

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements ..... (668-4084) David Keele  
 Lead Singing..... Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer ..... Jamie Brock  
 Reading..... Joe Collins  
 Scripture..... Galatians 4:19-20  
 Lord's Table (N)..... \*Ronnie Prince  
 (S)..... \*Jeff Flatt  
 (N)..... Conner Dixon  
 (N)..... Darren Dixon  
 (N)..... Cory Prince  
 (S)..... Chris Neale  
 (S)..... Jeff Rhea  
 (S)..... David McColloch  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Noel Pepper

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements ..... (668-4084) David Keele  
 Lead Singing..... Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer..... Harold Cook  
 Reading..... Josh King  
 Scripture..... Genesis 16:11-12  
 Lord's Table..... \*Ken Martin  
 ..... \*Shannon Griffin  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Closing Prayer ..... Bob Cantrell

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements ..... (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing..... Ethan Duncan  
 First Prayer ..... Dustin Rhea  
 Reading..... Cory Prince  
 Invitation ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Steve Boyd

**Welcome Committee**

A.M..... Randy & Vickie Griffith  
 P.M..... Rodney Maynard Family

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

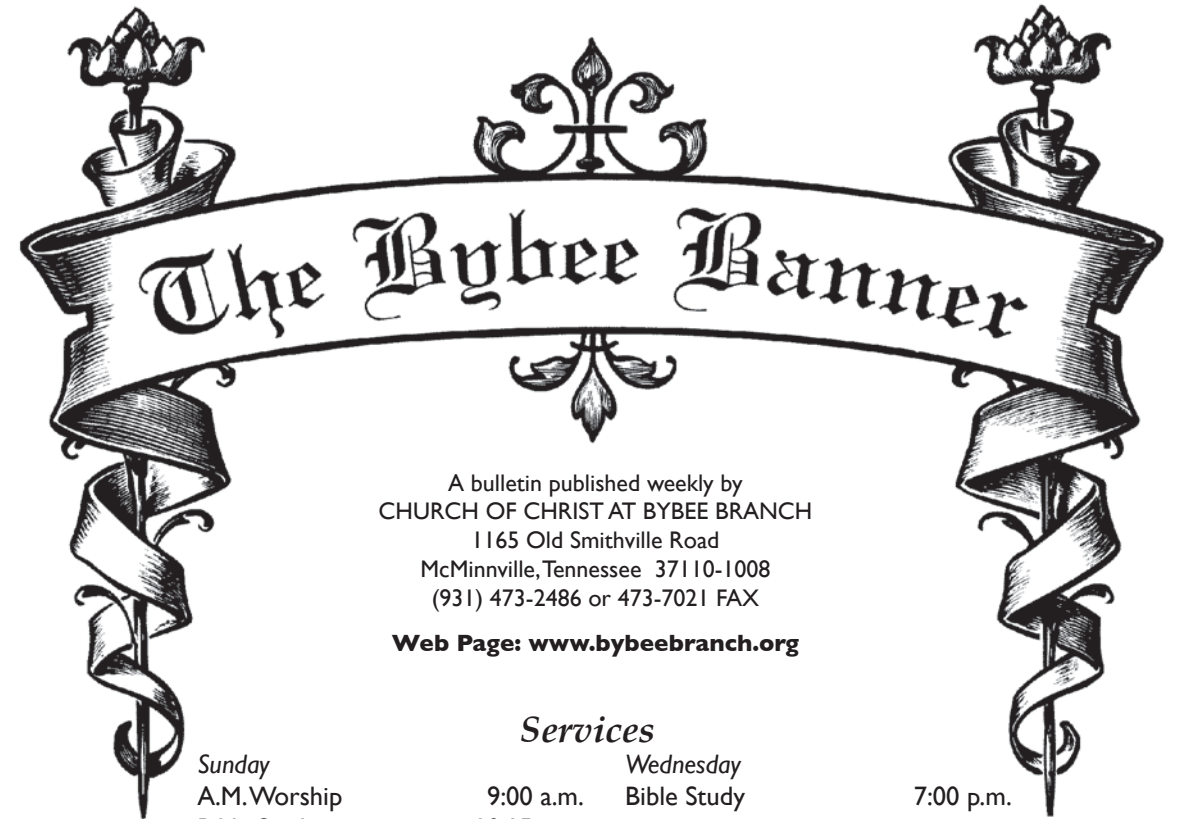
**Ushers:** ..... Dickie Kesey & Kelly Hillis  
**Attend Nursery:**..... Jane Wilcher  
**Lock Building:**..... Clent Kesey  
**Prepare Communion:** ...Jeff Templeton Family  
**Assist with Baptisms:** .... Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence  
**Pantry Item:** ..... Canned Apples  
**Elder Closing Remarks:** ..... Don Sullivan

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship..... (Youth at Spring Youth Retreat) 248  
 Bible Study..... (Youth at Spring Youth Retreat) 169  
 P.M. Worship ..... 209  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 236  
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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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Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
Ricky Prince	Jim Slatton
Jeff Templeton	

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## Sick

### At Home:

Shirley Nunley  
Lisa Thaxton  
Brenda Bratten  
Bob Bonner  
Gwen Bristow (Corretta Lawrence's mother)

### In The Hospital:

Asa Kell - River Park ICU  
Sewell Bouldin (husband of Faye Bouldin, brother-in-law of Helen Morgan) - River Park

## Welcome

This past Sunday the elders announced that Randy & Vickie Griffith wanted to place their membership and work with the congregation here. Please add their names and addresses to your directory.

