

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Doug Hendrixson
 Reading.....Chuck Boles
 Scripture.....Philippians 3:20-21
 Lord's Table (N).....*Norman Sain
 (S).....*David Keele
 (N).....Joe T. Cantrell
 (N).....Don Cathey
 (N).....Josh King
 (S).....Robert Elam
 (S).....Rodney Maynard
 (S).....Jordan Thomas
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-8936) Allen Hughes
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Tim Gann
 Reading.....David Roberts
 Scripture.....James 3:6-8
 Lord's Table.....*Leonard Clemons
*David Chilton
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Mike Mullins

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Danny Duncan
 Lead Singing.....David Keele
 First Prayer.....Jeff McVey
 Reading.....Jack Keele
 Invitation.....Tim Fisher
 Dismiss.....Tyler Judkins

Welcome Committee

A.M.Chuck & Pat Boles
 P.M.Kurt Maynard Family

Bus Driver:.....Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:Rickey Hurst & Kurt Maynard
Attend Nursery:.....Angie Caldwell
Un/Lock Building:.....Rodney Maynard/Ricky Prince
Prepare Communion:Leonard & Avie Clemons
Assist with Baptisms:Cindy Flsher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item:Spaghetti-O's

Elder Closing Remarks:Rodney Reynolds

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....320
 Bible Study.....238
 P.M. Worship.....226
 Wednesday Bible Study.....235
 Contribution.....\$6,886

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Services

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| <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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| Shannon Griffin | Allen Hughes |
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| Ken Martin | Kurt Maynard |
| Willie Newby | Ricky Prince |
| Jim Slatton | Jeff Templeton |

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Sick

At Home:

Leonard Crouch
Cora Stembridge
Billy Gilbert
Tristan Gilbert
Jeffery Gilbert
Barbara Northcutt

In The Hospital:

Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister) - Centennial Medical Center
Lucille Van Winkle (Roberta Parmley and Billy Gilbert's sister) moved to Smithville NHC

Sermons For Sunday

AM.....Heavenly Citizenship
PM.....Deadly Poison - The Tongue

Prepare Communion for 2013

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

Monday Morning Bible Class

This coming Monday will be our final class for 2012. We will begin at 8 am for a breakfast at Wilma Jean's Kitchen and then return to the building for our class at 9 am.

Holiday Fellowship

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

John Biddle's 90th Birthday

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

Shut-ins

Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Dr., Mc Minnville, TN 37110)
John Biddle

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St, Mc Minnville, TN 37110)
Hoyt Crouch

Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583)
Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

Creekside At Three Rivers

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128)
Vivian Ferrell

Home:

Leonard Crouch
Mary Davis
June Slatton
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Georgia Jones
Willene Kell
Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's brother-in-law)
Essie Hillis
Lucille Newby - at her son's, Carl Douglas
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)
Fuston Womack

Youth News

Congratulations are in order for our **BIBLE BOWL** team for placing 3rd in the competition! We also commend Leoni, Smith Grove, and Woodbury for taking 1st place. Main Street finished in 2nd, while Earleyville also came in 3rd. Rounding out the places was Rockcliff coming in 4th. Next month we will meet at Woodbury and our text will be Acts 15 - 19.

Our final **PEW PACKERS CLASS** is this Sunday at 5:00 pm. Following our class we will have refreshments.

Each year our youth purchase, prepare, and deliver gifts for the holiday season. Bybee Branch has always gone way beyond what is expected to help our youth with this endeavor. If you are capable and willing, we are accepting donations to help make some deserving people's holiday a little more special. Please give your money to me or to one of the elders. **Donations must be received by this Sunday.** Thanks in advance.

The BBYG is invited to the Hillis home on Monday, December 17th 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 \$35.00 if you pay by Wednesday, December 5th. After this date the cost is \$45.00.

Last year we had a great time on the **NORTH POLE LIMITED TRAIN RIDE** in Chattanooga. We will be going again on December 20th. 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.

What Was Jesus Doing On December 25th?

This December 25th many in the religious world will be celebrating the birth of Christ. Have you ever wondered where Jesus was on that day. The Bible tells us that He was at a feast and it was a national holiday. The feast was known as the Feast of Dedication. In John 10:22, 23 we read: "Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch." (NKJV)

Brother Guy N. Woods notes the following about this day:

"The feast was an annual affair, lasting for eight days, beginning with the 25th day of the Jewish month Chisleu. Its observance was not restricted to Jerusalem, but was kept wherever Jews lived

throughout Palestine. It was a national holiday, comparable to our Fourth of July and was celebrated with joy and strong feelings for patriotism." (*The Gospel According to John*, Gospel Advocate Co. 1981, p.216).

B.W. Johnson, in *Johnson's Notes of the New Testament*, tells us: "The Feast of Dedication occurred in December, was not divinely appointed but was instituted by Judas Maccabaeus in B.C. 164 to commemorate the dedication of the temple after it had been defiled by the Syrians." (Page 370).

So we learn from these two Bible scholars that this feast was (1) A national holiday, (2) it began on December 25th, (3) was celebrated with joy, and (4) it was a religious holiday instituted by man. What was Jesus doing on this national holiday? He was teaching the people that came together in Jerusalem. There is no proof or indication that Jesus observed the holiday. He took the opportunity to use it as a time of teaching.

Today, December 25th is (1) a national holiday, (2) celebrated with joy, and (3) a religious holiday instituted by men. On December 25th many will celebrate the birth of Christ. There is no real evidence that is the date He was born. But it is a time to teach people the true meaning of who Christ is and why He came to earth.

We need to do like Jesus did and use December 25 as a time of teaching. Let us be diligent in teaching others the simple truths of the Bible and that Jesus is the center point of the entire Bible. The Old Testament tells of His coming. The New Testament announces His arrival and that He is coming again.

~ Bill Brandstatter ~

"Tact is getting your point across without stabbing someone with it." (Shirley Zieve)

Temptation is sure to ring your bell. But it is up to you whether you shut the door, stand at the door and talk to it, or invite it to come in and stay a while...