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..Pop Tarts

Ushers:Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland Attend Nursery:Jean Clendenon Un/Lock Building:.....Don Cathey/Ricky Prince Prepare Communion:Justin Randolph

Assist Baptisms: Cindy Fisher/Sherry Graves

Pantry Item:

Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Tim Gann
Scripture	IThessalonians 3:8-10
Lord's Table (N)	*David Keele
(S)	*Ken Martin
	Steve Smith
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	Justin Randolph
(S)	Cory Prince
	Derrick Pennington
	Chris Neale
.,	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Stanley Clendenon
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Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Lead SingingPaul Hurst First PrayerTim Fisher ReadingMichael Andrews
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ScripturePsalms 14:1
Lord's Table*Tim Gann
*Ronnie Hoover
SermonTony Lawrence
DismissLarry Cook

AnnouncementsKelly Thaxton

First Prayer.....Randall Gann

ReadingTommy Turner

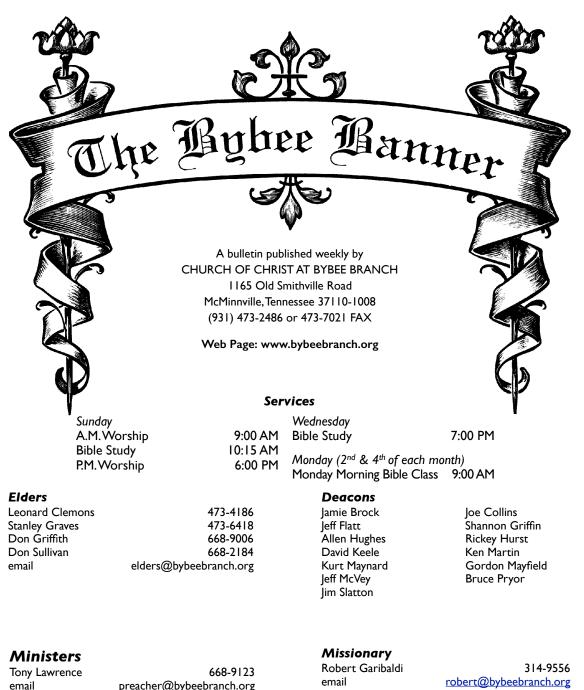
InvitationJamie Brock Dismiss......Tommy Crouch

A.M.....David & Iona King

P.M.Sarah Kell & Helen Morgan

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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Elder Closing Remarks:	D	Oon Sullivan
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Sick & Shut-in

At Home:

Carol Barrett Daisy Maxwell Flossie Warren Marva Hughes (Allen's mother) Dorothy Hennessee Paul Davis Brittany Ochoa (friend of Zollie Settles) - suffering from cancer

In The Hospital:

Bruce Pryor - St. Thomas Rutherford, knee replacement Tuesday

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Freddie Duncan, father of Chelsea Gann. His funeral was this past Thursday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Janice Broyles, sister of Wanda Nunley. Her funeral was this past Friday.

Communion Preparation for 2016

We need volunteers to prepare communion for 2016. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please help us fill this list soon.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AM	Perfecting Faith
Sunday PMPlease	Don't Take Me For A Fool

Monday Morning Bible Class

This coming Monday, December 14, will be the final Monday Morning Bible Class for 2015. The class will meet at Billy's Restaurant at 8 am for breakfast followed by Bible Class back at the building. Everyone is invited to both the breakfast and class. Class will begin at 1 John 4:4.

Youth News

The annual **BBYG Holiday Party** will be on Monday, December 14th. Everything will be provided, so just show up! If you plan on playing (you know, that certain game...) then bring a \$10 gift.

If you would like to donate money to help buy gifts for Bybee Branch members in Nursing or Boarding homes, please give your donation to one of the elders.

Congratulations to our young people placing 4th in the Bible Bowl.

As The Year Ends

As the year 2015 rapidly draws to a close, we should remind ourselves once again of this gift of God we call "time." How quickly the year has passed! Time has been described as "a section cut from the great circle of eternity," and "the uncertain boundaries of life on earth." Ben Franklin said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." Someone else once said, "I have no yesterdays. Time took them all away. Tomorrow may not be, but I have today." Time has great value. Although you may not be paid an hourly wage, you cannot limit the value of time.

If you would burn a \$100 bill, you would be destroying more than the paper and ink of which it consists. You would, in essence, be taking bread from your table, medicine from the sick, and books from the scholar. Likewise, the value of time is not in itself, but in what time offers us—the blessings, privileges, and opportunities of life.

Time is NOW. Not yesterday—all of the yesterdays have passed on, and its opportunities are no more. Tomorrow has not yet come—and it may never be. You are left with only today. This must have been in the apostle Paul's mind when he admonished, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16, NKJV). Time well-spent is time spent in the will of God.

~ Ronald Bartanen – via BulletinGold~

And It Came To Pass...

An older man once sat in on a class in a Bible College. That day the professor asked his students to share a verse that means a great deal to them. The students were eager to oblige. They offered many great verses, rich with theological implications. When the class finished, the professor asked the visiting man if he would like to share his favorite verse. He agreed and said, "My favorite verses in the Bible are the ones that begin with the phrase, 'and it came to pass."" A few snickers could be heard among the prideful students so the elderly man added an additional comment.

He said, "Young men, allow me to explain why I answered as I did. You see, when I was 32, our firstborn son was killed by a drunk driver. My wife and I were devastated. We didn't know how we would go on, but we did. At the age of 45, our daughter came home on a break from college, sat her mother and me down, and proceeded to tell us why she no longer believed in God. She told us that God was merely an invention of man intended to be a crutch for the psychologically weak, and that she wanted no part of it. We found this to be more painful than the death of our son. At the age of 55, I lost my job. Due to my age at the time, I couldn't find a job. Everyone wanted to hire someone younger than me. Consequently we lost our home, and for six months we were forced to live in our car. Then at the age of 63, we discovered that my wife had cancer. For three years we fought that cancer as hard as we could, but my wife eventually died three years later. So you see young men, the events that have taken place in my life have caused to appreciate and love the verses that begin with the words, "and it came to pass," for they are a reminder to me that the horrible circumstances in which we sometimes find ourselves don't "come to stay," they "come to pass."

After the man finished, you could have heard a pin drop. The class was no longer snickering because they learned a valuable lesson. You'll have many things "came to pass," in you life, but thank God they won't "come to stay!" **Misplaced Priorities**

Where will our priorities be in the future? Will they be where God wants them to be or will they be "misplaced"? Where are our priorities now? Do we have "misplaced" priorities? Our priorities are misplaced ...

- When we "find" the time to read the newspaper, magazines, etc., but will not take the time to read and study the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15; I Timothy 4:13; John 5:39; Psalm 1:1-2)
- When we "faithfully" attend ball games, club meetings, etc., but are not faithful in attending church services (Hebrews 10:24-25;Acts 2:42).
- When we are willing to "fight" for our political party but will not "fight" the good fight of faith (I Timothy 6:12; Jude 3).
- When we "feed" our minds upon the worldly things but will neglect that which we need the most, that is, that which is spiritual (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-3).
- When we almost "faint" hearing about some animal being mistreated but will follow without hesitation those who are killing unborn children (Romans 12:9-10; 13:1-10).
- When we with "fervor" sit for hours watching a ballgame or a movie but when we sit in the pew for worship we are "gone" (Psalm 122:1).
- When we "feel" that our children must be in school and do their homework but will permit them to neglect worship and Bible study (Ephesians 6:1-4).

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

~ Jerry Joseph ~

~ Steve Higginbotham ~