Randy & Vickie Griffith  
5139 Bluff Springs Road  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
934-2398

## Gospel Meetings & VBS's

The Centertown church of Christ, will host a VBS on March 27, from 9 am to 1 pm. The theme will be "Bible Heroes." Classes for all ages.

The Unity church of Christ will host a Friends & Family Day and then Family VBS on March 28-31, from 6:30-7:30 pm. The theme will be Rise and Shine For Jesus. Classes for all ages.

The West Sparta church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting April 9-11, with services at 7 pm. Dave Miller will be the guest speaker. The theme will be the Silencing of God.

Our own Gospel Meeting will be April 18-22, with David Sain.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M..... Christ Formed In You  
P.M..... Why Do Jews And Arabs Hate Each Other?

## Youth News

### Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>

- Pew Packer's
- Youth Devo @ the Duncan's

### Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>

- Birthday Wednesday

## The Old Paths

*"Thus says the Lord: 'Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.' But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" (Jer. 6:16)*

A good preaching text, often used! I like the ESV translation, "ancient paths." Jeremiah's paths were the ways of the law of Moses.

The paths that some would call us to take as our model for today are not "old" enough. The ways of the 1940's and 50's are not our standard.

Neither are the paths discovered and trod by the Stones and Campbells. We are not called to restore the 19th century restoration movement.

What we should restore is what those Christians of the 19th and 20th centuries were trying to restore: the church as Jesus and the apostles were calling it in the Scriptures to be.

Only paths as ancient as the New Testament are old enough to require that we walk therein.

~Cecil May Jr~

**"Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, 'The LORD be magnified!'" (Psalms 40:16 NKJV)**

## Marking Your Bible

### The Miracle of the Pot

How many of you have ever eaten something that tasted awful? How many of you have ever eaten something and felt like you were going to die? In the text that will be studied that is what these prophets felt like... they were going to die! This is certainly a strange text of the Bible. How can we apply it today?

To understand the background of 2 Kings 4:38-41, we have to realize that this event was during the reign of Jehoram. He was a wicked king of Israel that allowed the nation to be influenced by idolatry. Elisha, the prophet, spent a lot of time within the schools of the prophets. It was important for the prophets to know that the departure of Elijah was not the end of God's work among Israel. One of these prophetic schools was in Gilgal. There was a famine in the land so food was scarce. One of the prophets had brought gourds from a wild vine and it was cut up into the pottage to be prepared for the meal. When they ate of the pottage, they thought they were going to die! Elisha was able to calm the situation by performing a miracle. The immediate purpose of this miracle was to stop the fear of the prophets for their lives and make the meal edible to eat. The ultimate purpose was to assure the prophets that Elisha was the spokesman for God now instead of Elijah. Keith McCasin made a very wise observation on this passage in his book, *What the Bible Says About Miracles*: "If God could work through Elisha to make spoiled food good, He could work through Elisha to bring spiritual flavor in a land spoiled with idolatry" (272). So if you want to mark in your Bible, mark 2 Kings 4:38-41 and put: *Miracle showed that Elisha was a true prophet.*

The application for this lesson is that God can use us to help feed people spiritually. We can change a person's spiritual appetite by helping them to come to know Jesus Christ. The devil wants us to spiritually die. He wants us to feed on poisonous food. God wants

us to know that Jesus is that healthy, spiritual food that we should desire to eat instead (John 6:35-51; Matthew 5:8). We should have the desire to share that spiritual food with others around us who are dying spiritually.

~Shane Fisher~

## The Silence of Scripture

The well-known Bible expositor Leon Morris once said the silence of the Scriptures are just as much due to inspiration as are its statements (commenting on Hebrews 7:3). This is an important recognition by him (many other Bible students have recognized the same). For unity to be maintained by God's people, they must go to the Scriptures and be unified on what is said, not on what is not said. Unfortunately, many want people to be unified when they go beyond what the Scriptures reveal. It can't be done.

What this great Bible expositor said did not originate with him; it was true long before he lived. In Hebrews 7:14, the Scriptures said that Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood of Jesus. Under the old covenant, God's priests came from Levi. When God said the tribe of Levi would be His priestly tribe, He did not need to say who was excluded—it was understood (cf. Leviticus 10:12 and strange fire). We, on the other hand, seem to want God to specify that which is forbidden before we accept it as something to not be done. Many feel as if man has not enough information to make good judgments. Evidently, the Lord thought He said all He needed to say on particular topics. For us to go beyond what He said is to be presumptuous.

When God has revealed Himself on a topic, He is obligating us to follow His lead. He has not given us the prerogative to lead where He did not express himself, that is, in things religious.

~Ron Thomas~