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## April 23, 2023

| Sunday Morning Worship |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Announcements          | Rickey Hurst         |
| Lead Singing           | Caleb Graves         |
| First Prayer           | Stanley Graves       |
| Reading                | David McColloch      |
| Scripture              | I Thessalonians 5:21 |
| Lord's Table (N)       | *Don Sullivan        |
| Sermon                 | Shane Fisher         |
| Dismiss                | Tommy Turner         |

## Sunday Evening Worship

| Announcements | Rickey Hurst      |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Lead Singing  | Caleb Graves      |
| First Prayer  | Kurt Maynard      |
| Reading       | Mike Mullins      |
| Scripture     | Jonah 1:1-3       |
| Lord's Table  | *Matthew Woodside |
|               | *Norman Sain      |
| Sermon        | Brandon Fuston    |
| Dismiss       | Kane Maynard      |

## Wednesday Bible Study

| Announcements | Caleb Graves   |
|---------------|----------------|
| Lead Singing  | Talan Mullican |
| First Prayer  | Ronnie Hoover  |
| Reading       | Eddie Palmer   |
| Invitation    | Ray Weddington |
| Dismiss       | Jared Mullican |

#### Record for the Week...

| A.M. Worship          | 180 |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Bible Study           |     |
| P.M. Worship          |     |
| Wednesday Bible Study |     |
| Contribution          |     |

## **Welcome Committee**

| A.M | Don & Susie Griffith                 |
|-----|--------------------------------------|
| P.M | Paul Hurst & Family                  |
|     | If you can not serve, please contact |
|     | Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093          |

| Ushers:Tim           | Gann, Darren Dixon, Bruce Pryor |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Un/Lock Building:    | Allen Hughes/Eddie Palmer       |
| Assist Baptisms:     | Maggie Hurst & Marsha Collins   |
| Pantry Item:         | Pinto Beans                     |
| Check Pantry:        | Cynthia Duncan                  |
| Check Kitchen:       | Becky Maynard                   |
| Check Workroom:      | Jessica Adams                   |
| Video                | Micah Lawrence                  |
| Elder Closing Remark | ksLeonard Clemons               |

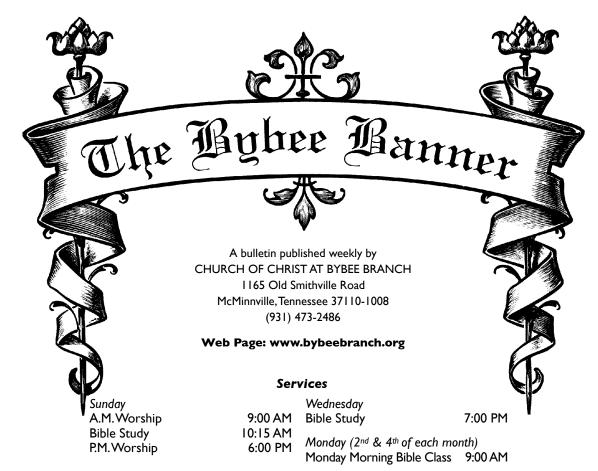
#### **March Bus Route Drivers**

| Sunday AM (van) | Micah Lawrence |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Sunday AM       | Jared Mullican |
| Sunday PM       | Ronnie Prince  |
| Wednesday PM    | Chris Snow     |

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| Shepherds       |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Leonard Clemons | 473-4186               |
| Stanley Graves  | 205-8139               |
| Don Griffith    | 668-9006               |
| Allen Hughes    | 668-8936               |
| email           | elders@bybeebranch.org |

#### **Preachers**

Tony Lawrence (Pulpit) 668-9123 email preacher@bybeebranch.org

Jason Adams (Youth) 743-0495 email jason@bybeebranch.org

#### Deacons

| 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
Zella Cook
June Crouch
Greg Grizzell (under hospice care)
Myra Bell (following a fall)

#### Hospital

Rodney Maynard (shoulder surgery 4/17)
Anna Jean Bond - River Park
Cathy Hennessee (NHC #408A)
Anna Marie Puckett (Mitchell Ferrell's mother)
NHC Smithville
Mildred Simmons (Sabrina Jennings grandmother)
Cookeville Regional Hosbital ICU

## **Prayer Request**

Daniel Schillinger began a new therapy treatment this past week and has asked for our prayers.

# **Gospel Meeting & Other Events**

(further information is on the bulletin board)

April 23rd - 26th at Trousdale with Jon Simmons

April 28th - 30th at West Riverside with Eric Bonner

# Fellowship at Old Philadelphia

There will be a one day meeting/fellowship at Old Philadelphia on May 7th. This event is being hosted by the brethren from the Hiawassee congregation. All are welcomed and encouraged to take part in this time of worship and fellowship. There is further information posted on the bulletin board.

# **Quarterly Meetings**

The Elders & Deacons meeting will be on Sunday, April 30th at 5:00 PM.

The General Business Meeting will be on Sunday, April 30th after our evening services. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

# **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 #4**

Visitation group #4 will meet in room #1 following our evening services.

### **Youth News and Updates**

# **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.

# **Birthday Wednesday**

Our next Birthday Wednesday will be on Wednesday, April 26th. Join us as we celebrate our April babies!

# **April Youth Activities**

Sunday the 23rd Wednesday the 26th Fri - Sun 28th - 30th Sunday the 30th Home Devo at Jeff Flatt's Birthday Wednesday Prom Alt Trip Youth Led Worship



### What Would You Give?

Suppose someone were to tell you that if you cut off your little finger, you could have everything you could possibly want or need? If you need a new car, you could have it. If you need a new house, pick one, there is no price limit. Whatever you want in this world could be yours, if you just cut off your right finger. Would you do it? Suppose the offer was extended to include your right arm, your eyes and your ears, would you still do it? Many would say "no" at some point, yet there are many people that are giving up something more valuable for a whole lot less. Jesus poses this question: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (*Matthew 16:26*).

Our soul is the most valuable item we possess. There is no price tag attached to it. It is valuable because it goes on beyond the grave. We cannot take our material possessions with us. (*I Timothy 6:7*) We will take our souls with us. So, the value of it is far greater than anything this world has to offer. To lose our soul would be worse than losing our material possessions in a fire, earthquake, or storm.

Our soul is valuable because of its source. Man has given us many things; God has given us our soul. Ezekiel, acting as a spokesman for God stated, "Behold all souls are mine." (Ezekiel 18:4) Our material possessions belong to us. Our souls belong to God. Paul adds to this by stating, "Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:20) God breathed life into man, and man became a living soul. (Genesis 1:27) Since that time every soul belongs to God.

Our soul is valuable because each of us are of the same value. Material possessions differ with the individual, but each of us has a soul. The value of each soul is the same. The value is not determined by gender, education, or ethnicity. Where we live makes no difference. In Christ, the soul of each person has the same value. (*Galatians 3:26-29*)

Let us consider how valuable we are to God, not man. Man's value is based on looks, money, prestige, and class status. God's value is placed on our soul's relationship with Him. Let us make sure we have the right relationship with God, and the soul's value will be clearly seen when Heaven is our home.

By Bill Brandstatter