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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(815-3033) Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First PrayerJoe Collins
 Reading.....Ethan Duncan
 Scripture.....Luke 5:31-32
 Lord's Table (N).....*Jeff McVey
 (S)*Ryan McColloch
 (N)Rodney Maynard
 (N)Joe Maynard
 (N)Jacob Griffin
 (S)Justin Griffin
 (S)Ezra Dixon
 (S)Junah Bouldin
 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(815-3033) Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First PrayerDavid Keele
 Reading.....Robert Elam
 Scripture.....I Timothy 2:8-12
 Lord's Table*Randy Griffith
*Doug Hendrixson
 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Cory Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsKurt Maynard
 Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews
 First PrayerMike Mullins
 Reading.....Peyton Norris
 InvitationWillie Newby
 Dismiss.....Paul Hurst

Welcome Committee

A.M.Leonard & Avie Clemons
 P.M.Rickey & Maggie Hurst

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

December 14, 2014

Ushers:Heath Griffith & Jordan Thomas

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Prepare Communion:Templetons

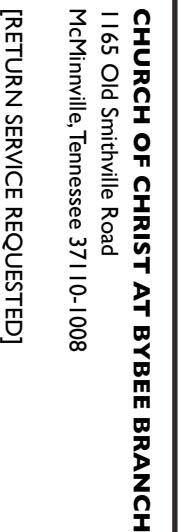
Assist Baptisms:Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item:Potato Packets

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

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Sunday	Wednesday
A.M. Worship	Bible Study
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	Monday (2 nd & 4 th of each month)
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 AM

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Sick

At Home:

Jean Ware (broken leg)
Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister)
Dennis Eller
Emma Hillis
Ken & Nona Martin
W.C. Chilton

In The Hospital:

Bertie Wetzel (sister of Elmer Rutledge) - in
Huntsville Hospital following car accident

Sermons for Sunday

AMAre You Due For A Checkup?
PM.....Confronting Error on Women's Role

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of
Bobby Stevens, brother of Wallace Stevens. He
passed away last Wednesday and his funeral was
Saturday at Gardens of Memory.

Prepare Communion for 2015

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to
prepare the communion for 2015.

Holiday Fellowship

The annual holiday fellowship will be Sunday, De-
cember 21, following the evening services.

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Barry Hillis request the honor of your
presence at the marriage of their daughter

Terann Fayth

to

Tyler Clark Birdwell

son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark Birdwell

Saturday the thirteenth of December 2014

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ

Cookeville TN

Reception to follow.

The Truth: More or Less

This is the truth...more or less.

- We need more passion and less apathy.
- We need more soft hearts and less hard heads.
- We need more open ears and less open mouths.
- We need more busy bodies and less busybodies.
- We need more back-patting and less backbiting.
- We need more seed-slinging and less mud-slinging.
- We need more faith in action and less faith inaction.
- We need more accountability and less excuses making.
- We need more abhorrence of sin and less tolerance of sin.
- We need more focus on the cross and less focus on our cross.
- We need more love for the world and less love for worldliness.
- We need more pursuit of holiness and less pursuit of happiness.
- We need more love for the truth and less love for our preferences.
- We need more foresight in planning and less hindsight in regret.
- We need more concern over direction and less concern over speed.
- We need more struggle against temptation and less surrender to it.
- We need more thanks for our blessings and less murmuring for our trials.
- We need more joy in sharing good news and less joy in sharing bad news.
- We need more who pray without ceasing and less who have ceased praying.
- We need more who seek to be hidden in Christ and less who seek to be hidden from Christ.

~Steve Higginbotham~

A Pessimist

The word "pessimist" at dictionary.com is defined as "a person who habitually sees or anticipates the worst or is disposed to be gloomy." Do you know anyone like that? Are you a pessimist?

No matter what happens in our world today or even around us at home, school, work, etc., some choose to focus on the worst possible case. They seem to be only looking for the "bad" and focus on that and therefore many times will fail to see the "good".

The Proverb writer in chapter 23 and verse 7 declares "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." For the child of God we know the importance of watching our thinking and controlling it. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:7-8).

A "pessimist" sees and focuses on the problems & not the solutions He subscribes to thinking that life is utterly hopeless and helpless. The "pessimist" has set his mind on situations and circumstances in life instead of as the child of God should do, that is, have his mind set on our Spiritual relationship with the Lord (Philippians 2:5; 4:4-8, 13; Colossians 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17).

Defeating our "pessimistic attitude" is not something that will happen just by accident nor easily accomplished. Why? What is the first thing the "pessimist" is thinking? 'I can't do this'. Then he begins to reason, "even if I do overcome this, it probably will not last".

Let me suggest a few things that we need to think about in defeating this "pessimistic attitude":

- **REFLECT on the Persons of the Past.** Think about Joshua and Caleb in Numbers 13-14 and the reports given by them and the other 10 spies. Joshua and Caleb focused on the precepts and promises of God and not on the people and possible problems in the land of Canaan. Or think about David in 1 Samuel 17 as he does battle against the giant Goliath. Where was David's thinking? It was not upon the size of Goliath but upon the support of God.
- **REMEMBER the Power of Prayer.** Peter declares in 1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you". We need to pay special attention to the following words, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"
- **RELY upon the Lord's Precious Promises.** The Lord will keep His Word. He is one that we can and must always trust. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). We can face whatever comes our way and be victorious because of the confidence we have in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 2:10).
- **RENDER our mind and life to the Precepts and Principles of God's Word.** The only way we will ever be what God wants is to have our minds and manner of life conform to God's Word. Then we can live a life with assurance & confidence (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 2:5; Col. 3:1-3).

~ Jerry Joseph ~