

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First PrayerDavid Keele
 Reading.....John David Keele
 Scripture.....Hosea 5:10-11
 Lord's Table (N).....*Paul Hurst
 (S).....*Ronnie Prince
 (N).....Clent Kesity
 (N).....Ethan Duncan
 (N).....Harold McGinness
 (S).....Josh Templeton
 (S).....Rickey Hurst
 (S).....Tim Gann
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissShannon Griffin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First PrayerJoe Collins
 Reading.....Christian Barrett
 ScriptureTBA
 Lord's Table*Norman Sain
*Farris Young
 SermonDavid Fanning
 Dismiss.....Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsDon Sullivan
 Lead Singing.....David Keele
 First PrayerMichael Andrews
 Reading.....Tim Fisher
 InvitationJamie Brock
 DismissJacob Griffin

Welcome Committee

A.M.Amy Prince & Linda Hamilton
 P.M.Doris & Steve Smith

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

Ushers:Brian Moody & Willie Newby
Attend Nursery:.....Glenda Faye Ferrell
Un/Lock Building:.....Don Cathey/Ryan McColloch
Prepare Communion:Sarah King
Assist Baptisms:Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton

Pantry Item:Peanut Butter

Elder Closing Remarks:Steve Boyd

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....319
 Bible Study252
 P.M. Worship302
 Wednesday Bible Study.....220
 Contribution.....\$7,506

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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

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Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Gordon Mayfield	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Jim Slatton

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Sick

At Home:

Glenda Ferrell (following surgery)

Steve Caldwell

Pat Boles

In The Hospital:

Essie Hillis - NHC making progress

New Arrival

Congratulations to Andy & Amy Vander Kooi on the birth of a baby boy, Take James Vander Kooi on Sunday afternoon in Denver, CO. He weighed 7 lbs and 9 oz. Stanley & Sherry Graves are the proud grandparents.

Sermons For Sunday

AMWhat Are You Going To Do In Tough Times?

PMGuest Speaker: David Fanning

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On Sunday evening brother David Fanning who is a representative of THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST television program will preach to the congregation.

Gospel Meeting

Central – August 18-21, Mon-Wed. 7 pm with Paul Sain speaking.

Gospel Singing

The **Earleyville church of Christ** will host their annual Gospel Singing on Saturday, August 24, at 6 pm. Refreshments provided.

Middle TN School of Preaching

Classes resume at Bethany on Thursday, August 29th at 6 p.m.

6-7 I & II Thessalonians Jim Boyd

7-8 Hebrew History (Part II) Alan Adams

8-9 Life Of Christ (Part II) Charles Williams

Youth News

A BIG thanks to everyone that pitched-in and helped **TABS** happen.

A sign-up sheet is on the board for the **16th Annual LABOR DAY YOUTH MADNESS: Countdown to Midnite!** The cost is \$10 and more details are on the Youth Bulletin Board.

For the last 8 years Bybee Branch has hosted **YOUTH SINGING @ THE FAIR** and we are thankful to continue that activity. We are inviting congregations from Warren and surrounding counties in hopes of having a great singing. We will begin at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 10th and go till around 7:00 pm.

Freed Hardeman University hosts an event called **RUSH** (Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights) and we are organizing a trip for this year. We haven't been in a couple of years, but it was always enjoyable with great lessons and even better singing. Full details are on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Promotion

The Annual Sunday School promotion will be coming up on Sunday, September 1. If you have not been attending the Bible Classes now will be a great opportunity to begin. It would also be a great time for you to express thanks to the many teachers who give their time and effort to teach our little ones.

Growing In Shadows

Our lives—like plants in a garden
Growing within God's grace
Some in light, others in darkness
As each has been given its place.

We may resent where planted
Rebelling daily in life's pursuit
Yet could it be that only in shadows
We are able to bear fruit.

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

How To Enhance Cooperation Between Congregations

When two or more congregations exist within fairly close proximity of each other, tensions, jealousies, and rivalries often exist.



The "right hand of fellowship" or arm wrestling?

I don't think that anyone would affirm that this is the will of the Lord, so what can be done to remove the tensions that exist, and enhance congregational cooperation? Here are five tips...

1. Communicate with each other. Let each other know when special events are scheduled, and even check with each other before you schedule an event. Otherwise, it is probable that schedules will conflict, and these conflicts will prevent joint participation with each other. Also, share and announce each others successes and prayer needs.

2. Respect Each Others Decisions. Sometimes, a congregation will have to practice discipline against an unruly and impenitent member. Rather than repenting, this member will often simply seek and unfortunately find fellowship just across town. When elders from two respective congregations work together, not only will they solidify relations, they will cease being a safe harbor for unfaithful Christians who refuse to repent.

3. Respect Each Others Autonomy. Remember that elders are commissioned to oversee the flock among them (1 Peter 5:2). Therefore, a church should not pass judgment on another church because of decisions and practices that differ within the realm of opinion. One congregation can have strong opinions about the employment of such matters as Bible classes, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services, the use of contemporary songs or traditional songs, and small groups. Those opinions may differ from the practices of the church across town. However, those differences in expediency should be allowed to exist without there being judgment and suspicion or contempt and ridicule of each other.

4. Don't Receive or Spread Slander About Each Other. "Church-hoppers" frequently get dissatisfied, leave a church, and slander their former congregation to their new congregation. Christian love requires us to believe the best in each other (1 Corinthians 13:7). Congregations and leaderships within congregations should give each other the benefit of the doubt and not foster or provide an opportunity for such negative talk.

5. Don't Steal Sheep! When a member of an area church visits your church, don't recruit them to join you. Allow them to simply be visitors. Trying to steal sheep from one flock to join up with another breeds distrust, resentment, and a spirit of competition and rivalry rather than a spirit of camaraderie.

Friends, local congregations within close proximity of each other should never lose sight of the fact that they are laborers together in the Kingdom. Instead of seeing each other as rivals, they should take advantage of the fellowship and strength they are privileged to enjoy because of their close proximity!

~ Steve Higginbotham ~