

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Steve Boyd
 Reading.....Ethan Duncan
 Scripture.....Philippians 4:10-13
 Lord's Table (N).....*Leonard Clemons
 (S).....*Tommy Crouch
 (N).....Marty Boles
 (N).....John David Keele
 (N).....Micah Lawrence
 (S).....Bobby Ashford
 (S).....Harold McGinness
 (S).....Jordan Thomas
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Phillip Brock

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Paul Hurst
 Reading.....Tyler Judkins
 Scripture.....Romans 1:18-22
 Lord's Table.....*Bobby Ashford
*Jeff Flatt
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ricky Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Harold Cook
 Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer.....Dale Bennett
 Reading.....Gordon Mayfield
 Invitation.....Randy Griffith
 Dismiss.....Dustin Rhea

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Jeff Rhea Family
 P.M.....Caleb Graves Family

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

Ushers:Danny Duncan & Harry Felty
Attend Nursery:Jane Wilcher
Un/Lock Building:Jeff Templeton/David Roberts
Prepare Communion:Jeff & Regina Templeton
Assist with Baptisms:Doris Smith & Missy Biles

Pantry Item:Beanie Weenies

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....337
 Bible Study.....265
 P.M. Worship.....258
 Wednesday Bible Study.....240
 Contribution.....\$6,561

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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

Steve Boyd	668-2115
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Jamie Brock	W.C. Chilton
Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
Rickey Hurst	David Keele
Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Willie Newby	Jim Slatton

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Sick

At Home:

Willus & Edith Roberts
Phillip Brock
Nan Cantrell
Cora Stenbridge (at daughter's home. Send cards
%Grace Davidson, 1703 2nd Ave, Manchester,
TN 37355)
Leonard & June Crouch
Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister)
Mildred Glenn
Mildred Kirby
Ezra Dixon
Larry Goodman

In The Hospital:

Johnnie Hurn (Rodney Reynold's sister) - gravely ill
following open heart surgery in Arizona
Courtney Andrews (Don Sullivan's niece) -
scheduled for surgery on Jan. 21.

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of sister Willie Barnes. She was the grandmother of Steve Hillis and Jamie Griffith. She was a faithful member at Mt. Leo and used to attend our Monday Morning Bible Class. Her funeral was this past Thursday.

Sermons For Sunday

AMTrue Contentment
PMBattle For Belief (God Is!)

Prepare Communion for 2013

For those willing to prepare communion for 2013, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. There is only one month left, December.

Men To Serve On Program

Beginning the first of the year the deacons assigned to schedule and oversee the worship program are Jamie Brock and Jeff Flatt. If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Jamie (668-3537) or Jeff (668-2918).

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 (Darrin's mother)
Fuston Womack
James Thomison

Monday Morning Bible Class

Our first Monday Morning Bible Class will be this coming Monday, January 14. Our class will begin with Hebrews 3.

Words of Wisdom

"Don't keep your eyes on the temptation you are praying not to be led into."

"It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser."

Youth News

Another successful monthly **BIBLE BOWL** is in the books. Congratulations to our youth for finishing in a tie for first place. I admire greatly those who take the time to come to class prepared and meet for our Saturday study sessions. Keep up the good work! Also finishing tied for first were Earleyville, Leoni, and Woodbury. Coming in second, third, and fourth respectively were Main Street, Smith Grove, and Northcutt's Cove. The next test will cover Acts 20 - 24.

I am excited about this year's **PEW PACKERS!** Our theme will be "The Life of Jesus." The entire schedule for 2013 is on the Youth Bulletin Board. Please make plans to join us.

Something new for the BBYG this year is **H.E.Y.**, which is an acronym for "Helping Edify Youth." Satan is constantly firing his tempting darts, so we want to offer a way to help strengthen the faith of our youth. The goal of **H.E.Y.** is to build our youth up in a positive, Biblical, and practical way. **H.E.Y.** will take place the first two Wednesday nights of each month. The first Wednesday night will be dedicated for group building, with the second Wednesday night devoted to separate classes for boys and girls. The reason to separate the sexes is to teach the different responsibilities each have.

A sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board with full details concerning **CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE**. Go to www.cyconline.com find out what CYC is really about and to see if this interests you. The trip is for grades 7 through 12, plus chaperones.

Mission Trip for Templetons

Regina and Jessica Templeton are going on a mission trip to New Zealand in February. They ask for your prayers in this effort. If you would like to help them monetarily for this mission work please make checks to Bybee Branch, noting it is for Templeton New Zealand Mission and give it to one of the elders. Please do this by this coming Sunday, January 13.

Praise or Performance?

It is an awesome experience any time one comes into the august presence of the Holy One, Almighty God! This is particularly true when the worshipper gathers in His presence to worship Him, as in the public assemblies of the Lord's church. True worshippers know "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). There are many who do not understand this truth. Some of those are in the Lord's church.

A significant portion of the worship, when the saints gather for that purpose, is given to praise. It is at this point that there is such a misunderstanding of who the audience is and what is pleasing and acceptable to that audience. According to *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*, praise "...denotes approbation, commendation, praise; it is used of those on account of, and by reason of, whom God's heritage, praise is to be ascribed to God, in respect of His glory (the exhibition of His character and operation) Eph. 1:6, 12, 14. The true worshipper understands, then, that God is the audience and that his acts of praise are to be directed toward Him only, and not to the worshippers who have gathered. So, praise must be directed toward God: "...I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee" (Hebrews 2:12). Incidentally, that praise is an expression conveyed by the fruit of the lips unto God (Hebrews 13:15).

As one observes activities which are conducted in what is called praise, it is obvious these are activities directed toward the audience gathered rather than toward God. In their design, are they not performances for the entertainment of the audience gathered?

While an audience is lifted up by songs of praise to God, the worshipper must be concerned about what pleases God, not what pleases a human audience.

~ A. C. Quinn ~