### Volume 67, Number 7

## February 12, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship		
Announcements	Joe Collins	
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves	
First Prayer	Barry Mayes	
Reading	Dale Bennett	
Scripture	I John 2:15-17	
Lord's Table (N)	*Herb Rowland	
Sermon	Tony Lawrence	
Dismiss	Ken Martin	

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Micah Lawrence
Reading	Jacob Graves
Scripture	John 21:20-22
Lord's Table	*Talan Mullican
	*Lincoln Sain
Sermon	Jason Adams
Dismiss	Kane Maynard

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing	Tim Gann
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Brandon Fuston
Invitation	Willie Newby
Dismiss	Tucker Gann

#### Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	220
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$6 592

### **Welcome Committee**

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A.M	Paul Hurst & Family
	Willie & Donna Newby
	If you can not serve, please contact
	Brandon Fuston (931) 235-3248

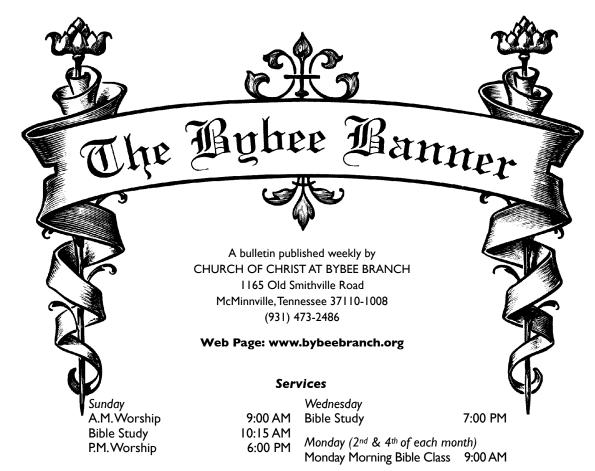
Ushers:Joe Maynard, Rod	ney Maynard, Kurt Maynard
Un/Lock Building: Norman S	Sain/Matthew Woodside
Assist Baptisms:	Susan Pryor
Pantry Item:	Spaghetti O's/Ravioli
Check Pantry:	Rachel Graves
Check Kitchen:	Rebecca Mullican
Check Workroom:	Kara Hurst
Video	Clent Kesey
Elder Closing Remarks	Don Griffith

#### **January Bus Route Drivers**

Sunday AM	Paul Hurst
Sunday AM	Barry Mayes
Sunday PM	Allen Hughes
Wednesday PM	

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#### Deacons

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Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Brandon Fuston	Tim Gann
Caleb Graves	Paul Hurst
Rickey Hurst	Clent Kesey
Micah Lawrence	Kurt Maynard
David McColloch	Jared Mullican
Mike Mullins	Bruce Pryor
Herb Rowland	

Josue Castorena (Hispanic)

580-2477

### Sick

#### At Home:

Gabrielle Buford (Rachel Mayes' cousin)

David Chilton lune Crouch

Greg Grizzell (under hospice care)

Betty McPherson

Kelly Peoples (after eye procedure)

Hunter Sain Alex Watson

# Hospital

Cathy Hennessee (NHC #408A) Jimmy Ramsey - Tennova (Knoxville hospice care)

## **Sympathy**

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of James Philip Caldwell (*Ruby Huntley's nephew*). His services were on Friday, February 10th. Please keep his family in your prayers..

Ladies Day (further information is on the bulletin board)

The Rockliff congregation is having a Ladies Day on Saturday, March 4th beginning at 9:00 AM. The speaker for the day will be Laura Jenkins.

## **Monday Morning Bible Class**

Tony's next Monday Morning Bible Class will be on Monday, February 12th beginning at 9:00 AM.

## **Community Gatherings**

The following activities are available during the week here in Warren County.

Monday: School of Biblical Emphasis on the 2nd and 4th Monday's at 7:00 PM at Mt. Leo

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class at Central at 10:00 AM

Tuesday: Bible Class at East End at 1:30 PM

Thursday: Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies at 6:00 PM and at 7:00 PM at West Riverside

#### **Youth News and Updates**

#### **Bible Bowl Combined Class**

Update: our combined class for grades 5th - high school, on Sundays will meet in the youth room upstairs. Even if you do not attend the Bible Bowl you are more than welcome to join us for class.

### **Bible Bowl**

The next Bible Bowl will be over Romans 15 & 16.

## **Youth Emphasis Night**

Beginning in March, Jason will be doing a "Question and Answer" series. These questions will come from the youth. Youth, please see Jason and he will give you a form that you can submit your question/questions on.

## **Challenge Youth Conference**

There are a few people who still need to get their release forms turned in. Please see Jason for your form.

## **Spring Youth Retreat**

If you are going to attend SYR this year, please sign up no later than Wednesday, March 1st. This years theme is "Refocus: set your mind on things above". When you sign up on the iPad, please indicate what shirt size you need.

## **Paintball Deadline**

If you are going to join the paintball excursion, you need to sign up no later than Wednesday, February 22nd. We need a minimum of 10 people for this event to happen.

## **February Youth Activities**

February 16th (Sunday) H.E.Y. at Central February 22nd (Wednesday) Birthday Wednesday

#### February 22nd Paintball Deadline

February 24th - 26th (Friday - Sunday) CYC

## Look Up!

Recently, my wife and I set up a bird feeder in a different part of the yard from the section we had used previously. A cold front was on its way and we set the feeder up before its arrival. Following the placement of the feeder, we watched to see if the birds would find it in time to take advantage of it during the frigid temperatures. As I watched some of the birds gathering in the vicinity of the feeder, I kept saying to myself (because the birds could not hear or understand me), "Look up!" I knew the source of their nourishment and strength was within their reach, and that they needed to see it and fly up to it.

It seems to me that there is a similar situation when it comes to people and their spiritual strength. The Psalmist confidently affirmed, "God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalms 46:1). However, not everyone feels the same way, and not everyone takes advantage of the strength available, even if they know about it.

Followers of God would do well to remember the main point of one of the most famous incidents/stories in the Bible. As young David arrived at the scene of an impending battle, he was surprised and dismayed to know that the army of Israel, and in turn, the God of Israel were being defied by their enemy. It is interesting to notice that the English word "defy" or a form of it is used at least four times in the seventeenth chapter of I Samuel, (English Standard Version) and is in reference to the actions of the giant Goliath. When David heard of the taunts of the enemy, he was quick to defend the LORD and assert that a victory over Goliath could and would come through God Almighty. Before he killed Goliath, David made it clear where his faith was placed and delivered a detailed summary of what he was sure would happen to the Philistine, when he concluded, "For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand" (I Samuel 17:47).

When we are tempted to be discouraged and sure of defeat, we must remember to look up—to the same God who delivered David and others from physical and spiritual peril. The Lord has promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). In a masterfully worded rhetorical question, the divinely inspired apostle Paul asked, "If God be for us, who can be against us" (Romans 8:31). Who, indeed?

Our obstacles are real: discouragement, lust, anger, jealousy, unbelief, to name a few. They can be overcome—but we must look up!

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalms 121:1,2).

By Lance Cordle