

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Ricky Prince
 Reading.....David Chilton
 Scripture.....Matthew 4:23-25
 Lord's Table (N).....*Michael Andrews
 (S).....*Jeff Flatt
 (N).....David McColloch
 (N).....Rodney Maynard
 (N).....Gordon Mayfield
 (S).....Mike Mullins
 (S).....Derek Muncy
 (S).....Tyler Judkins
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Willie Newby
 Reading.....Josh King
 Scripture.....Acts 11:28-30
 Lord's Table*W.C. Chilton
*Ronnie Hoover
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Willie Newby

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements(668-7078) Danny Duncan
 Lead Singing.....Ethan Duncan
 First Prayer.....Don Griffith
 Reading.....Aiden McVey
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Willus & Edith Roberts
 P.M.....David & Iona King

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

Ushers:W.C. Chilton & Jacob Griffin
Attend Nursery:Sherry Graves
Un/Lock Building:.....Robert Elam/Steve Hillis
Prepare Communion:Kelly & Gaye Hillis
Assist with Baptisms:Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves
Pantry Item:Instant Oats

Elder Closing Remarks:Rodney Reynolds

Record For The Week...

A.M.Worship.....316
 Bible Study.....256
 P.M.Worship.....257
 Wednesday Bible Study.....228
 Contribution.....\$5,750

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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

Elders

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W.C. Chilton	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Shannon Griffin
Allen Hughes	David Keele
Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Willie Newby	Ricky Prince
Jim Slatton	Jeff Templeton

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Missionary

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Sick

At Home:

Doug Hendrixson
Charles Bradshaw (father of Denise Prince) - at home following surgery for a broken hip.
Evie Campbell (Avie Clemons' sister)
Nan Cantrell home with bronchitis

In The Hospital:

None known

Sermon Preview

Sunday AMThe "Dash" of Jesus
Sunday PM.....Following Our Shepherds

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Billie Panter, sister of our Dickie Kesity. Graveside services will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm at Hills Creek Cemetery.

Elders Present Budget

Each year on the last Sunday evening of the year the Elders present the budget for the coming year. This is just one of the ways the Elders keep the congregation informed. Following the presentation there will be a short lesson.

Address update

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Thank You!

How can one express thanks adequately to people who have been so generous? As Paul said about the generosity of the Macedonians, "For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing," 2 Corinthians 8:3, NKJV. My family and I simply and humbly say, "Thank You!" for all that you have done for us. We love and appreciate you for who you are and what you have done.

~Tony & Corretta Lawrence~

Youth News

THANK YOU, PART III! The outpouring of support that you showed for those less fortunate was evident in the \$557.00 donated. Due to your generosity, 25 kids will have a much brighter Christmas. Times are still tough for a lot of people, but the comments of Jesus still ring true when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35.) Thank you Bybee Branch for caring. Also, it would be a gross oversight to not mention the efforts of Regina Templeton. She was tremendous in helping us. Thanks Regina.

Additionally, on a personal note, my family and I are truly blessed to be a part of the Bybee Branch family. I want to thank the youth group (and parents) for the gifts given to us. The money, gift cards, and food are certainly much appreciated. However, the headphones...unbelievable! Let me in advance just apologize for the future comments of, "What did you say?" Seriously, I love that our wonderful shepherds trust me unconditionally in guiding our youth group and understand the importance of youth work. I love that we have so many parents, grandparents, and guardians who support their kids and me in this work. I love the fact that Tony Lawrence is always tutoring and guiding me with wise and prudent council concerning church work. His Bible knowledge is invaluable to me. I love that Rita Prince is always thinking of those little details that skip my mind from time to time. She has saved me more than once. Especially, though, I love that I have a wife who understands the passion I have for youth work and is willing to support the crazy life and times that come with this territory. So, thank you Bybee Branch. We love and cherish you all!

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY! is this Wednesday night, December 21st, following services. Everyone meet in the fellowship room to celebrate our youth who have December birthdays. Since this is the last celebration of 2011, I want to publicly thank four ladies who make sure this event is always well planned (even when yours truly forgets.) Missy Biles, Kirstie Dixon, Janie Griffin, and Stephanie Maynard are not the only great youth "moms" of the BBYG, but I do appreciate that everything is always ready when we descend downstairs. Thanks ladies!

Christmas on Sunday? How Inconvenient!



I've been reading in the news lately of several churches who are deciding to cancel their Bible classes and worship services on Christmas Day because it falls on Sunday. Several rather influential churches have announced that they are closing their doors on Christmas day, which of course, falls on Sunday this year. Apart from the obvious inconsistency in this practice and their oft repeated statement, "Jesus is the reason for the season," there is another factor I would like for you to consider.

According to these churches, the reason for closing their doors on Christmas is because they value families, and want families to be able

to spend time together. Having to schedule opening presents, a meal with all the trimmings, and all that goes along with Christmas, around Bible study and worship service is considered too inconvenient, so those who have preached we need to put "Christ back into Christmas," will be locking the doors to their houses of worship, keeping those who have accepted their message locked outside in the cold.

But now consider: Where will this end? How long will it take for someone to see the logical end of such a position, and call for its implementation less sporadically. Imagine this Spring the following AP News Headline... Churches Cancel Worship Services Since Easter Falls On Sunday. "In order to promote family time, churches across America will be closing their doors on Easter Sunday so that families won't be inconvenienced with having to schedule their Easter egg hunts and Easter egg paintings around Bible study and worship..."

Who are we fooling? This isn't about valuing family. It's about individualism. It's about consumerism. It's about having what we want, when we want it, the way we want it. And apparently, even God can't be allowed to get in the way.

Friends, while I value my family and respect others who value theirs, I am reminded that family should not be elevated above my relationship to the Lord. It was Jesus who said, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26).

Are these churches really prepared to stand by their logic which elevates family over the Lord when special occasions fall on Sunday? If so, I wonder what will occur on Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Labor Day Weekend, 4th of July, President's Day, Groundhog Day, etc... I guess time will tell.

~Steve Higginbotham~

Youth News continued...

The plans are coming together for what is going to be a great **LOCK-IN** at the Civic Center on Friday, December 30th. I hope ALL of our youth will be in attendance. Please check the Youth Bulletin Board for a sign-up sheet and full details. We will need chaperones and teachers so if you can help, see me for details.

If you didn't get in on the early bird special rate for **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY**, that still doesn't mean you can't go. The cost will now be \$45.00. The last chance to sign-up is this Sunday, December 25th. More details can be found at www.evangelismuniversity.net.