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Sunday Morning Worship Announcements	Ushers:	
Sunday Evening Worship Announcements	June Bus Route Drivers Sunday AM (van)Danny Duncan Sunday AM (van)Travis Adams Wednesday PMCaleb Graves	

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Sermon......Jack Honeycutt

Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland

First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston

Reading......Ronnie Hoover Invitation......Paul Hurst

Dismiss......Micah Lawrence

 A.M. Worship
 176

 Bible Study
 133

 P.M. Worship
 177

 Wednesday Bible Study
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 Contribution
 \$10,759

If you can not serve, please contact Jared Mullican (931) 224-1201

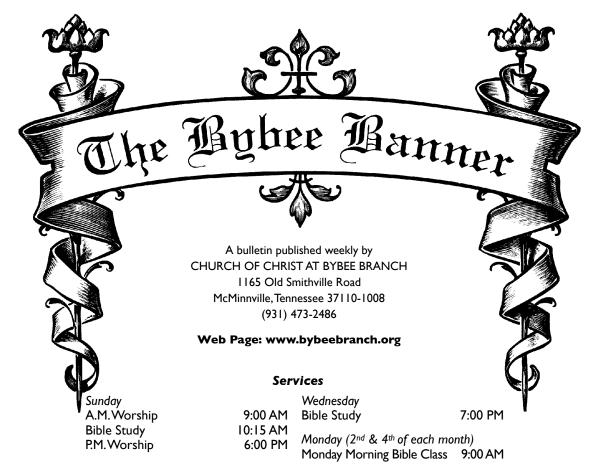
Wednesday Bible Study

Record for the Week...

Welcome Committee

McMinnville, Tennessee 37110-1008
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Radio Program

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

Deacons

Leonard Clemons	473-4186	Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
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Sick

At Home:

Gabrielle Buford (Rachel Mayes cousin) WC & Nelma Chilton Greg Grizzell (under hospice care) Willie Holmes Nancy Mayfield Vickie Wetmore (Mary Flatt's sister)

Hospital

Ånna Jean Bond - NHC #123 Pat Gauger - St.Thomas Rutherford Morris Griffith - NHC #301 Cathy Hennessee - NHC #408A Margaret Schillinger - NHC #130 Marty York - NHC #120

Prayer Request

Nancy Mayfield has been having some major back issues. She had a procedure last week to try and fix this. Please continue to pray for her.

Pat Gauger is in need of continued prayers at this time. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Bybee VBS

Our vacation Bible school is less than a month away! If you need any assistance with preparing your center or any other task, please do not hesitate to ask for help. Our youth are more than willing to assist.

Summer Series - Focus on Family

The Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with brother Jack Honeycutt. Jack is presently the preacher for the Willette church of Christ in Red Boiling Spring, TN. He has done mission work in India as well as conduct debates.



Ladies Day

The McClellan congregation (Cookeville) is hosting, ladies day on Saturday June 24th with sister Dionne McCulloch speaking. Further information is on the bulletin board

Gospel Meetings

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 16-18, with brother Charles Williams.

Local VBS's

Sunday, June 18 - Wednesday, June 21

• Campaign (Rock Island)

Saturday, June 24

• Red Hill (Manchester)

Sunday, June 25 - Wednesday, June 28

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Youth News and Updates

Birthday Wednesday

Our next birthday Wednesday will be on June 21st.

Home Devo

Our next home devo will be next Sunday, June 25th at the home of Caleb and Rachel Graves. The van will leave after services and return between 8:30 PM and 8:45 PM.

Coffee/Rutherford Week at SMBC

Next Sunday there will be some of our youth at church camp. Please keep everyone in your prayers, they are predicted to have some very hot weather.

June Youth Activities

Wednesday the 21st Birthday Wednesday

Sunday the 25th Home Devo at Caleb Graves

Sun. 25th - Fri. June 30th Coffee/Rutherford SMBC

Worship or Just Hanging Out?

I was doing a little research recently about various religious groups. To be totally honest, it was not an in-depth or scholarly process, but I did learn a few things that were of interest to me. Maybe one of those things will be of interest to you.

When I was looking at some information about one particular religious group, I learned that one of the expectations for their members is that they are not to cross their legs during a worship service. That practice is seen as a sign of disrespect.

As I continued to read about this, I learned that, like many things in today's world, that rule is not enforced as stringently as it once was. I also learned one rationale for the rule. One person who supports the rule was quoted as saying, "We're here to worship, not to hang out."

That comment made me think of some of the messages that some of us may send as we assemble for worship. We may never verbalize any of these things, but our body language may be sending a very clear message. Some of what I am about to type is based on what I've seen while I was attempting to preach the gospel. Some of it is based on what I see as my fellow elders and I stand in the front of our auditorium during the invitation song.

Some of the negative messages that can be seen include:

- "This would be a good time to get a nap."
- "I can get caught up now with my email, social media, etc."
- "Nobody will notice if I play the game I love to play (or to which I may be addicted)."
- "I don't care if it might be distracting and disrespectful, but this is a good time to have a conversation with the person sitting next to me – or maybe even two or three people away from me or in the next row."
- "I cannot imagine being more bored than I am right now."
- "Doesn't he realize that there is not much difference between a long sermon and a hostage situation?"
- "Maybe it won't seem quite as long if I make a trip or two to get a drink of water, go to the restroom, or whatever.
- "When are we going to get out of here?"

Thankfully, these "messages" and many more that I can't think of at this time are not all that can be observed. There are those whose "body language" says something like:

"I am eternally grateful to live in a nation that allows me to worship without any interference, to address the Creator of the universe as my Father as we pray together, sing praises to Him, be fed from His Word, remember the greatest sacrifice ever made, and assist financially in the greatest work in the world."

It is my prayer that all of us, including me, are doing more than merely "hanging out" when we assemble on the Lord's day. All of us need to remember our identity and the purpose of the assembly.

by J. Faughn