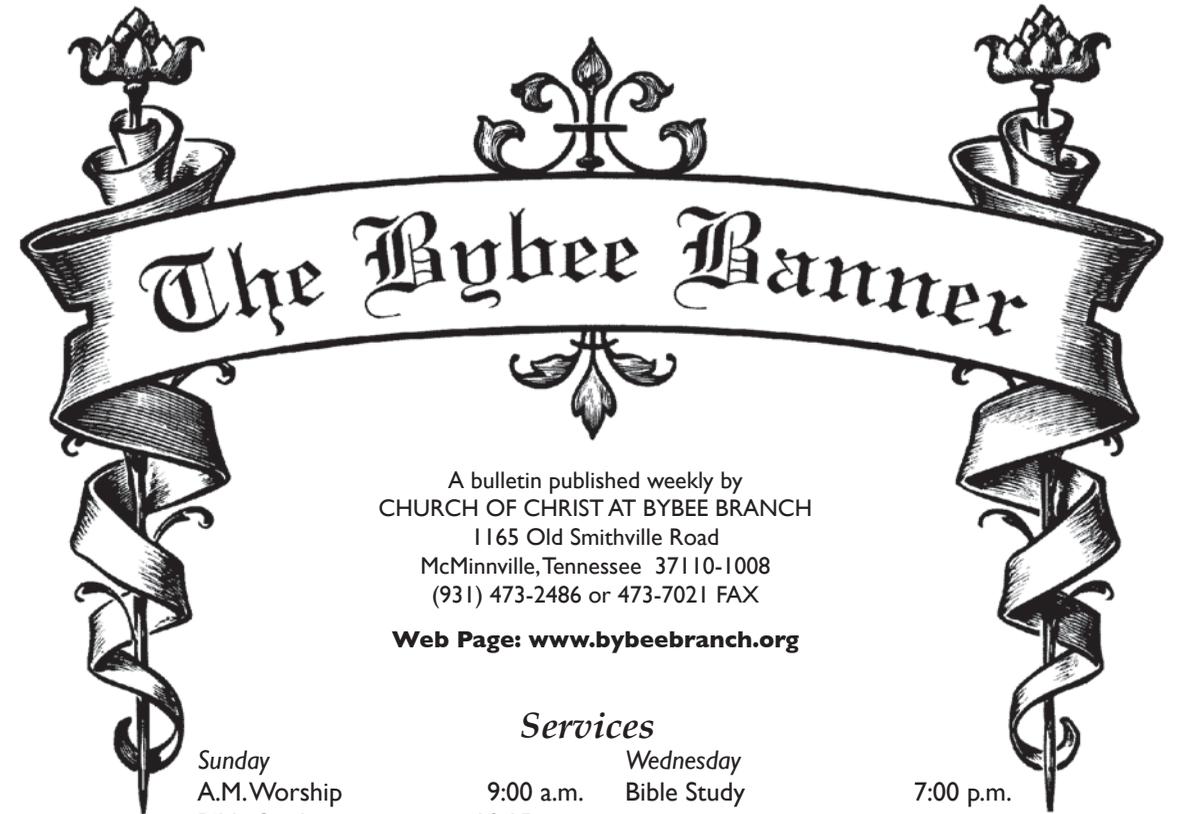
Ushers: Dickie Kesity & Kelly Hillis
Attend Nursery:.....Kara Hurst
Lock Building:..... W.C. Chilton
Prepare Communion:David & Iona King
Assist with Baptisms: Rita Prince & Rachel Aldridge
Pantry Item: Sugar
Elder Closing Remarks: Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M.Worship..... 276
 Bible Study..... 232
 P.M.Worship 237
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 192
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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.

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Jeff Templeton	

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Sick

At Home:

Mike Killian (brother-in-law to Elaine Hoover)
David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father)
Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother)
Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell)
Buddy Cathey (brother of Don Cathey)
Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)
Vickie Bell (daughter-in-law of Myra Bell)
Asa Kell
Mary Meeks (Angie Caldwell's mother) following
a fall
Susan Pryor

In The Hospital:

Haskell Hayes (Christine Cantrell's brother) - NHC
Dora Mullican - moved to NHC
Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother) - returned to
Windsor Place
Larry Flatt - Centennial Medical Center, surgery
successful and hopes to come home Friday.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M..... Get Out Your Calculators
P.M..... Pilgrims on Earth, Yet Citizens of Heaven

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower in honor of Hilary Neale on Sunday, January 24th from 1-3 pm at the church building.

