### Volume 67, Number 34

### August 20, 2023

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Ken Martin
-	Romans 13:1
	*Jason Adams
. ,	Tony Lawrence
	Caleb Hughes
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### Sunday Evening Worship

Rickey Hurst
Leonard Clemons
Ray Weddington
Marty Boles
Revelation 2:10
*Ronnie Prince
*Danny Duncan
Tony Lawrence
Kelly Thaxton

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Talan Mullican
First Prayer	Lincoln Sain
Reading	Tucker Gann
Invitation	
Dismiss	Allen Hughes

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

A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	87
Contribution	\$5,117

#### Welcome Committee

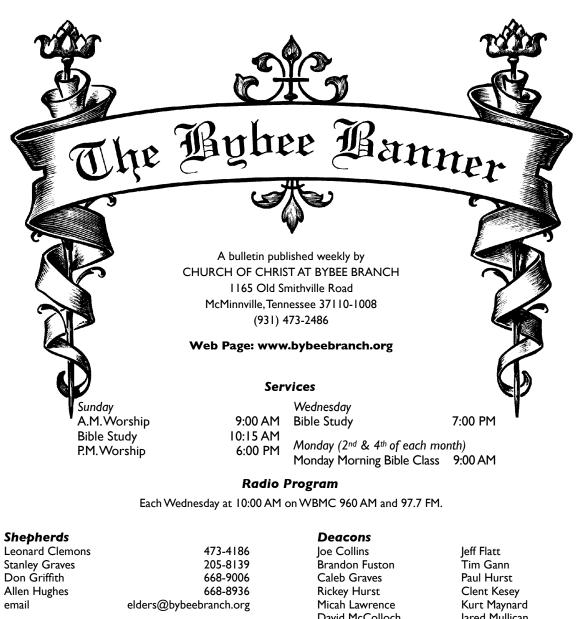
A.M	N/A
P.M	N/A
lf you can not serve, please contact Brandon Fuston (931) 235-3248	

Ushers:Chris Snow, Jason Vandagriff, Clent Kesey
Un/Lock Building:Dwight Barrett/Paul Hurst
Assist Baptisms:Stephanie Maynard & Denice Rhea
Pantry Item:Soup
Check Pantry:Amy Lawrence
Check Kitchen:Kara Fuston
Check Workroom:Maggie Hurst
VideoMicah Lawrence
Elder Closing RemarksStanley Graves

#### **July Bus Route Drivers**

Sunday AM (van)	Paul Hurst
Sunday PM (van)	Paul Hurst
Wednesday PM	Allen Hughes

HERE	[RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED]
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- David McColloch Mike Mullins Herb Rowland
- Jared Mullican Bruce Pryor

Josue Castorena (Hispanic)

#### At Home:

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother) Danny Duncan (knee surgery) Susie Griffith (knee surgery) Ray Weddington (eye surgery)

#### Hospital

Nelma Chilton (NHC #114) for rehab. She will be there for several weeks and would love to have visitors.

# Sick/Hospital Update

In order to reserve room (*in our bulletin*) for those who are currently sick and in the hospital, our loved ones who have either had an extended illness or extended care stay, have been moved to our shut-in list.

# **Upcoming Area Events**

The Lumley Stand congregation will be having a gospel meeting from September 3rd - September 6th with brother Johnny Trail.

The East End Drive congregation will be having a gospel meeting from September 8th - September 13th with brother Ralph Thompson.

This years Diana Singing will take place on September 8th and September 9th.

There will be a Ladies Day at the Leoni and at the Oak Street congregation (*Sparta*) congregation on September 9th.

There will be a Girl's Day at the East Main congregation (*Murfreesboro*) on Saturday, September 9th. If any young ladies are interested in attending, please let Jason know and he'll make travel arrangements.

## Summer Series - East End

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

# Youth News and Updates

### **Home Devo**

Our next home devo will be hosted by Jared and Rebecca Mullican. It will be at the Civic Center baseball field. If you have them, please bring any baseball bat, glove, or balls you have. Pizza will be provided. Girls are asked to bring dessert and boys are asked to bring drinks (*cans are preferred*).

# **Birthday Wednesday**

Our next Birthday Wednesday will be on Wednesday, August 23rd. Please join us as we celebrate our August birthdays!

### 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.

## **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**

Sunday the 20th (after PM	services) Home Devo
Wednesday the 23rd	LDYM sign up deadline
Sunday the 23rd (8:00 PM)	Birthday Wednesday
Sunday the 27th A	ttend Mt. Leo to hear Travis
Sunday September 3rd	Labor Day Youth Madness

## The Runaway Bunny

Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139:7) Sometimes teens decide to run away from home. They want freedom. They want to be out from under the control of their parents. They may travel all the way across the country to get as far away as possible. Parents are frantic. They wait by the phone. They pray for their safety. They plead for their return.

Margaret Wise Brown has written many children's books. Each has a simple story. One of her books is entitled, "The Runaway Bunny." It is about a little bunny that tells his mother that he has decided to run away from home. "If you run away, I will run after you. You are my little bunny." She tells him that if he becomes a fish she will become a fisherman and fish for him. If he becomes a little boy, she will become a human mother and hold him in her arms. She convinces him that no matter where he goes she will go after him. Finally he says, "Shucks! I might as well stay where I am and be your little bunny."

That's really what David was saying about us. No matter where we go, God is there. He never leaves us or deserts us. We can't travel beyond His reach. "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me."

God's love can't let us go from His heart. No matter how far we wander away from His presence, His eye is always on us and He longs for our return. Like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son, God is always watching and waiting for us to come over the hill. As Paul said, "Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 8:39). His inseparable love is always there.

It doesn't matter how far you have gone from God's presence, He is still there. His hand will always be outstretched, waiting and longing for your return. He will not force you to come back. You must want to return to Him, but He will not stop loving you. That's why He came down, took on our nature, human flesh, and walked the rocky roads He had made, while being rejected and abused by the very persons He came to rescue from the powers of death and hell. That's why He endured the cross. Because He loves you so."And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." (1 John 4: 16).

By Al Behel