

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(686-2117) Kurt Maynard  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer .....Eddie Palmer  
 Reading.....Caleb Graves  
 Scripture.....Proverbs 1:8-9  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Joe Collins  
 (S).....\*Michael Andrews  
 (N).....David Chilton  
 (N).....Jacob Griffin  
 (N).....Kelly Thaxton  
 (S).....Ken Martin  
 (S).....Marty Boles  
 (S).....Mike Mullins  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Ronnie Prince

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(686-2117) Kurt Maynard  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer .....Tommy Turner  
 Reading .....Josh Templeton  
 Scripture .....Romans 6:1-8  
 Lord's Table .....\*Randy Griffith  
 .....\*Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Cory Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing.....John David Keele  
 First Prayer .....Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading.....Sam Gillies  
 Invitation .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. ....Eugene & Doris Wilcher  
 P.M. ....Noel Pepper Family

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

**Ushers:** .....Danny Duncan & Harry Felty  
**Attend Nursery:** .....Amanda Gann  
**Un/Lock Building:** Gordon Mayfield/Shannon Griffin  
**Prepare Communion:** .....Caleb & Rachel Graves  
**Assist Baptisms:** .....Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

**Pantry Item:** .....Tea Bags

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Steve Boyd

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....370  
 Bible Study .....268  
 P.M. Worship .....236  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....216  
 Contribution.....\$7,756

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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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Jamie Brock	W.C. Chilton
Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
Rickey Hurst	David Keele
Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Gordon Mayfield	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Jim Slatton

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## Sick

### At Home:

Sharla Hillis  
Jamie Brock  
Barbara Northcutt  
Christine Cantrell - at her daughter's home (2924  
Apache Moon Terrace, Murfreesboro, TN  
37127-8300)

### In The Hospital:

Winfrey Hennessee - Riverside at Stones River

## Sermons For Sunday

AM .....Wise Advice On Parenting (from Proverbs)  
PM.....Favorite Bible Passages: Romans 6:1-8

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Thomas Rowland, uncle of our Herb Rowland. His funeral was Monday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Lady Ruth Veach, sister of our Jim Slatton. Her graveside services will be this Thursday noon at the Webb Cemetery at Bluff Springs.

## Welcome

We rejoice that Jimmy and Iva Cunningham have expressed their desire to place their membership with the congregation. Please add them to your church directory:

Jimmy & Iva Cunningham  
113 Franklin St.  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
Phones: 474-7247 & 808-7247

## Something To Think About...

“The seed that is planted determines the plant that will be produced – in nature and in human nature. The finished product always reveals the seed.”

“Many people who would not lie often present the truth in such a way that nobody will recognize it.”

## Youth News

### Shut-ins

#### Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., Mc Minnville, TN 37110)  
Clara Roller #506

#### NHC

(P.O. Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)  
Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201  
Marion Ward (brother-in-law to Juanita Oliver) -  
#123  
Isabel Bouldin

#### Creekside At Three Rivers

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

#### Home:

Leonard Crouch  
Mary Davis  
Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)  
Dennis Gann  
Billy Gilbert  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband)  
Winfrey Hennessee  
Essie Hillis  
Grady Hurst (Rickey's dad)  
Georgia Jones  
Willene Kell  
Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife)  
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)  
Mattie Maxwell  
Lucille Newby (at her son's, Carl Douglas)  
Barbara Northcutt  
Evelyn Northcutt  
June Slatton  
Cora Stembridge  
James Thomison  
Fuston Womack (at his son's home)

## “Mirror Moments”

Recently I was asked why God repeated his question to Elijah during the incident recorded for us in 1 Kings 19. Before I give you my answer (opinion), let me briefly set the context for you.

Elijah had just achieved great victories. He had confronted the prophets of Baal and challenged them to pray to their god and thus bring fire to a sacrifice (1 Kings 18:21). Elijah, of course, prayed to God and received fire from heaven (18:38). Rain also returned to the region in answer to his prayer (18:42; James 5:17, 18). However, shortly after the victories, Jezebel swore to kill Elijah. With amazement, we read the words, “Then he was afraid” (19:3). (Let me just say this is not a condemnation of Elijah or a criticism of his faith. It is rather, a testimony to the evil and resourcefulness of Jezebel, as well as the power of exhaustion and discouragement on a servant of God.)

Because of Jezebel's threat, Elijah headed south, as far away from Jezebel as he could get. After a long journey, and sustenance by God, Elijah came to Horeb (Sinai). At that time he came to a cave and stayed there. While there, God spoke to him: “What are you doing here Elijah?” Elijah answered by recounting the terrible circumstance of the previous years and concluded by saying he was the only faithful person/prophet left. God allowed Elijah to see several unusual events (wind damage, earthquake and fire). Then he heard a whisper. After that, God repeated his question: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (19:4-13). The man who was once empowered by God was actually running away from his enemy.

I believe God was asking the question, not for information, but so that Elijah could have a “mirror moment.” In other words, God wanted Elijah to look deeply within himself and decide who he was going to be and what he was going to do. He could have given up or he could decided to move forward and live for God. Thankfully, Elijah decided to move forward and live for God—and aren't we glad he did?!

I also believe we all have mirror moments—times in our lives when deep introspection is called for—when we must decide to move forward and allow God to work with and through us, in spite of our fears and misgivings. I think some of those times are: high school graduation, college graduation, wedding day, first day of new job, birth of first child and retirement. There are others, but I think you get the point: These are the crossroads of our lives, and the direction we choose can make or break us. Far too many people are “walking past the mirror,” taking little or no time to ask themselves, “What are you doing here?”

Well, it may not be one of those times mentioned above, but . . . What are YOU doing here?

~ Lance Cordle ~

## Youth News

The third **BIBLE BOWL** of the season was again a huge success. Our team did a fantastic job by coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (but missing only one question!) Hats off to Caleb, Keith, Jessi, Haley, Justin, J.D., Aidan, Josh, Ashley, and Jack for representing Bybee Branch and themselves well. Parents, this is an awesome program for Biblical growth. I kindly ask that you please consider your kids joining the ten names above as we study and participate for the next three months. The top places for this session were, 1<sup>st</sup>: Earleyville, Leoni, and Woodbury, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bluff Springs and Jericho, 3<sup>rd</sup>: East End, Mt. Leo, New Union, Smith Grove, and Smyrna, 4<sup>th</sup>: Hebron, Iglesia de Cristo, Morrison, Rockcliff, and Shady Grove. Next month the competition will be hosted by Mt. Leo over John 12 – 14.

The final **H.E.Y.** for 2013 is this Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The investigation will center around the theme “Flirting with Disaster.” We begin at 7 pm in room 10/11. Join us and bring a friend or two!

Also, the final **PEW PACKERS** for this year is this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Our final lesson in the life of Jesus will be “Jesus is the Way.” Following our class and activity, we will have refreshments.

The cut-off for giving monetarily to the BBYG to purchase gifts is this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The congregation, as of this writing, has already given \$444.00, which is amazing. Thank you so much!

**EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** is a unique opportunity for high school Christians to grow in the faith and gain a renewed strength to do the Lord's work. The cost is **\$35 IF PAID BY THIS WEDNESDAY**; otherwise the cost goes to \$45 after Wednesday.

Please also consider **CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE**, which has details on the Youth Bulletin board.

#### ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>—Birthday Wednesday  
Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>—BBYG Holiday Party @ Hillis'  
Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>—Young Men Led Services