

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
 Lead Singing.....Larry Cook
 First PrayerMike Mullins
 Reading.....David McColloch
 Scripture1 Peter 1:18-19
 Lord's Table (N).....*Bobby Ashford
 (S).....*Russ Chilcutt
 (N).....Darron Dixon
 (N).....Ezra Dixon
 (N).....Danny Duncan
 (S).....Mitchell Ferrell
 (S).....Tim Gann
 (S).....Jason Vandagriff
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissSteve Hillis

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
 Lead Singing.....Larry Cook
 First PrayerDon Sullivan
 Reading.....Keith Chilcutt
 ScriptureIsaiah 7:10-14
 Lord's Table*Stanley Graves
*Bruce Pryor
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissKurt Maynard

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsJeff Flatt
 Lead Singing.....Steve Hillis
 First PrayerJoe Collins
 Reading.....Tommy Crouch
 InvitationTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Jeff Templeton

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Noel & Martha Pepper
 P.M.....Bruce & Susan Pryor

Bus Driver:.....Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:Delanie Sullivan
Un/Lock Building:.....Dale Bennett/Willie Newby
Prepare Communion:W.C. & Nelma Chilton
Assist Baptisms:Jean Ware/Phyllis Bailey

Pantry Item:Black-eyed Peas

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship337
 Bible Study.....262
 P.M. Worship.....286
 Wednesday Bible Study217
 Contribution\$7,498

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Services

<i>Sunday</i> A.M. Worship Bible Study P.M. Worship	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 6:00 PM	<i>Wednesday</i> Bible Study <i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i> Monday Morning Bible Class	7:00 PM 9:00 AM
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Sick

At Home:

Jessica Templeton

Carol Barrett

Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister)

Flossie Warren

Ben Ed Paul (member at Trousdale but visits with us often)

Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested

In The Hospital:

J.T. Mitchell - VA Hospital-Nashville

James Ware (brother-in-law to Jean Ware) - surgery at Centennial

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMThere Is Power In The Blood

Sunday PM.Predictive Prophecy: Fulfillments

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.

Bybee Branch Singing at the Fair

The annual Bybee Branch Singing at the Fair will be on Tuesday evening, September 15, at 6:00 pm. This event was previously for the youth but has been expanded to include the whole congregation. Be early to get a good seat!

Gospel Meetings

Morrison church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24, services at 1:00 pm for singing followed by afternoon worship at 1:30 pm. on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Robert Taylor preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-30, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Larry Acuff preaching.

Youth News

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:

Sun. 13th Home Devotional

Wed. 23rd Birthday Wednesday

Thur. 24th NHC Devotional

For Preachers Only

Have you ever failed to adequately prepare for a sermon so you just had to "throw a sermon together" at the last minute? And to your surprise, you received rave reviews by the congregation? We've sometimes explained this phenomenon (and salved our guilty consciences) by suggesting it might be God's way of saying the message is more important than the messenger. Maybe, but it just might be the Devil's way of convincing you that preaching doesn't demand your very best.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

~ via Facebook ~

Though brother Higginbotham wrote this for "preachers only" the message would also apply to Bible Class teachers. God deserves our very best!

Something To Think About

"A head full of knowledge is worthless without a heart full of love." -- Thomas B. Warren

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." -- Mark Twain

"Rumors are very resilient. Even without a leg to stand on, they still get around so fast!"

Thanks for Thirty!

This past Sunday morning it did not dawn on me until the class hour that it was the anniversary of my 30th year at Bybee Branch. It was April 14, 1985 when the elders asked me to come and "try-out" and on Sunday evening, June 12, brother Kenneth Woods called to ask if I was interested in coming to work with the congregation. Our family moved into the "preacher's house" on August 27, and my first Sunday preaching was September 1. The record for that Sunday was 335 for worship, 269 for Bible classes, 249 for PM worship and 208 for Wednesday Bible study. The contribution was \$2127.

The first few weeks at Bybee Branch were real tough for me, but it wasn't because of the people. Everyone was extremely friendly and helpful. My biggest challenge was a mimeograph machine that was rather finicky. One had to "cut" stencils by typing them on a typewriter. Every time a mistake was made one had to use correction fluid. I went through several bottles of correction fluid. But compared to the address-a-graph the mimeograph machine was a delight. The address-a-graph was very similar to the mimeograph machine in that one had to type addresses on cards containing the mimeograph paper. The cards were then sorted by routes and city sections. The address-a-graph was a manual crank machine and whenever I stacked the cards in the machine it would invariably grab 3-4 cards a time and send them flying. Not only did I have to guess the order in which the cards were to be placed but had to guess which bulletins had not been labeled. Needless to say it was a mess. The bulletin looked awful and people might or might not have gotten their bulletin. One Wednesday evening brother Noel Foster said in a very serious tone: "Brother Tony, if we can't get the bulletin problem fixed we may have to get a new preacher..." Thankfully the elders saw I was being overwhelmed and bought a copy machine. Preparing the bulletin went from a whole day job to a couple hours. I also moved with a very small lawnmower and the size of the church yard overwhelmed me. The first time mowing and trimming took over 8 hours.

There have been a lot of happy times over the years. My family and I have been blessed to be at Bybee Branch. I have loved to see the birth of so many little children and see them grow up to become such talented Christians. I am still moved when I see one of these little ones "born again." We have enjoyed Family Retreats to Short Mountain, Prom-alt trips to Atlanta & Gatlinburg, mission trips to Carrollton, KY & Selkirk, Ontario as well as many Fall Festivals, July 4 Ice Cream Fellowships and etc. There have been some outstanding visiting preachers at our Gospel Meetings, VBS's, Lectureships and Summer Series. You have been so generous with our family each year at the holiday party. We have been blessed beyond measure.

I need to express special thanks to the elders for their patience, encouragement and faithful leadership. Since the day that I arrived at Bybee Branch I have received nothing but encouragement from the elders. Not once have I ever been asked to not preach on a controversial topic. Our elders have consistently stood strong on doctrine while being compassionate and caring for the members. There have also been some great co-workers. For a short time brother Richard Bost was the associate minister, Paul Kidwell, Jr. was also with us for a short time. Working with the youth have been Steve Hillis and Tyler Boyd. Steve and I have worked especially close together. I have envied his talent with the youth. In 1999, the Hispanic work was begun and it was a privilege to work with Roberto Garibaldi for several years and now with Robert.

What does the future hold? None of us know. All I know is that I am so thankful to have been at Bybee Branch for the past thirty years. And to quote the radio personality Dave Ramsey, I have been treated much "better than I deserved." I thank each of you personally for being a part of a great congregation!

~ Tony Lawrence ~
