

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture .....2 Timothy 2:15  
 Lord's Table .....\*Brandon Fuston  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer .....Matthew Woodside  
 Reading.....Jeff Flatt  
 Scripture.....Hebrews 12:15  
 Lord's Table .....\*Barry Mayes  
 .....\*Dale Bennett  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Norman Sain

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Paul Hurst  
 Lead Singing .....Talan Mullican  
 First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
 Reading.....Joe Collins  
 Invitation .....Rickey Hurst  
 Dismiss.....Nate Turner

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 189  
 Bible Study..... 139  
 P.M. Worship..... 113  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 100  
 Contribution .....\$7,661

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....N/A  
 P.M.....N/A

*If you can not serve, please contact  
 Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093*

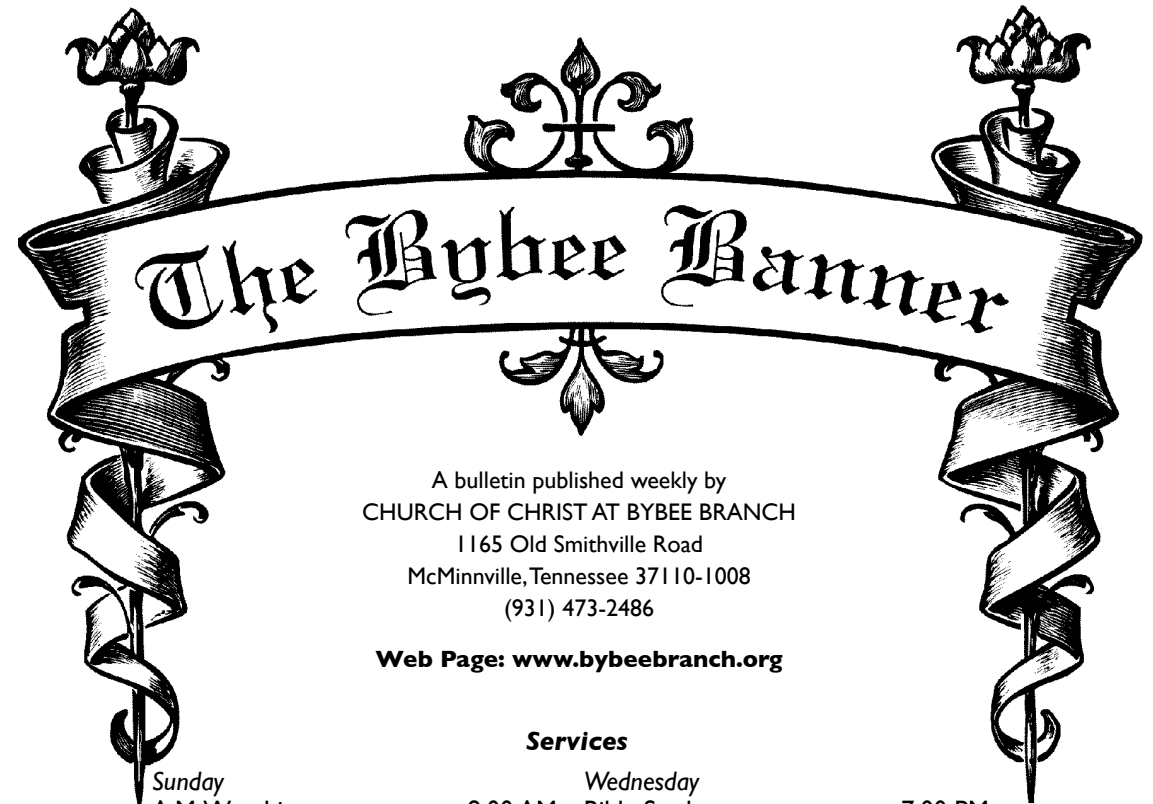
Ushers:.....Joe Maynard, Rodney Maynard, Kurt Maynard  
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 Assist Baptisms: .....Mary Flatt & Jane Flatt  
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 Check Pantry: .....Kara Fuston  
 Check Kitchen: .....Denice Rhea  
 Check Workroom: .....Kara Hurst  
 Video .....Clent Kesey  
 Elder Closing Remarks .....Don Griffith

**January Bus Route Drivers**

Sunday AM (van) .....Danny Duncan  
 Sunday PM (van) .....Danny Duncan  
 Wednesday PM .....(all month) Stan Hillis

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**Services**

|               |          |   |         |
|---------------|----------|---|---------|
| <i>Sunday</i> |          | <i>Wednesday</i>  |         |
| A.M. Worship  | 9:00 AM  | Bible Study   | 7:00 PM |
| Bible Study   | 10:15 AM |   |         |
| P.M. Worship  | 6:00 PM  | <i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i> |         |
|               |          | Monday Morning Bible Class  | 9:00 AM |

