

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey  
 Lead Singing .....Larry Cook  
 First Prayer .....Don Sullivan  
 Reading.....Tim Fisher  
 Scripture.....Galatians 2:11-13  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Larry Flatt  
 (S).....\*Allen Hughes  
 (N).....Ken Martin  
 (N).....Kane Maynard  
 (N).....Rodney Maynard  
 (S).....Brian Moody  
 (S).....David Roberts  
 (S).....Steve Smith  
 Sermon .....*Good News Solves Problems* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Micah Lawrence

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey  
 Lead Singing .....Larry Cook  
 First Prayer.....Michael Andrews  
 Reading.....Randall Gann  
 Scripture.....Matthew 18:21-35  
 Lord's Table .....\*Herb Rowland  
 .....\*Norman Sain  
 Sermon ...*Parable of the Unforgiving Servant* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Aidan McVey

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....David Keele  
 Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer.....Russ Chilcutt  
 Reading.....Shannon Griffin  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Noel Pepper

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Chris Snow Family  
 P.M. ....Danny & Cynthia Duncan

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

Ushers: .....Ken Martin, Justin Randolph, Marc Martin  
 Attend Nursery: .....Amanda Gann  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Darron Dixon/Ryan McColloch  
 Prepare Communion: .....Sarah King  
 Assist Baptisms: . Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton

Pantry Item: .....Pinto Beans

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....288  
 Bible Study .....235  
 P.M. Worship .....175  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....224  
 Contribution .....\$5,882

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

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## Sick

### At Home:

Rita Prince  
Ken Martin  
Frankie Hobbs (no visitors please)  
Nell Kiefer (Jean Ware's sister)  
Wanda Carter  
Joe Collins

### In The Hospital:

Paul Davis - Parthenon Pavilion

## Failing To Finish

One of the reasons I did not want to run track in High School was I was afraid I would tire out and have to drop out of the race. You can imagine the kind of teasing a teenage boy would endure having to drop out of a race! Having the stamina to finish the race is necessary to win. The same is true in the spiritual race of life. The writer of Hebrews said, "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," (Hebrews 12:1).

When it comes to running there are all sort of obstacles that may impede one finishing a race. One distraction would be those who tempt us with something alluring. To the Galatians Paul said, "You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" (Galatians 5:7). Paul spoke of his friend Demas and said, "for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world..." (2 Timothy 4:10). Speaking about the seed being sown in thorny soil, Jesus said, "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful." (Matthew 13:22).

Others it seems just get tired and quit. They lose heart. To them there must be a word of warning and encouragement. To Sardis Jesus said, "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God." (Revelation 3:2). "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it." (1 Corinthians 9:24).

~Tony Lawrence ~

## How To Be A Friendly Church

We have visitors every week, and I am thankful for them because they are a primary source of new growth. To be regarded as a friendly church is a precious commodity; it takes work to maintain that important trait Here are some rules that will help us perpetuate a friendly environment.

**The 30-second rule.** Most guests will make a judgment about us during the first 30 seconds after they enter. Let's greet people at the doors with a handshake and a smile. "We're so glad you came!"

**The front door rule.** Many people need help to find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they find it difficult to locate a class or a seat, they may choose not to return.

**The aisle rule.** Unless you need to be on an aisle, leave room for visitors and guests to sit on the aisles. Our long pews make it necessary for many of us to sit in the middle.

**The ten-foot rule.** Greet any person with whom you are not familiar who comes within ten feet of you. Make eye contact and be friendly.

**The five-minute rule.** Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Encourage them to return and thank them for coming.

Our attitude will determine whether or not they return. They come back when they feel welcomed and appreciated. Let's do our best to see that this happens.

Allan Eaken

Austin Ave. Newsletter, Brownwood, TX  
via Bulletin Digest

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bertie Weitzel, sister of our Elmer Rutledge. Her services were this past Thursday.

## We will miss you this week.

On Friday morning, Lindsay and I headed to Sevierville Tennessee to attend Polishing the Pulpit (PTP for short). Polishing the Pulpit is a six day long event, with classes for everyone, taught by brothers and sisters from all over the world. Classes typically start around 8am and go up till 9pm each day. I have not taken the time to count but I would guess that there are about fifty different speakers throughout the week. You can attend any class, on a just about any topic, that you would like unless it is a class for women only.

There are several different tracks that they have setup for specific people to follow. For example, they have an Elders and Deacons track. Which includes topics that elders and deacons would benefit from. They also have a women's track. A youth minister's track and they also have a track for teenagers. I highly encourage you to check out the website and go one year. You can go for the week-end or for the entire week. In my opinion, it is the best thing we have in the brotherhood.

Micah and Paul will be covering my classes for me while I am gone. I know they will do a great job. So youth, make sure while I'm gone, you ask them all of the hard questions that you can think of. I appreciate these men and their willingness to teach the class for me.

## Bible Bowl Information.

Two weeks ago, I along with about 25 men met to discuss the Bible bowl for this year. It was good to see so many men show up to discuss which book we would be studying and any changes that needed to be made. The men agreed to make one change that will affect you. While the men are grading the test, the hosting congregation's young men will lead everyone in a few songs. So start practicing your favorite songs and be prepared to lead them in October at the first Bible bowl of the year.

This year we will be studying from the book of Matthew. We will be able to study the birth of Christ, about Christ being tempted, as well as a few miracles that Jesus performed. Look at Matthew 11 to find one of the greatest invitations in the Bible, in my mind.

Matthew is one book, among many, that is full of great information that we can benefit from. I look forward to being able to study this book along side each of you. I also look forward to being able to do somewhat of a slow methodical study of Matthew.

Please go ahead and begin studying it yourself, please do not wait on me. Try to start reading at least the first two chapters of Matthew. That way you are familiar with the text when we begin our study. If you have any suggestions or tips please feel free to share them with me.

I am not striving to win. I am striving for the youth to know as much as they can about the book of Matthew. If they know the material and come in last I am just as proud as if they know the material and come in first. Growing in knowledge is far more superior than receiving a plaque or banner. I hope we can all work together to learn the book of Matthew.

~ Aaron Ownbey ~

## Upcoming Youth Events:

August 24 - NHC Devotional at 6:30 pm

August 27 - Home Devotional at at Paul & Kara Hurst's.

September 3 - Labor Day Youth Madness.

September 16 - Youth Gospel Meeting Door Knocking.

September 17-21 - Youth Gospel meeting at Mt.Leo. Justin Griffin is our speaker this year and I am sure some of our young men will be leading singing and offering prayers during the Gospel meeting.

September 22-24 - Erupt Youth Rally is almost here. It is \$35.00 and There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you plan on attending. <http://eruptyouthrally.com>

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Erin Duncan for earning a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing from Tennessee Tech University.