

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(743-0495) Jason Adams
 Lead Singing.....Joe Collins
 First Prayer.....Larry Flatt
 Reading.....Dale Bennett
 Scripture.....I Corinthians 8:9-13
 Lord's Table (N).....*Randy Griffith
 (S).....*Norman Sain
 (N).....Jared Mullican
 (N).....Garett Woodside
 (S).....Ray Weddington
 (S).....Jason Vandagriff
 (S).....Bobby Ashford
 (S).....Harold McGinness
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Brandon Fuston

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(743-0495) Jason Adams
 Lead Singing.....Joe Collins
 First Prayer.....Stanley Clendenon
 Reading.....Larry Cook
 Scripture.....Mark 7:9-13
 Lord's Table.....*Mike Mullins
*Allen Hughes
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Willie Newby

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Robert Garibaldi
 Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews
 First Prayer.....Micah Lawrence
 Reading.....Ronnie Hoover
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Leonard & Avie Clemons
 P.M.....Paul Hurst Family

*If you cannot serve, please contact
 Shannon Griffin (808-4470)*

Ushers:Dwight Barrett, Ricky Prince, Stan Hillis
 Un/Lock Building:Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith
 Prepare Communion:Andrews
 Assist Baptisms:Jean Clendenon & Kara Fuston

Pantry Item:Pancake Syrup

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....255
 Bible Study.....209
 P.M. Worship.....220
 Wednesday Bible Study.....118
 Contribution.....\$7,177

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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	Monday (2 nd & 4 th of each month)	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

Radio Program

Each Wednesday at 12:45 on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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Sick

At Home:

Iva Cunningham
Dachelle McVey
Irene Lawrence
Melinda Martin
Zollie Settles
Jim McColloch (at David & Stefanie's home)
Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)
Alan Niles (Annie's father)
Jerry Simons (Eva's husband)
Thomas Owens (Glenda Hughes father)

In The Hospital:

None known

Shut-ins:

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Clayton Cook (Larry's brother) #200

NHC

(P.O. Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Willene Kell #311
Wilma Chisam #309
Joan Hillis

Claiborne-Hughes Health Center

(200 Strahl St, Franklin, TN 37064)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Marsha Dunlap
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)
Willus & Edith Roberts

*“For You are my hope, O Lord GOD;
You are my trust from my youth.”
Psalm 71:5*

Youth News and Updates

• **Bybee Youth** - there are several activities and updates regarding our youth that you can read about in the Bybee Youth monthly publication. You may pick up a copy of the Bybee Youth on the back table.

• **Bible Bowl Crash Course Study!** The van will leave after Bible class this morning and head to Dairy Queen (dutch treat). We will return to the building for a study session. If you can not join us for lunch, please be to the building by 12:30pm.

• **Bible Bowl** - will be this Sunday, January 5th at 2pm here at Bybee. The Earleyville congregation will be hosting this event and using our building.

• **H.E.Y.** - will be on Sunday January 12th. The Smartt Station congregation will be hosting this event. The van will leave the building at 4:30pm and return between 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

• **CYC tickets have been purchased.** There is a list of names, on the youth board, of those who are going. If your name is NOT on the list and you want to go, please see Jason.

• **Spring Youth Retreat** - is well under way in its preparation stages. We will need many volunteers that weekend to assist with the activities that are being planned. There is a sign-up sheet on the GREEN BULLETIN BOARD. Please sign up if you are able to help us.

• **Bybee Youth** - Please pick up a copy of the Bybee Youth flyer. There are in the foyer next to the bulletins under the GREEN bulletin board.

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Delbert Spicer. A memorial service will be this Thursday at 2 pm at the Centertown church of Christ. Brother Spicer and his family were a faithful members at Bybee Branch in the early 1990's prior to moving to Murfreesboro.

Four Simple Steps To Improve Your Worship

For nearly anyone, worship can become a bit rote at times. Although we know it is invaluable, we are human; thus, we struggle at times to stay truly engaged and thoughtful throughout the time.

But some seem to think that it would take some major thing to get out of the rut or to make worship more meaningful. Tragically, some stop coming. Just as tragically, some think they must change God's pattern (or worship where that pattern is not obeyed) and have bands, light shows, and more just to "up" the experience.

But there are far simpler steps that each person can make to improve worship for themselves, while still making certain they worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Today, I share four that you can make this Sunday.

1. **PREPARE BEFOREHAND.** I know Sunday mornings are busy. It is remarkable we have any sanity by the time we make it to worship. But could we not take even 5 or 10 minutes on Saturday night to sing a song and pray so that our mind is headed in the right direction? What about laying out clothes so that the Sunday morning rush is less crazy? On Sunday morning, on the way to the building, listen to some worship music or talk about what you are excited about concerning the opportunity you are getting ready to take part in! Just this one step, I promise, will revolutionize worship.

2. **ARRIVE ON TIME** (or a little early is even better). If you are constantly late, you are not even "settled in" before worship is partially over. When that happens, you spend the rest of the time playing catch-up in your mind. But if you are present on time, or a little early, and have visited with a few fellow Christians and had a chance to "settle" a bit, your mind is fresh and ready to worship from the first moment.

3. **SIT CLOSER TO THE FRONT.** I have sat in the back before. I have sat in a balcony before. Let me just put it this way: it is a whole different world! It's not a sin to sit in the back; after all, by definition, someone will be "in the back." That said, if you are trying to get out of a rut, or are just struggling to

stay engaged in worship, you will be completely amazed how much easier it is to stay focused if you just move up a few rows. There are fewer distractions (because there are fewer people between you and the leaders) and just the change of scenery is sometimes enough to trigger your mind to be more focused.

4. **REMEMBER THAT GOD IS IN THE AUDIENCE.** In the end, your goal is to give your best for Him; not just to see what you can get out of the worship time. If your mind is truly focused on that singular fact, your worship will improve, since you will be constantly striving to please Him with every action and every thought.

None of those things changes God's pattern for worship. Further, none of them requires a major overhaul on your part. Still, these four steps will change your worship for the better. Why not try them, even this Sunday, and just see if worship is not more encouraging for you than it has been in a long, long time.

"...worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2b)

~ Adam Faughn ~

Suggestions for Congregational Singing

1. Sing with feeling and meaning. Don't sing as if you were half asleep. Lift up your voice with strength to show the power of the One whom you serve.
2. Don't sing so loudly, though, that you are heard above the rest of the congregation. Try to unite your voice with those of others in order to make one clear melodious sound.
3. Sing in time. Watch the song director and follow his leading. Be especially careful not to sing too slowly. Sing as a happy, active alert person who enjoys praising his God.
4. Above all sing spiritually. Try to honor God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself or any other person.

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