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### July 16, 2023

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	Jason Adams
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Tommy Turner
Reading	Dale Bennett
Scripture	I Thessalonians 5:1,2
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Lord's Table (N)	
Lord's Table (N) Sermon	*Tim Fisher

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Jason Adams
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Ray Weddington
Reading	Lincoln Sain
Scripture	I Corinthians 7:1,2
Lord's Table	*Travis Adams
	*Jared Mullican
Sermon	Michael Clarke
Dismiss	Larry Flatt

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jared Mullican
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Nate Turner
Reading	Ken Martin
Invitation	
Dismiss	Matthew Woodside

#### **Record for the Week...**

A.M.Worship	208
Bible Study	148
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$6,611

#### Welcome Committee

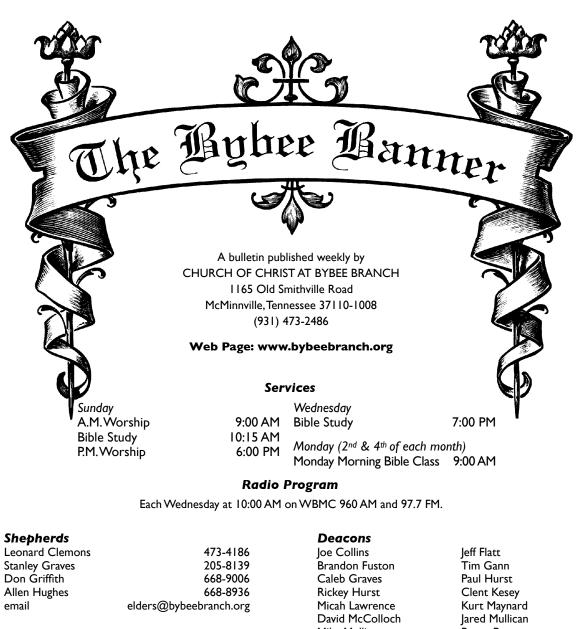
A.M	N/A
P.M	N/A
lf you can not serve, please contact	
Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093	

Ushers:Chris Snow, Jason	Vandagriff, Clent Kesey
Un/Lock Building:Ch	ris Snow/Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms:Amy L	awrence & Anna King
Pantry Item:	Spaghetti Noodles
Check Pantry:	Denice Rhea
Check Kitchen:	Rachel Graves
Check Workroom:	Susan Pryor
Video	Caleb Hughes
Elder Closing Remarks	Leonard Clemons

#### July Bus Route Drivers

Sunday AM (van)	Stan Hillis
Sunday PM (van)	Stan Hillis
Wednesday PM	Clent Kesey

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# Sick

#### At Home:

Gabrielle Buford (Rachel Mayes cousin) Irma Castorena (Josue's mother) WC & Nelma Chilton Shirley Gregor (Fuston's neighbor) Greg Grizzell (under hospice care) Willie Holmes Margaret Schillinger Marty York

#### Hospital

Ånna Jean Bond - Riverview Terrace #B4 Morris Griffith - NHC #301 Cathy Hennessee - NHC #408A Greg Hughes (Alan's cousin) Willow Branch #505 Ronnie Elrod (Thelma Rowland's brother) - NHC #120

## **Gospel Meetings**

The Oakwood Street congregation (in Sparta) is having a Gospel Meeting from July 16th - July 19th with brother Kerry Duke

The Smartt congregation is having a Gospel Meeting from July 16th - July 20th with brother Ben Hayes

The Ivy Bluff congregation is having a Gospel Meeting from July 16th - July 20th with brother Mark Teske

## **Quarterly Meetings**

Our next quarterly elders/deacons meeting will be on Sunday, July 30th at 5:00 PM.

Our next quarterly general Business Meeting will be on July 30th following our evening services.

## **Summer Series - Focus on Family**

The Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with brother Michael Clarke. His topic is "Dating, Choosing A Spouse." We want to encourage all of our youth to be present for this message.



## **Sympathy**

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Opal Woodside (*Matthew Woodside's grandmother*). Her services took place last week. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time.

## Vacation Bible Schools

July 16th - July 18th

• Hwy 56

July 16th - July 19th

Arlington

- East End/Mt. Leo (joint effort)
- July 23rd July 26th
- Rockliff

### Visitation Team #3

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

## Bybee Branch VBS

A HUGE thanks to everyone that helped our with our VBS this year! This event could not have taken place without the combined effort of our Bybee family. So again "THANK YOU"!

## White Water Rafting Trip

If you are attending the white water, raft trip, and you have not yet paid your fee, please see Jason. Also, do not forget to fill out your online waiver and your release form from the church.

#### Youth News and Updates

## **End of Summer Youth Activities**

July 19th (Wed.)	Birthday Wednesday
July 23rd (Sunday)	Home Devo
August 5th (Saturday)	White Water Rafting

## As Long As There is Air In Your Lungs

Just a few days ago, the stuff of science fiction actually happened right here in America. In Detroit, paramedics came to the aid of a 20-year-old woman who was unresponsive at her home. They performed lifesaving techniques for about half an hour, but there was no response. After their efforts, the woman was pronounced dead, the family was informed, and a funeral home came to get her body to prepare for a service.

Only, when morticians got ready to start their work, they realized the woman was breathing. She was still alive!

As you can imagine, they were surprised, but they also did what you would expect: they immediately called a local hospital and had an ambulance come to care for the woman.

It's almost unimaginable that could happen, especially with how advanced our knowledge of the human body is. But here is what struck me: the workers cared for this woman, even when there was barely any breath in her lungs.

Why? Because even that tiny sign of life is a sign of hope.

When I found that story and let it roll around in my mind for a few minutes (and after I got over how weird it must have been), it just made me think about hope. In a lot of ways, hope is the breath in our lungs. What I mean is that, there are seasons in our life where hope is what gets us through and causes us to be able to put one foot in front of the other.

But I also want to think about this from another angle. Spiritually speaking, so long as there is breath in our lungs, we are not hopeless. I just wonder how many people are walking around our towns and neighborhoods who think they have done too much bad stuff or been away from God for so long that they are a hopeless case. I just wonder how many people honestly believe they are too far removed from the Lord to find forgiveness.

I imagine the answer to that is a higher number than any of us can really consider.

But the beauty of the Gospel is that, so long as we have breath in our lungs, we are not a hopeless case. So long as we are here in this life, there is the hope of seeking and receiving God's forgiveness. So long as we are breathing, there is the chance to return to Him.

Until our actual final breath is taken, God will forgive.

by Adam Faughn