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## August 17, 2014

# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Farris Young
Scripture	
Lord's Table (N)	*Larry Flatt
(S)	*Charles GIllies
(N)	
(N)	Justin Griffin
(N)	
(S)	Steve Smith
(S)	Jordan Thomas
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

## Sunday Evening Worship

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Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Caleb Hughes
Scripture	Jonah 3:1-3
Lord's Table	*Kurt Maynard
	*Herb Rowland
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Doug Hendrixson

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	I im Fisher
Lead Singing	Cory Prince
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Tyler Judkins
Invitation	Steve Hillis
Dismiss	Shannon Griffin

## **Welcome Committee**

A.M	Debbie Glenn & Helen Morgan
P.M	Jeff Templeton Family

Bus Driver:.....Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Ricky P	
Attend Nursery:	
Un/Lock Building:	Rickey Hurst/Jeff Flatt
Prepare Communion: .	Josh & Sarah King
Assist Baptisms: Stephanie	Maynard & Linda Hamilton
Pantry Item:Salad Dressing	
Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons	
Record For The Week	
A.M. Worship	357
Bible Study	256
P.M. Worship	241
Wednesday Bible Study	201
Contribution	\$7.861

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A.M. Worship 9:00 AM Bible Study Bible Study 10:15 AM P.M. Worship 6:00 PM

Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of each month) Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 AM

#### **Elders**

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### Deacons

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

#### **Ministers**

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### Sick

#### At Home:

Charlene Palmer Judy Nussbaum Sherry Graves Winona Ward (Juanita Oliver's sister)

#### In The Hospital:

none known

## **Sermons for Sunday**

AM .....Studying With The Savior-Fulfillment PM.....Jonah: Speaking

## **Gospel Meeting**

**Central church of Christ** August 17-20, 7 pm with Kirk Brothers on Sunday for Homecoming. Monday night, Tony Lawrence, Tuesday Night, Kevin Key, and Wednesday Night, Ben Bailey.

# Resignation

This past Sunday the elders announced that brother Doug Hendrixson was stepping down as one of the elders. Brother Doug is deserving of honor and appreciation for the diligent service he has provided for the past 24 years (He was appointed August 5, 1990). He is a faithful and sound man with a love for the Truth and the church at Bybee Branch. Why not drop him a note and express your appreciation for him?

# **Something To Think About**

"God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's providence."

"Resentment or grudges do no harm to the person against whom you hold these feelings but every day and every night of your life, they are eating at you" (Norman Vincent Peale)

#### **Youth News**

ALL kids in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and down will have a Group Picture taken this Sunday morning, August 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship and before classes begin. Parents, please help get your kids down front and come dressed to impress.

Our **HOME DEVOTIONALS** resume this Sunday following evening worship at the Brocks. Girls are asked to bring a dessert and boys a drink. Please make plans to join us for this time of singing and devotional, as well as the fellowship. Let's grow together!

Parents, I want to forward to you a challenge that was given to your kids last Wednesday during class. We were talking about being strong at school for the Lord and the importance that personal Bible study played in the process. The kid's were given four realistic Bible study goals for the rest of 2014, which were:

- I. Memorize I verse from the Bible per week.
- 2. Read through all 4-gospel accounts by Christmas.
- 3. Attend ALL study opportunities provided at Bybee Branch (Hebrews 10:25)
- 4. "Participate" on Bible Bowl team.

These goals could easily be incorporated into family devotional times. The Bible states, "But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14.) IF we can get our youth in the practice of wanting to know and grow in God's word, then it will help them to recognize what is good and what is not. Let me know how it goes and if you have any questions.

**BIBLE BOWL 2014/15** is set! The study for this year is taken from several letters known as the general epistles. We will be studying JAMES, I & 2 PETER, I, 2, & 3 JOHN, and JUDE. The wealth of knowledge found within these letters will definitely help each student and teacher to grow mightily in the Word. Bybee Branch will host the first Bible

Bowl of the year on October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be involved in any capacity, please let me know.

Everyone check the Youth Bulletin Board for a couple of sign-up sheets. First is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual **LABOR DAY YOUTH MADNESS: COUNTDOWN TO MIDNITE!** The second is a trip to Freed Hardeman for **RUSH** (Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights.) Check those out and see if you are interested.

A big thanks to all who could meet for our **PAR-ENTS MEETING** last Sunday. If you were not able to make the meeting and have questions about anything concerning your kids and the BBYG, please don't hesitate to ask.

#### **UPCOMING:**

8/23 Saturday Camp Rewind

8/24 Sunday TABS

8/27 Wednesday Birthday Wednesday

8/30 Saturday Scavenger Hunt

8/31 Sunday Young Men Led Services

8/31 Sunday Labor Day Youth Madness

## **Mental Illness**

You finish the sentence. "I was sick and you

Now, if we're talking about heart disease, diabetes, or cancer, I'm pretty sure we could fill in the blank with "visited me." But what if we're talking about mental illness? Might the the sentence more truthfully be completed as follows: "I was sick and you avoided and talked about me?"

I'm convinced that Christians (individually) and churches (collectively) have room for improvement in the way we minister to those who suffer from mental illness. I'm afraid that there is a "whisper factor" involved with mental illness, and those who suffer from it live in fear of being discovered. Consequently, they suffer alone, in silence, with little to no support.

But why should there be a stigma attached to those who suffer from mental illness? Are chemical

imbalances in the brain any less real than clogged arteries in the heart? Would we stigmatize a person whose body doesn't produce the right amounts of insulin, and therefore has to be medicated to regulate his levels of insulin? Of course we wouldn't. Then why would we stigmatize a person whose body doesn't produce the proper balance of chemicals to keep the brain functioning properly?

The National Institute of Health estimates that 26.2% of Americans, ages 18 and older suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder. That's one in every four adult Americans. That also means our churches are filled with people who are suffering with mental illness. So the question begs to be answered, and answered Scripturally. "I was sick and you \_\_\_\_\_."

May God help us to create a community of compassion and understanding. May we create an environment in which people feel safe seeking help and support. And may our response to those who suffer from mental illness be no less compassionate, loving, and Christ-like than those who suffer with other illnesses.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~ via PreachingHelp.org

## **Many Hammers Broke**

For three years Jesus spoke To help fallen humanity He pointed them to eternal glory Throughout all His ministry.

When time came to give His life No begging for mercy was heard Accused falsely in Pilate's Hall He answered only a few words.

"Away with Him," they cried aloud "He's not God's' Son, they spoke" Like an anvil, He felt painful blows As many hammers broke.

~ Benny B. Bristow ~