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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Chris Snow
Scripture	2Thessalonians 2:1, 2
Lord's Table (N)	
Sermon	
Dismiss	•

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Matthew Woodside
Reading	Norman Sain
Scripture	Ephesians 4:4-6
Lord's Table	*Jared Mullican
	* Talan Mullican
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Don Griffith

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Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Mike Mullins
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Herb Rowland
Invitation	
Dismiss	Darron Dixon

Record for the Week...

A.M.Worship	
Bible Study	136
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	98
Contribution	\$6,340

Welcome Committee

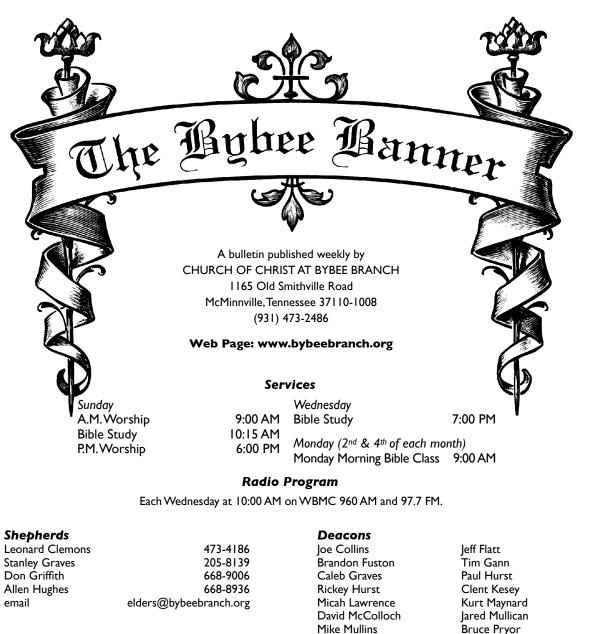
A.M	N/A
P.M	N/A
lf you can not serve, please contact Brandon Fuston (931) 235-3248	

Ushers:Joe Maynard, Rodney Maynard, Kurt Maynard
Un/Lock Building:Dwight Barrett/Paul Hurst
Assist Baptisms:Stephanie Maynard & Denice Rhea
Pantry Item:Spaghetti Noodles
Check Pantry:Amy Lawrence
Check Kitchen:Kara Fuston
Check Workroom:Maggie Hurst
VideoMicah Lawrence
Elder Closing RemarksLeonard Clemons

July Bus Route Drivers

Sunday AM (van)	Barry Mayes
Sunday PM (van)	Barry Mayes
Wednesday PM	Allen Hughes

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At Home:

Gabrielle Buford (Rachel Mayes cousin) Irma Castorena (Josue's mother) Nelma Chilton Ronnie Elrod (Thelma Rowland's brother) Shirley Gregor (Fuston's neighbor) Greg Grizzell Willie Holmes Margaret Schillinger - (making improvements) Marty York

Hospital

Anna Jean Bond - Riverview Terrace #B4 Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) Willow Branch #505 Morris Griffith - NHC #301 Cathy Hennessee - NHC #408A

Special Prayer Request

Ray Weddington had emergency retina surgery last week and will be at home recovering for at least a month. Please keep him and Charlotte in your prayers.

Ken Martin is at home with Covid. Please keep him in your prayers at this time.

Danny Duncan had knee surgery on Tuesday the 8th. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

Susie Griffith fell last week and also had knee surgery on Wednesday the 9th. Please keep her in your prayers at this time.

Answered Prayers

Margaret Schillinger was at services on Sunday the 6th. She is still recovering from her surgery, but it was good to see her able to be with us.

Summer Series - East End

The East End congregation will begin their summer series on Sunday, August 6th beginning at 5:00 PM. There is a list of speakers posted on the bulletin board.

Gospel Meeting/VBS

Dibrell 11th - 13th with Shane Fisher Curlee 13th - 16th with Herb Alsup Fredonia 13th - 16th with David Lipe East End Drive 13th - 16th with Ralph Thompson

The Trousdale congregation will be having a VBS on Saturday, August 19th.

Youth News and Updates

Labor Day Youth Madness

LDYM will be here in just three (3) weeks! We will be going to Altitude Jump Park in Nashville. The cost this year will be \$35 per jumper (*not person*). We will have the facility from 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Further details will be announced later.

Save the Date

The East Main congregation will be having a Girl's Day on Saturday, September 9th. If any of the youth are interested in attending this event, please let Jason know.

Youth Gospel Meeting

The Mt. Leo congregation is having a Youth Gospel Meeting the last Sunday and Monday of August. They will meet at 7:30 PM both evenings. Travis Adams will be speaking on Sunday evening and Landon Averitte will be speaking on Monday evening. Please mark your calendars and go support these young men and they speak God's word.

Upcoming Youth Activities

Wednesday the 16th	LDYM sign up deadline
Sunday the 20th (after PM service	Home Devo
Sunday the 23rd (8:00 PM)	Birthday Wednesday
Sunday the 27th Atten	d Mt. Leo to hear Travis
Sunday September 3rd La	bor Day Youth Madness

How Do We Stop Gossip?

Where there is no wood the fire ceases. Fire needs three things to exist: Fuel, Oxygen and Heat. Without anyone of these elements there is no fire. Likewise gossip needs three things to exist, thrive, and do damage. It needs a victim, a tale bearer, and an audience. Again, without all of these constituent elements gossip will not take form and no damage can be done.

The first step to stopping gossip is the realization that none of us personally wants to be the subject of gossip, tale bearing, or slander. Once we admit that, then we move to the next step, which is the personal application of the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do to you" Matthew 7:12. If you don't want to be gossiped about or slandered, then don't do it to others.

What do we do when we are tempted to gossip, be a tale bearer, or slander someone? Remember that no one benefits from gossip and slander. "A good name in a man or woman is the immediate jewel of the soul. He who steals my purse steals trash, but he who steals my good name robs me of that which enriches him not and makes me poor indeed" Shakespeare. In other words, no one benefits from gossip and slander. Slandering someone else's good name not only does you no good, it many times does irreparable harm to those who are the victims of your slander.

Remember that gossip can and often does destroy your own trustworthiness and reputation—Proverbs 26:24-26. The more you gossip about others the less trustworthy you become. "He who gossips with you will gossip about you." One of the gossiper's main goals is to inflate their own reputation by tearing down the reputation of others, but in the end, it is really your reputation that suffers. Gossip is not befitting a child of God and must be done away with—Colossians 3:8-10.

Remember that once gossip and slander is out you can't get it back. There was a story of the young man who slandered the name of an older preacher that he did not like very much. Upon realizing the error of his actions, he went to the old preacher and repented, he then asked how he could make things right. So the old preacher took the young man outside on a breezy day and tore open a feather pillow, and then as the wind scattered the feathers in every direction he told the young man to go out and retrieve each of those feathers. The point is obvious: "We are many times no more able to repair the damage that gossip does, than the young man would be able to gather all of those feathers back."

Realize that your heart is the heart of the matter. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" Matthew 12:34. Jesus teaches us that we speak about those things which are present in our minds, so if we are always dwelling upon negative things, those things are going to be manifested in our communications with others. So if gossip and slander come from the heart, and are themselves a direct result of that which I am focused on, then I need to change the things I focus on. If I am continually focused on the negative aspects of people and situations, then those are the kind of things I am going to share with others.

So we need to change our focus and look for the positive. Instead of dwelling on the fact that someone has done you wrong, and you must therefore get even by talking negatively to others about them, remember God who says "vengeance is mine I will repay." So speak what is good for necessary edification" Ephesians 4:29.

By Brian Mitchell