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Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Micah Lawrence
Reading	Mike Mullins
Scripture	Micah 4:1-2
	*Chris Snow
(S)	*Don Sullivan
	Brandon Fuston
(N)	Jared Mullican
(N)	Jeff McVey
(S)	Mitchell Ferrell
	Justin Griffin
(S)	David McColloch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Robert Elam
Scripture	ICorinthians 3:1-3
Lord's Table	*Caleb Hughes
	*Paul Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Allen Hughes

Wednesday Bible Study

David Keele
Jared Mullican
Steve Hillis
David Roberts
Willie Newby
Ethan Duncan

Welcome Committee

	Sarah Kell & Helen Morgan David McColloch Family
Bus Driver:	Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

August 23, 2015
Ushers:Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch
Attend Nursery:Stefanie McColloch
Un/Lock Building:Rickey Hurst/Jeff Flatt
Prepare Communion:Sarah Beth King
Assist Baptisms: Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton
Pantry Item:Cooking oil
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan
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A.M. Worship
Bible Study255
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Wednesday Bible Study236
Contribution\$6,893

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Sick

At Home:

Penny Keele Carol Barrett Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Irene Fuston (Brandon's mother) Juanita Oliver Paul Davis Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested

In The Hospital:

Leonard Crouch - NHC #106 Evelyn Northcutt - NHC #102 Billy Reed (preacher at Armstrong)-St.Thomas West ICU

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMMicah - Restoration Sunday PM:What Makes A Church Worldly?

Diana Singing

The bus will leave at 5 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12 for the Diana Singing. If you plan on going, please see Micah Lawrence.

Monday Morning Bible Class

Next Monday, August 24, at 9 am will be the Monday Morning Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to come. Class will begin at I John 2:9

Something To Think About

"Change of self is needed more often than a change of scene."

"It is confusing to give good advice while setting a bad example."

"When life and circumstances drive you to your knees you are in a perfect position to pray."

"Be thankful for what you have before you get what you deserve."

Youth News

The next **HOME DEVOTIONAL** is this Sunday hosted by the Templeton's. We will meet immediately after evening worship. Boys are to bring a drink and girls a dessert.

All youth (BBYG to Pew Packer) are reminded of **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** on Wednesday, August 26th. Those with August birthdays will be honored, so everyone stick around after services.

Who knew that when a seemingly simple "gettogether" in 1998 formed it would morph into an every year evangelistic opportunity for our youth. Our 18th Annual **LABOR DAY YOUTH MADNESS: Countdown to Midnight!"** will be Sunday, September 6th. Full details are on the Youth Bulletin Board. So, get signed-up and Invite, Invite, INVITE!

Another sign-up on the YBB is our yearly trip to R.U.S.H. at Freed Hardeman. The event is the weekend of September 18th. Again, all the details are on the flyer.

Parents please don't forget the **"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS"** on the foyer table!

Upcoming Activities:

Thurs. 8/27 NHC Devotional Sat. 8/29 Camp Rewind Sun. 8/30 Young Men Led Worship

Gospel Meetings

Central church of Christ, August 16-19 at 7 pm Robert Jefferies, Chris Perry, Bill Boyd & Ben Bailey preaching.

Doyle church of Christ, August 16-20 at 7 pm Garland Robinson preaching.

Creation-Evolution Seminar

Iconium church of Christ, August 21-23, 7 pm Friday, 6 pm Saturday and 9:15 Sunday. Brother Brad Harrub will be the speaker.

The Attack On Ben Bailey

This past Sunday brother Ben Bailey, speaker for The Gospel of Christ TV program <u>www.thegospelofchrist.com</u> delivered a lesson where he discussed a newspaper article where four couples had been interviewed as to why they chose a specific church. One of those couples was looking for a church with "relaxed or liberal views." Our good brother went on to explain that those who had a liberal mindset had accepted or approved of such things as women preacher and even homosexual relationships. Then brother Bailey went on to examine these in light of Scripture. He correctly pointed to seeking God's mindset on matters. How does one know what God wants? Obviously His Word is where one should go. He observed that in that in 1Timothy 2:11-12 women are forbidden to be preachers. He then went on to point out that the Scriptures condemn homosexual behavior in Romans 1:26-28 and that under the Old Testament in Leviticus 18:22; 20:13 such was an abomination for which the penalty was death. *Everything that brother Bailey said was 100% correct.*

On Monday someone came across the message delivered on Sunday and social media began to blow up with posts. How dare anyone condemn homosexual behavior! Did not the Supreme Court of the United States just settle the matter once and for all? A number of websites began to show excerpts of the message with some rather ugly comments. On CNN's sister station HLN, the Dr. Drew show even highlighted it during a segment on Monday evening. Thus has begun an attack on a faithful brother in Christ by the godless men and women of this world. Sadly, brother Bailey's words have been twisted to suggest he was promoting stoning of homosexuals today. Such should come as no surprise. These folks have no problem with dishonesty. They are simply following their leader, Satan (John 8:44).

I think some observations are in order.

- Jesus said this would happen. "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil." John 7:7. "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master." If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also." John 15:18–20.
- A man is not only known by his friends but by those who attack him. "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26. "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12.
- Out of persecution can come something good. "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." Genesis 50:20. There is no way that The Gospel of Christ could have bought the amount of exposure that this matter has brought. While there are other churches who have totally aband o n e d G o d's t e a c h i n g o n s e x u a l i t y (s e e www.charismanews.com/us/51020-first-baptist-church-to-ordain-gay-transgender-ministers) there will be spiritually minded folks seeking the Truth and they will now know where to go to find it. The persecution of the church following the death of Stephen did not stamp out the church, it only spread the seed! (Acts 8:4).

Those of us who love God and His Word will stand with brother Bailey.

~Tony Lawrence~