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December 8, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements	Brandon Fuston		
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst		
First Prayer	Joe Collins		
Reading	Dale Bennett		
Scripture	Mark 16:20		
Lord's Table			

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Marty Boles
	John 15:5
	*Bruce Pryor
	*Ronnie Hoover
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff Flatt

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jared Mullican
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	
Invitation	Larry Flatt
Dismiss	Cory Prince

Record for the Week...

	11/24	12/1
A.M. Worship	185	177
Bible Study	122	120
P.M. Worship	131	111
Wednesday Bible Study	98	100
Contribution	\$10,116	\$7,827

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

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

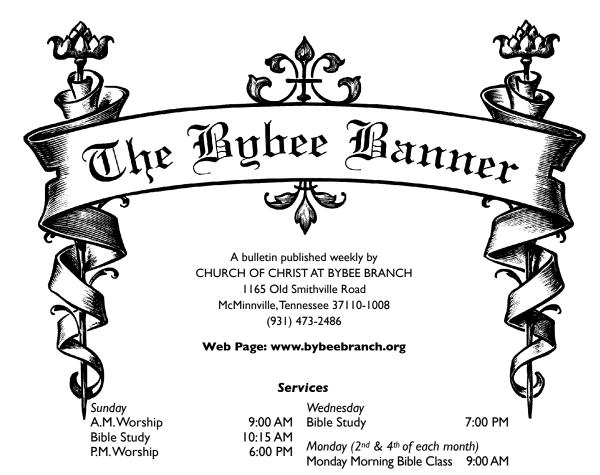
Ushers:Joe Maynard, Rodney Maynard, Kurt Maynard		
Un/Lock Building:	Rickey Hurst/Don Sullivan	
Assist Baptisms:	Judy Sullivan	
Pantry Item:	Spaghetti Sauce	
Check Pantry:	Rebecca Mullican	
Check Kitchen:	Mary Flatt	
Check Workroom:	Kara Hurst	
Video	Tommy Turner	
Elder Closing Remarks	Allen Hughes	

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Cory Prince
Wednesday PM	Mike Mullins

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Radio Program

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

Shepherds		Deacons	
Leonard Clemons	473-4186	Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Stanley Graves	205-8139	Brandon Fuston	Tim Gann
Allen Hughes	668-8936	Caleb Graves	Paul Hurst
email	elders@bybeebranch.org	Rickey Hurst	Clent Kesey
	<i>-</i> ,	Kurt Maynard	David McColloch
	Jared Mullican	Mike Mullins	
		Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

580-2477

Preachers

Tony Lawrence (Preaching) 212-6067 Josue Castorena (Hispanic) email preacher@bybeebranch.org

Sick

At Home:

Eunice Haley
Herb Rowland (surgery on the 10th)
Judy Nussbaum (surgery on the 17th)
Eva Simons
Louise Miller
Sidney Grove
Glenda Ferrell
Linda Fults

Hospital

Scarlett Griffith - St. Thomas Midtown (broken hip)

Ladies Holiday Fellowship

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a holiday fellowship on Monday, December 9, The details and signup sheet are on the bulletin board. The van will be taken should anyone need a ride. Please see Stefanie McColloch with any questions.

Church Holiday Fellowship

The annual holiday fellowship for the whole congregation will be Sunday evening December 15, following services. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board with more details. Please check the list of items needed.

Monday Morning Bible Class

The last Monday Morning Bible Class of the year will be on December 9, with breakfast at 8 AM and class at 9 AM. Class will begin at 2 Samuel 14.

Youth News

December 22, Sunday night Eats December 29, PM Youth Led Worship January 5, Bible Bowl at Hebron (Acts 22-23) January 19, HEY at Rockliff

Teachers Meeting

All teachers and those who would be willing to teach are encouraged to attend an important teachers meeting on Sunday evening, December 9, following services regarding updated Bible class curriculum.

Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)
W.C. & Nelma Chilton
Janice Foster
Greg Grizzell
Ronnie Hamilton
Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)
Sarah Kell
Daisy Maxwell
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)
Howard Witty
Marty York

NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)
Serese Brock #406
Philip Clemons #411
Morris Griffith #301
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412
Cathy Hennessee #408A
Helen Morgan #215

Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110) Anna Jean Bond #B4

Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110) Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)

Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

Observations from Cleon Lyles,

"I'll come every time I can 'usually means" If I do not have something better to do, I'll be there."

"I won't promise, but I'll do my best" means "don't expect much out of me."

"Preacher, I'll be there If I'm not providentially hindered" nearly always means "If I 'm not there you can blame God for it."

We All Need Someone Who Understands

A store owner was tacking a sign above his door that reads "Puppies For Sale." Signs like that have a way of attracting small children, and sure enough, a little boy appeared under the store owner's sign.

"How much are you going to sell the puppies for?" He asked. The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30 to \$50."

The little boy reached in his pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?" The store owner smiled and whistled and out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of the store followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The store owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and discovered it didn't have a hip socket. It would always limp. It would always be lame.

The little boy became excited. "That is the puppy I want to buy." The store owner said, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you." The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger, and said,

"I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for."

The store owner countered, "You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies."

To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, cripple left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the store owner and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands."

We all need someone who understands -- we all have Someone who understands. Let us praise His holy name.

~ Louis Culver ~

Hebrews 4:14-16 - Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Service is Not Spelled: SERVE-US

I saw the above title in a list of quotes for church bulletins. It represents, however, how so many evidently feel. Jesus knew that His apostles were struggling with an idea of superiority. Matthew records, "But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."" (Matt. 20:25-28).

John recorded Jesus showing us how it is done. After Jesus washed the disciples feet He said, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14). Paul also stressed this attitude of Jesus when he wrote, "For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."" (Rom. 15:3). He is our perfect example of what it means to serve.

We are called to a life of service, focusing on the needs of others and not just ourselves. That requires us to look for opportunities to serve. "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Phil. 2:4). Keep your eyes open — there are plenty of opportunities!

~ Tony Lawrence ~