

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Rickey Hurst  
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture ..... TBA  
 Lord's Table (N) .....\*Jeff Flatt  
 (S) .....\*Brandon Fuston  
 (N) .....Robert Elam  
 (N) .....Stephen Felty  
 (N) .....Mitchell Ferrell  
 (S) .....Tim Gann  
 (S) .....Caleb Graves  
 (S) .....Jacob Griffin  
 Sermon .....Dave Miller  
 Dismiss .....Noel Pepper

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Scripture ..... TBA  
 Lord's Table .....\*Gordon Mayfield  
 .....\*Eddie Palmer  
 Sermon .....Jesus Taught About Worship Dave Miller  
 Dismiss .....Don Sullivan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing.....David Keele  
 First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
 Reading .....Larry Cook  
 Invitation .....Willie Newby  
 Dismiss .....Jamie Brock

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Aaron Ownbey Family  
 P.M.....Ricky Prince Family  
 Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

Ushers: .....Ken Martin, Justin Randolph, Marc Martin  
 Attend Nursery: .....Justice Woodside  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Ronnie Prince/Steve Hillis  
 Prepare Communion: .....Phyllis Bailey  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence

Pantry Item: .....Pancake Mix

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Don Sullivan

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....317  
 Bible Study .....234  
 P.M. Worship .....228  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....267  
 Contribution .....\$6,311

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**Services**

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

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Sarah Kell*

*David Bouldin*

*Frankie Hobbs (no visitors please)*

*Kirstie Dixon following outpatient surgery*

*Zollie Settles*

*Doris Settles (Zollie's sister-in-law) under Hospice care, requested prayers*

*Paul Meacham, Jr. (currently conducting a Gospel Meeting at Smartt but recently diagnosed with brain tumor. Will begin testing and treatment following meeting)*

### In The Hospital:

*Paul Davis - Parthenon Pavilion*

*Judy Nussbaum - outpatient surgery Wednesday at St. Thomas-Rutherford*

## Gospel Meetings

**Smart church of Christ**, July 16-20 services at 7 pm with Paul Meacham.

**Jericho church of Christ**, July 23-26 services at 7 pm with different speakers.

**Bluff Springs church of Christ**, July 23-26 services at 7 pm with Richard Bowman.

**Doyle church of Christ**, July 23-27 services at 7 pm with Randy Bybee.

**Unity church of Christ**, August 6-9 services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox.

## Vacation Bible Schools

**Mt. Leo church of Christ**, July 17-20 services at 6-8 pm.

**Central church of Christ**, July 23-26 services at 6-8 pm.

## VBS Report

Thanks to everyone for your help with VBS. Attendance: Monday-243, Tuesday-220, Wednesday-267

## Youth News

We have several BBYG campers at Short Mountain Bible Camp this week. Please pray for each one's safety and especially for real spiritual growth.

The next **HOME DEVOTIONAL** will be at David and Penny Keele's home this Sunday following evening worship. As usual, boys bring a drink and girls a dessert. I encourage you as always to bring your Bible and a friend!

**H.E.Y.** will take place on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, in the fellowship room. This really has become a favorite of the youth group and a great time to invite friends.

The BBYG Alumni will be going to Concord Road church on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, for a night of singing. More details to follow. We have been before and it is a great time of fellowship and of course beautiful, uplifting singing together.

Make sure you have on your calendar Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, as this is the date for the Parent/BBYG/Pew Packers/Alumni Dinner to be at a local undetermined restaurant. This will take place after evening worship on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Obviously this has the potential to be a LOT of people, so restaurant is to be determined.

Last year a new event was started for youth (and others) in Warren and surrounding counties called **ERUPT**. The second edition will take place September 22-24, 2017 at Cumberland Caverns. One of the keynote speakers will be Lonnie Jones plus Jerry Elder will graciously be coming back to lead singing. For more information go to [www.eruptyouthrally.com](http://www.eruptyouthrally.com) and make sure to go to our Facebook page and share away.

To our family at Bybee Branch: On behalf of my family, we are humbled and truly thankful for the outpouring of love (and money) given to us on June 28<sup>th</sup>. I really do not have the words to describe how much we appreciate your support (and your money.) So, I'll just simply say we love you for caring, we love you for sharing your lives with us, and we love you for allowing us to be a part of your and your kid's lives all these years. And yes we love your money too! God's blessings to you all!

**“WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS”** on the table.

## Sunday Guest: Dave Miller

This coming Sunday speaking at all three services will be brother Dave Miller. The evening lesson will be a part of the Summer Series with the topic: Jesus Teaches About Worship.

Brother Miller is the executive director of Apologetics Press. He received his BA in Bible and Speech from Lubbock Christian University, MA in speech from Texas Tech, MDiv from Harding School of Theology, and PhD from Southern Illinois University. He has been with us previously speaking on Islam and then on the Silencing of God.

## Can One Have Sins Forgiven Before Baptism?

That is a very good question! It is a question of eternal consequence! Really, the question is, “At what point is one saved?” I'd like to share three passages with you – passages that answer this question.

The first passage is Mark 16:16. Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Who was speaking? Jesus! He has the words of eternal life (John 6:68). His word will judge us (John 12:48). Where does He place salvation? Does He place it at the point of faith? No! Does He place it before baptism? No! Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved...” Belief and baptism are connected by the coordinating conjunction “and!” Belief is essential for salvation “and” baptism is essential for salvation. Both believe “and” baptism precedes salvation.

The second passage is Acts 2:38. When the people on Pentecost asked what to do to be saved, Peter responded, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” What must we do to receive the remission of sins? Peter, and inspired apostle, said to “repent” and “be baptized.” Again, “and” is a conjunction that connects “repent” and “be baptized.” Both are essential for “the remission of sins.” Since

both precede and are essential to salvation, the remission of sins cannot possibly take place before repentance and baptism!

The third passage is Romans 6. In verses 3 and 4 Paul explained how baptism is a “form” of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ – the fundamental facts of the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Paul wrote, “Or do you not know that as many of you as were baptized in Christ Jesus was baptized in His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Now note what Paul said in verses 16-18: “Do you not know that whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.” Before we obey this “form of doctrine” (before we are baptized into Christ), we are the “slaves of sin.” When we obey this “form of doctrine” (when we are baptized into Christ), we are “set free from sin” and become “slaves of righteousness.”

Now put these passages together in answering the question, “Can one have sins forgiven before baptism?” To be saved we must believe and be baptized – Mark 16:16. To have the remission of our sins we must repent and be baptized – Acts 2:38. Before baptism (the form of doctrine we obey), we are servants of sins. It is when (not until) we are baptized (obey that form of doctrine) that we are set free from sin – Romans 6:3-4, 16-18.

Have you been baptized to be saved? Have you been baptized for the remission of sins? Have you obeyed this form of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and been set free from sin? Can one be forgiven without doing what God requires?

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

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