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#### January 7, 2024

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Tucker Gann
Scripture	IThessalonians 4:1-2
	*Jason Adams
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	Matthew 5:17
Lord's Table	*Kurt Maynard
	*Kane Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tommy Turner

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Paul Hurst
Lead Singing	Eddie Palmer
First Prayer	Caleb Graves
Reading	
Invitation	
Dismiss	•

#### **Record for the Week...** A M Worship

A.M.Worship	172
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	109
Wednesday Bible Study	82
Contribution	\$5,325

#### Welcome Committee

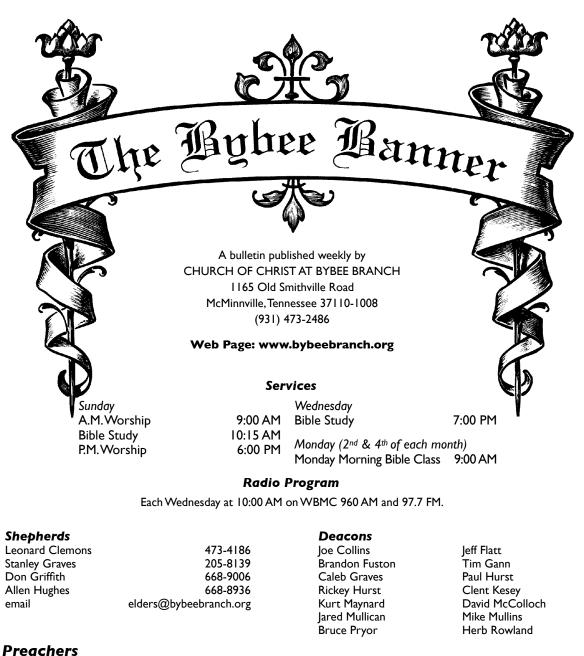
A.M		N/A
P.M		N/A
	lf you can not serve, please contact Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093	

Ushers:Stan Hillis, Roi	nnie Prince, Dwight Barrett
Un/Lock Building:	TBD/TBD
Assist Baptisms:	Mary Flatt & Jane Flatt
Pantry Item:	Tuna
Check Pantry:	Kara Fuston
Check Kitchen:	Denice Rhea
Check Workroom:	Kara Hurst
Video	Clent Kesey
Elder Closing Remarks	Stanley Graves

#### January Bus Route Drivers

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

HERE	[RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED]
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#### Tony Lawrence (Preaching)

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Josue Castorena (Hispanic)

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#### Sick

At Home: WC & Nelma Chilton Iva Cunningham Glenda Ferrell (following shoulder surgery) Teresa Gann Greg Grizzell (hospice care) Iona King Irene Lawrence (at son's home) Corretta Lawrence Helen Morgan Rodney Reynolds Herb Rowland lean Ware (following knee surgery) Taylor Blanton (friend of Adry & Aryn Snow) Vickie Griffith Sidney Grove (Ruby Huntley's son-in-law and Avie Clemons' nephew)

#### Hospital

Lola Barrett - NHC Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mom) NHC 113A

### **Special Prayer Request**

Dale Zuna (who used to worship here at Bybee) has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through this trying time.

#### Men's Seminar

The Trousdale congregation will be hosting a men's seminar on Saturday, January 13th, 2024. Registration begins at 9 AM and lunch will be provided.

### **Arlington Bible Study**

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

## Ladies Day

The East Main congregation (*in Manchester*) is hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, January 10th beginning at 9:00 AM. Further information is posted on the bulletin board.

# **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

#### **Bible Bowl**

Our next Bible Bowl will be on Sunday, January 7th at the Earleyville congregation at 2:00  $\rm PM$ 

#### Youth/Youth Parent Meeting

There will be a youth meeting (in the fellowship room) on Sunday, January 7th following our evening services. All youth and parents of the youth are encouraged to attend.

#### 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.

### Girl's Day

The girls of Bybee Branch will be hosting a Girl's Day in February. The theme: "How I Fight My Battles" with Amanda Key as the speaker. This will take place on Saturday, February 20th, with registration beginning at 8:15 AM (lunch will be provided). Please mark your calendars and invite your friends to join us for this time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

### **Upcoming Youth Activities**

Sunday January 7th	Bible Bowl at Earleyville
Sunday January 7th	Youth/Youth Parent Meeting
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

### Sick at Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)

#### Shut-In's

At Home: WC & Nelma Chilton June Crouch Janice Foster Greg Grizzell Willie Holmes Daisy Maxwell Noel Pepper Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister) Doris Wilcher Marty York

### NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110) Serese Brock (#406) Morris Griffith (#301) Jean Henderson (#113A) Cathy Hennessee (#408A)

# Riverview Terrace

Anna Jean Bond #B4

### Willow Branch

Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #505

### **Brookdale Retirement Center**

910 Murfreesboro Rd Franklin,TN 37064 Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

### 123 Jefferson St.

McMinnville, TN 37110 Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)

Let us all take a moment to send our shut-in's a word of encouragement.

### Nothing For The Back

Michael Grooms, Willow Avenue's pulpit minister, recently made the simple statement that, in the list of our Christian armor (*found in Ephesians 6:10-18*), there are no pieces of the armor for the back of our bodies. He went on to point out that we are to constantly be moving forward toward our goal of heaven and taking others with us, not retreating.

I don't know about you, but many times in today's world, I feel like I am on the defensive. My morality doesn't fit with the crowd. My stance on several social and even political issues is seen as "out-of-step" with the acceptable way to view things.

May we remember that being on the defensive does not mean we must be afraid. Depending on where you look, the following is an axiom, and idiom, or a quote attributed to Jack Dempsey. Wherever it originated, it definitely applies in our thinking today: "The best defense is a good offense." And as children of God, we have the best offensive objective and team around!

Paul reminded Timothy that "...God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). We have no need to fear, because, as God's children, we are told, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

I need no armor for the back, when I am "[pressing] on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

By A. Tatum