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Sunday Morning Worship		
Announcements	Rickey Hurst	
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves	
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor	
Reading	Dale Bennett	
Scripture	2 John 7,8	
Lord's Table (N)	*Paul Hurst	
Sermon	Tony Lawrence	
Dismiss	Micah Lawrence	

Sunday Evening Worship

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Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Ken Martin
	Luke 10:38-42
	*Brandon Fuston
	*Kelly Thaxton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chris Snow

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Tim Gann
First Prayer	Nathan Turner
Reading	Tucker Gann
Invitation	
Dismiss	Jacob Graves

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	258
Bible Study	186
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$10.132

Welcome Committee

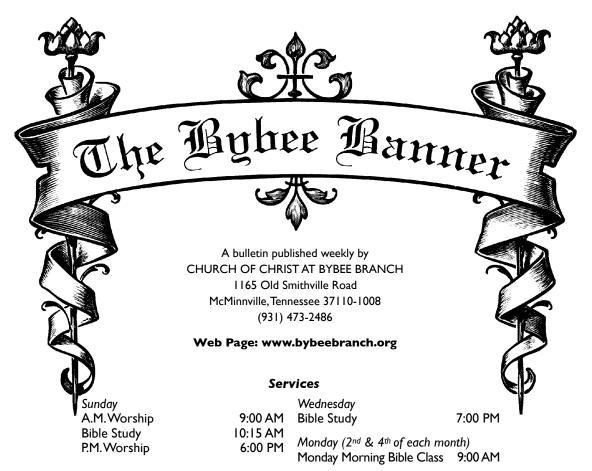
A.M	Willie & Donna Newby
	Clent Kesey & Family
	If you can not serve, please contact
	Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093

Ushers:Chris	Snow, Jason Vandagriff, Clent Kesey
Un/Lock Building:	Allen Hughes/Eddie Palmer
Assist Baptisms:	1aggie Hurst & Marsha Collins
Pantry Item:	Green Beans
Check Pantry:	Cynthia Duncan
Check Kitchen:	Becky Maynard
Check Workroom:	Jessica Adams
Video	Micah Lawrence
Elder Closing Remarks	Allen Hughes

March Bus Route Drivers

Sunday AM	Micah Lawrence
Sunday AM	Jared Mullican
Sunday PM	Ronnie Prince
Wednesday PM	Chris Snow

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Radio Program

Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

Shepherds		Deacons	
Leonard Clemons	473-4186	Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Stanley Graves	205-8139	Brandon Fuston	Tim Gann
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email	elders@bybeebranch.org	Micah Lawrence	Kurt Maynard
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		Mike Mullins	Bruce Pryor
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Tony Lawrence (Pulpit) 668-9123
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Josue Castorena (Hispanic) 580-2477

Sick

At Home:

Gabrielle Buford (Rachel Mayes' cousin) David Chilton

June Crouch

Greg Grizzell (under hospice care)

Penelope Jennings Denise Prince

Myra Bell (following a fall)

Rodney Maynard (broken shoulder)

Hospital

Zella Cook (Willow Branch Rehab)

Cathy Hennessee (NHC #408A)

Anna Marie Puckett (Mitchell Ferrell's mother) NHC Smithville

Mildred Simmons (Sabrina Jennings grandmother) Cookeville Regional Hospital

Prayer Update

Gabrielle Buford has started a new medication and is improving. She requests pryer for strength that she may independently be mobile again.

Gospel Meeting in the Area

(further information is on the bulletin board)

I.April 16-19 Cody Boston at Keltonburg

2. April 16-19 Dan Jenkins at Bethlehem (Murfreesboro)

3. April 16-19 Hugh Fulford at Smyrna (Cookeville)

4. April 16-19 Justin Turney at Corinth (Sparta)

5. April 16-19 Robert Jefferies at Morrison

Our Gospel Meeting

We want to thank everyone who helped in making our gospel meeting the success that it was. Brother Clarke delivered some powerful messages and all who attended were blessed. Thank you to all who sent out invites, provided food, positive comments and encouragement to everyone during the week.

Readyville Outreach

The church has sent \$8,102 to the brethren at New Hope to assist with the disaster relief effort.

Bybee Ladies Day

The Ladies here at Bybee will be hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, May 6th beginning at 9:30 with sister Becky Honeycutt. The theme will be "A Christian Woman's Influence". Lunch will be provided.

Visitation Group #3

Visitation group #3 will meet in room #1 following our evening services.

Youth News and Updates

H.E.Y.

Our next H.E.Y meeting will be on Sunday, April 16th at the Smithville congregation. The van will leave at 4:15 PM. We will contact parents when we are heading home.

Birthday Wednesday

Our next Birthday Wednesday will be on Wednesday, April 19th. Join us as we celebrate our April babies!

Plugged In For Christ

We will be meeting on Sunday, April 23rd at 4:30 PM here at the building. We will "test" over the material we've been studying. We will meet in the youth room.

Home Devo

Our next home devo will be at the home of Jeff & Mary Flatt. The church van will leave after services and return between 8:30 PM and 8:45 PM.

April Youth Activities

Sunday the 16th Wednesday the 19th Sunday the 23rd H.E.Y. at Smithville Birthday Wednesday Home Devo at Jeff Flatt's

Fri - Sun 28th - 30th Sunday the 30th Prom Alt Trip Youth Led Worship

Unimaginable Culture Shock

It is a blessing to participate in Bible classes that are both doctrinally sound and practical. I've recently had that privilege. To me, it is always an added bonus when the teacher gets me to think of something I had not really previously considered and/or helps me to consider something from a new perspective.

That was the case recently when the teacher was discussing what was actually a minor part of the lesson for that day. While that may have been the case, this point that he made almost in passing has occupied a major part of my thinking since hearing it. I may never "get over it." In fact, I really hope that I don't.

The teacher was discussing how incomprehensible the beauty and grandeur of heaven must be. He did not attempt to describe the indescribable. He just asked the class to try to imagine the unimaginable.

After doing this, the teacher made the statement that is still swirling around in my mind. I may not remember it verbatim, but I do remember the gist of it and the impact it made on me. The statement was somewhere along the lines of:

Can you imagine the culture shock that Jesus must have experienced when He came to earth? For some people, "culture shock" may be only the subject of a discussion. There are others who have actually experienced it.

It has been over thirty years since I stepped off of a commercial jet and was confronted with (it would not be too much of a stretch to say assaulted by) sights, sounds, and smells that were very foreign to me. The climate in this nation was totally different from what I was used to. The people didn't look like me. I had never heard the language they spoke. In fact, during the time I spent in this nation, I heard more than one language. I had never heard — or even heard of — most of those languages.

During the time that I spent in this country, I experienced living conditions, foods, customs, and so many other things that were very different to me to say the least. Even the season of the year was different than it was "back home."

While I longed to be in a familiar environment, I realized that I had volunteered to spend some time in an environment that was totally foreign to me. I also realized that my reason for being there was to bring a message to the people there that was foreign to a great many of them. I was there to tell them about the One who left an environment with which He was familiar to bring to all people the hope of living with Him and His Father in that place with which He was/is so familiar.

We sing a song sometimes which contains these words: He left the splendor of heaven, Knowing His destiny, Was the lonely hill of Golgotha, There to lay down His life for me.

I know that there is absolutely no comparison between my experience and that of the Lord when He left heaven and came to earth, but I am eternally grateful that He did. There are so many reasons to be thankful for that. The culture shock He experienced is just one of them.

An almost offhand comment by a Bible class teacher helped me to increase my appreciation for Jesus. Maybe it will do the same for you.

By Jim Faughn