

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading.....Ethan Duncan  
 Scripture.....Philippians 4:1-3  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Ronnie Prince  
 (S).....\*Tommy Crouch  
 (N).....Joe Roller  
 (N).....Micah Lawrence  
 (N).....Joe Maynard  
 (S).....Sam Gillies  
 (S).....Caleb Graves  
 (S).....David King  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Charles Gillies  
 Reading.....Darron Dixon  
 Scripture.....Matthew 2:1-2  
 Lord's Table.....\*Jeff Templeton  
 .....\*Josh Templeton  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing.....Justin Griffin  
 First Prayer.....Jacob Griffin  
 Reading.....Gordon Mayfield  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Derek Vinson

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Steve Hillis Family  
 P.M.....Jeff McVey Family

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

**Ushers:** .....Bob Cantrell & Josh King  
**Attend Nursery:** .....Susan Pryor  
**Un/Lock Building:**.....Rodney Maynard/Ricky Prince  
**Prepare Communion:** ....Leonard & Avie Clemons  
**Assist with Baptisms:** .....Cindy Flsher & Sherry Graves

**Pantry Item:** .....Jelly or Jam

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Don Sullivan

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....297  
 Bible Study.....240  
 P.M. Worship.....232  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....229  
 Contribution.....\$7,238

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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 (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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## Sick

### At Home:

Cora Stemberge (at daughter's home. Send cards  
%Grace Davidson, 1703 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Manchester,  
TN 37355)

Leonard Crouch

Billy Gilbert

Jeffery Gilbert

Barbara Northcutt

Susan Pryor

Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister)

### In The Hospital:

Mildred Glenn - River Park #209

Please add James Thomison to the shut-in list at home.  
He was inadvertently left off the list last week.

## Sermons For Sunday

AM .....Book of Life

PM .....Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

## Prepare Communion for 2013

For those willing to prepare communion for 2013,  
there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

## A Christian Attitude

Just to be tender, just to be true;

Just to be glad the whole day through;

Just to be merciful, just to be mild;

Just to be trusting, as a child;

Just to be gentle, kind, and sweet;

Just to be helpful with willing feet;

Just to be cheery when things go wrong;

Just to drive sadness away with a song;

Whether the hour is dark or bright;

Just to be loyal to God and right;

Just to believe that God knows best,

Just in His providence ever to rest;

Just to let LOVE be our daily key—

That is God's will, for YOU and ME.

~ Author Unknown via Bulletin Digest ~

## Youth News

A heartfelt THANKS to each and everyone who had opportunity to help our youth purchase gifts this year. We collected \$850, which will make a lot of kids holidays much brighter. Bybee Branch has always gone beyond what is asked and this year is no exception. So again, thank you. I will give details about how we actually spent the money next week.

The BBYG is invited to the Hillis home on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for our **YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY**. Bring a \$5 to \$10 gift. Food and drink provided.

**EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** takes place in Savannah, TN on January 18 – 20, 2013. The cost is now \$45.00 Final sign-up date is Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Last year we had a great time on the **NORTH POLE LIMITED TRAIN RIDE** in Chattanooga. We will be going again on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Each family is responsible for making reservations. Full details are on the Youth Bulletin Board. Tickets really go fast, so if you plan to go it would probably be wise to order today.

Something new for the BBYG next year is **CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE**, which is held in Gatlinburg. A sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board with full details. Also go to [www.cyconline.com](http://www.cyconline.com). The trip is for grades 7 through 12, plus chaperones.

## John Biddle's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The family of John Biddle would like to invite the congregation to a birthday reception in his honor this Sunday, December 16, from 3-5 pm at the Magness Library. No gifts please, but cards are welcomed.

## Holiday Fellowship

Our annual Holiday Fellowship will be following the evening services this Sunday, December 16. Please bring finger food, sandwiches and drinks. If you have any questions, please see Mary Flatt.

## Worthy Resolutions

A song we often sing when an invitation to obedience is extended is, "I Am Resolved." It speaks of commitment to Christ and verse 1 says, "I am resolved no longer to linger, charmed by the world's delight; things that are higher, things that are nobler, these have allured my sight."

Verse 2 speaks of being resolved to turn to Christ, and leaving behind sin and strife.

Verse 3 tells of daily, faithful service and obedience to the Savior, while in verse 4, the resolution is made to enter the Kingdom, choosing God and Heaven over sin and friends.

What resolutions have you made – or plan to make – in 2013? Some of the most popular ones are to: lose weight, save more money, stop cursing, spend more time with family, criticize others less, and read the Bible more.

While all of these are worthy goals (especially reading the Bible more), I want to suggest a few things that go beyond weight loss and saving money.

1. Resolve to set spiritual goals. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-2). Some examples: Resolve to attend all the services of the Lord's church (Heb. 10:24-25). If you're not giving back to God at least as much as was required under the Old Law, resolve to increase your contribution (Lev. 27:30-33; I Cor. 16:1-2). Study your Bible more (II Tim. 2:15; II Pet. 3:18). Understand that fellowshiping denominations is sinful (Eph. 5:11) and study the Bible's teaching on that subject (I Cor. 1:10; II Cor. 6:17). These are only three examples, maybe you can think of more, but the point is to set a spiritual goal for 2013. One thing is certain: if you aim at nothing, you'll hit nothing.

2. Resolve to be right with God. Are you sure of your salvation? If Jesus were to return in the next few seconds, would you have confidence of your eternal security? Have you obeyed the Gospel? Endless doom awaits those who haven't (II Thess. 1:6-9). What profit is there if you gain the whole world, but lose you soul? What would you give in exchange for your soul (Mt. 16:26)? Repent and be baptized if you've never done so (Acts 2:38). If you're a wayward Christian, repent and pray God's forgiveness (Acts 8:22). "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:26-31).

3. Resolve to do more for others. Be more of a peacemaker (Mt. 5:9). New Testament Christians live in a spiritually lost and dying world, so share the Gospel more (Mt. 28:19-20). Focus more heavily on a stronger commitment to Christ (Mt. 6:33; Gal. 2:20). Encourage others and build them up (Rom. 14:19). If you think your congregation needs a better preacher or better elders or deacons, pray for them (I Tim. 2:8; I Tim. 2:1-3). Be an encourager, not a complainer.

As we begin this new year, let's not limit our resolutions to losing weight and saving more money, let's establish goals that are really important! Let's grow "in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18). Resolve to put your faith in God and expect to do great things through His Son in 2012 (Phil. 4:13).

~ R.W. McAlister ~