**Radio Program**

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

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## Sick

### At Home:

Bobby Ashford  
WC & Nelma Chilton  
Judy Cook  
Iva Cunningham  
Glenda Ferrell (heart ablation on 16th)  
Mary Flatt  
Teresa Gann  
Heath Griffith  
Greg Grizzell (hospice care)  
Irene Lawrence (at son's home)  
Corretta Lawrence  
Daisy Maxwell (doing better after short illness)  
Helen Morgan  
Rodney Reynolds  
Jean Ware (following knee surgery)  
Taylor Blanton (friend of Adry & Aryn Snow)  
Vickie Griffith  
Sidney Grove

### Hospital

Phillip Clemons (Linda Hamilton's brother) NHC

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of David Thaxton (son of Kelly Thaxton). He passed away last Tuesday.

## Arlington Bible Study

The Arlington church of Christ will host a Neighborhood Bible Study in January with the theme: "In the Beginning-Genesis 1-11." Refreshments served at 6 PM and class at 6:30 PM.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

Due to a conflict with medical appointments the Monday Morning Bible Class will meet this coming Monday, January 15 instead of January 22. Class will begin at 1 Samuel 13.

## Sunday Morning Auditorium Class

Having finished the study of the book of Acts, the Sunday Morning Auditorium class will begin a study of the book of Romans. If you have not been attending Bible Class, now is a great time to start?

## Cookeville Church of Christ

The Cookeville congregation is hosting two events. Seek Ye First, a seminar taking place from January 14th - January 17th. There will also be a Woman's Day on February 10th. Further information is posted on the bulletin board.

## Youth and Family Activities

### Sunday Night Eats

Our next SNE will be on Sunday, January 14th following our evening services. There is no school the next day, so traveling to Murfreesboro or Cookeville is an option.

### Bible Study & Bowling

We will be having the first of five new activities, that will take place this year. On Saturday, January 20th beginning at 4:00 PM, we will meet at the building for an in-depth study of the Lord's Supper. Following our study we will head to Pioneer Lanes for a few games of bowling. Please RSVP on the iPad/youth website (bowling will be Dutch treat).

### H.E.Y.

Our next H.E.Y. meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21st here at Bybee. We will begin with an activity at 5:00 PM, followed by worship at 6:00 PM and concluding with a meal of pulled pork nachos. Please mark your calendar and also invite friends to join us.

## Upcoming Youth Activities

|                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday January 14th   | Sunday Night Eats          |
| Saturday January 20th | Bible Study & Bowling      |
| Sunday January 21st   | H.E.Y. at Bybee            |
| Sunday January 28th   | Home Devo at Jason's house |

## Bible Class Teachers

Bible class teachers, if you are unable to to teach your class, please contact Mike Mullins (he will be the contact deacon for this year). His phone number is (931) 743-8093.

## I Will vs. I Wish

Most who read this will probably be familiar with the section of scripture that is often referred to as "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." If that is not the case, I invite/encourage you to read Luke 15:11-32.

Neither space (of this article) nor my ability will allow me to fathom the depths of this important text. With that being said, I would like for all of us to think about what I consider to be two important words found therein. I believe that they are worthy of our consideration at any time, but it may be the case that they deserve especially careful consideration at this time of the year.

It is merely the 14th day of there year, that means that it has not been that long since many of us made those resolutions for a new year – or did we?

I'm not concerned about whether or not we went through the motions of making a list of improvements we need to make in some aspect of our lives. Rather, my concern is whether or not we actually made resolutions. Could it be that, after about a week or so of making those resolutions and supposedly implementing them, they are already ancient history?

If you remember the parable mentioned earlier, you may remember the statement made by the younger brother when he realized what the decisions he had made in his life had cost him. He did not say things like:

"I wish that I had never done what I did."

"I wish that I had not squandered my inheritance."

"I wish that I could have the same relationship with my father that I once had."

It may just be me, but statements like those, as well as some we make, have some similarity to dreams. For example, I may wish for some things that would improve my life and dream about what my life would be like, but never actually do anything to make my wishes/dreams a reality.

If you remember, the "prodigal son" in the parable made this statement: "18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." "' (Luke 15:18-19)

The word "will" in that statement appears to me to be more like a resolution than what some of us (yes, including me) do as a new year is about to dawn. For that matter, it would be relevant at any time. As you continue reading the parable, it is evident that the prodigal did not merely make a statement about a plan, he implemented that plan.

In his case, the results were better than he expected. It might even be accurate to say that things turned out better than he could have dreamed. As I've suggested earlier, there may be an application for all of us I will probably get this quote wrong. I apologize for that and for not remembering where I first heard or read it. In spite of those caveats, I believe that it might be challenging and helpful for all of us as we consider improvements that we might need to make. Maybe it will help us as we make real resolutions.

If there is no plan, it's just a dream.

By Jim Faughn