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**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Bobby Ashford  
 Reading.....Jacob Griffin  
 Scripture .....I Thessalonians 4:1-2  
 Lord's Table (N) .....\*Ricky Prince  
 (S) .....\*Willie Newby  
 (N) .....Mike Mullins  
 (N) .....Aiden McVey  
 (N) .....Harold McGinness  
 (S) .....Ryan McColloch  
 (S) .....Kane Maynard  
 (S) .....Joe Maynard  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Darron Dixon

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Jeff Flatt  
 Reading.....David Roberts  
 Scripture .....Philippians 4:4-7  
 Lord's Table .....\*Rickey Hurst  
       .....\*Gordon Mayfield  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing .....Herb Rowland  
 First Prayer .....Randy Griffith  
 Reading .....Farris Young  
 Invitation .....Steve Hillis  
 Dismiss .....Stanley Graves

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Ken & Nona Martin  
 P.M.....Jared Mullican Family  
 Bus Driver: .....Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

**December 20, 2015**

Ushers: .....Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard  
 Attend Nursery: .....Gail Crouch  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Don Cathey/Ricky Prince  
 Prepare Communion: .....Justin Randolph  
 Assist Baptisms: .....Cindy Fisher/Sherry Graves

Pantry Item: .....Green Beans

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship	328
Bible Study	254
P.M. Worship	219
Wednesday Bible Study	212
Contribution	\$6,261

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**Services**

Sunday	Wednesday
A.M. Worship	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

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## Sick & Shut-in

### At Home:

Larry Snow  
Carol Barrett  
Daisy Maxwell  
Flossie Warren  
Marva Hughes (Allen's mother)  
Bruce Pryor  
Brittany Ochoa (friend of Zollie Settles) - suffering from cancer

### In The Hospital:

Jeff Elam - Harton Medical Center

## Sermon Topics

Sunday AM .....Vessels of Honor  
Sunday PM. ....Learning To Rejoice In The Lord

## Communion Preparation for 2016

Volunteers are to prepare communion for 2016. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Tyler & Heather Boyd on the birth of a baby boy, Elijah Nathan, born on December 5, and weighed 8 lbs. Steve Boyd is the proud grandpa...

## Congregation ER Notifications

For the past several years there has been a program in place to send our notifications of emergencies that arise where the congregation needs to be informed. This is only used a few times a year when the information will need to be disseminated before the next service of the church. Those who desire may get a phone call, email or text.

The list was last updated almost 3 years ago. Beginning the first of the year we will start a new service and want to begin with a good clean list. A copy of the old list is on the table in the lobby. If your information is correct, please highlight it with the highlighter. If the information is NOT correct, or you wish to no longer get these notifications, please draw a line through it. If you are not receiving and you wish to begin receiving them, please add your information at the bottom.

## Spiritual Amputee

"For the body is not one member, but many" (I Cor. 12:14). Every congregation is made of many members of the Lord's church. Every member is important to the body. Just as our bodies would have more difficulty functioning without a part of the body even so a congregation without a part of its members has a more difficult time accomplishing its work. The writer of Corinthians continues in the chapter by writing, "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body" (I Cor. 12:15)?

Consider the value of the big toe. The military will reject you if your big toe is missing. Note the following quote, "A nine-toed gait is less efficient, slower and shorter...." Every part of the body is important. Not only is every member valuable to the overall function of the church, each member is of value to the other members of the body. If I do not fulfill my function as a part of the body then it places an additional burden on the other parts of the body.

Don't be a spiritual amputee. Every person has a part in the work of the Lord and is valuable. When the church sets out to accomplish its work will we all do our part? Remember the words of the Apostle Paul, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular (I Cor. 12:27). The end result of each member doing his/her work is a church that is being built up and growing. (Eph. 4:11-16).

~ Larry Acuff ~

## Holiday Fellowship

This coming Sunday evening, December 20, following the evening services we will enjoy our annual Holiday Fellowship.

If your last name begins with the letters below please bring the following items:

A-F: Ham biscuits, pigs in a blanket, sandwiches

G-M: Desserts and 2-liter drinks

N-Z: Chips & Dip and 2-liter drinks

## Are Bible Classes Significant?

In the minds of some people, Bible classes are not significant. They may even consider them just "a waste of time." What should our attitude be toward them?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help *promote* the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help *provide* a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (I Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help *produce* tomorrow's elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers. We want to encourage our young people to grow up being servants of God. In our Bible classes, we are training potential soldiers in the Lord's Army. The Bible classes are helping to train the young in the way they should go (Pro. 22:6)..

Bible classes are significant because they help *prevent* unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord.

Bible classes are significant because they help *prepare* one for eternity. Who is it that has doubts about the importance of studying the Bible? We must come to understand and know God's will (John 8:32; I Tim. 2:4). The time we spend in studying the Bible in our classes is helping us to be prepared for eternity to come.

For sure, Bible classes are significant!

~ Jerry Joseph ~

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of June Slatton, long time member at Bybee Branch. Her funeral was this past Monday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Jane Krauth, sister of Barbara Sain. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

## Bible Software for iPads/iPhones

Several years ago we had classes on Sunday evening for a few weeks for those who wished to learn how to use Accordance Bible Software (its free for the basic package). On Sunday evenings, January 3 and 10, we will again have the classes for those interested. Class will be held in Rooms 10-11 at 5 pm. Anyone is invited.