Late Bulletin

I beg you indulgence for the late bulletin this week. In the past I have been able to prepare the bulletin while away with my laptop using the Internet. However, during the preparation of the bulletin this week my laptop died. This meant that I had to wait until I returned to use my desktop computer to complete it. Thanks to everyone for understanding my need to be with my mother during her critical illness. TL

How Old Are You?

When asked about one's age, some people lie, some deny, and some camouflage the true number. But anyone who is living is getting older. What can my attitude be toward increasing age?

Appreciate Individuals, Not Age Groups

It is unwise to make a general statement about infants, pre-schoolers, teenagers, young adults, middle-agers, or old folks. Every person is worth more than all the world-regardless of age (Matthew 16:26).

Youth has the advantage of energy, enthusiasm, optimism, and usually a longer time to develop potential.

Older years bring added happiness if the increased age is accompanied by wisdom, pleasant memories, and service to God. "The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31).

Let us look for the best in each person we meet., recognize it, encourage it, and try to develop it regardless of the age of the individual.

We Are Becoming the Person We Will Be

Some day most of us will meet an old person. He may be grumpy, ill-tempered, and hard to get along with. Or he may be gracious, wise, and helpful. But the good news is that I can choose this person that I must live with, because that person will be me. You and I are becoming the person we will be.

Tennyson expressed it this way:

Ah, what shall I be at fifty
Should nature keep me alive,
If I find the world so bitter
When I am but twenty-five?

Live Today, Content

Recalling the "good ol' days" is not a new practice. "Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than

these?' For you do not inquire wisely concerning this" (Ecclesiastes 7:10).

All of our time and thoughts should not be on the future to the exclusion of being productive today (Matthew 6:34).

We should serve well today, regardless of the number of birthdays. "For I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

Years ago, a little boy wrote a man and ended the letter with the statement, "I hope you live all your life." This can only be done when we thank God for today and today's opportunities and eliminate the excuses, "I'm too old," or "I'm too young."

Rather we can say, "Thank God, I am alive. I will do what I can today."

~Jerrie Barber~

Upcoming Youth Events:

January 15th-17th

- Evangelism University "Restore." Cost: \$45. Deadline for sign-up is January 6.

Sunday January 17th

- Youth Devo @ the Keele's (Guys bring drinks, girls bring desserts)

Tuesday January 19th

- TNT (If you would like to host elementary age kids, please see Tyler)

Wednesday January 20th

- Birthday Wednesday

Sunday January 24th

- TABS @ Hillsboro

From Tyler's Desk:

The Lord Waits

Jacob wrestled with God all night before getting a blessing from the angel. When the poor woman from Syrophencia cried out to Jesus on behalf of her daughter, she was at first not answered with a single word. Paul prayed three times that his thorn in the flesh would be removed, but instead of removing his

ailment, he was told "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

There are multiple examples in scripture of God making people wait for the answers to their prayers. However, we don't always know or understand why God makes us wait. Perhaps God makes us wait so that we will cry out more fervently for God's deliverance, as in the case of Israel crying for freedom from Egyptian slavery. Perhaps God makes us wait so that we will better understand how to use our blessing to serve Him, as in the case of Hannah praying for a son. Perhaps God makes us wait so that we will have a greater appreciation for our blessings once we receive them. Maybe God makes us wait so that we will learn to "trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

So if it seems like God isn't answering your prayers, don't grow discouraged. Keep praying. Keep trusting. Keep serving. Keep waiting.

"Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him." – Isaiah 30:18

Resolutions

I have been reading in church bulletins about resolutions. It seems that January 1st is the time most people make an effort to improve. I find nothing wrong with that at all. In fact, if it helps, do it! However, instead of trying to list all the things we need to make, and items we need to leave off, why not try a simple resolution. I read where one preacher said he would make the following promise for the New Year.

- I will go nowhere I couldn't take Jesus.
- I will say nothing I wouldn't want Him to hear.
- I will do nothing I wouldn't want Him to see.

I think this about covers it for me, at least. How about you?

~J. R. Chism~