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Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Chris Snow
Reading	Ken Martin
-	Mark 1:22-23
	*Barry Mayes
Sermon	
	Matthew Woodside

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	Matthew 27:35
Lord's Table	*Tommy Turner
••••••	*Nate Turner
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Willie Newby

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing	Eddie Palmer
First Prayer	
Reading	Jacob Graves
Invitation	
Dismiss	Jared Mullican

Record for the Week...

A.M.Worship	183
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	105
Contribution	\$5,092

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

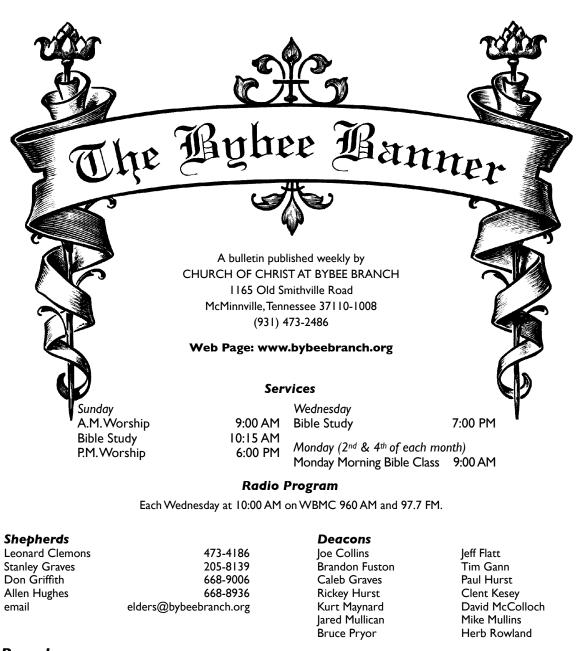
If you can not serve, please contact Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093

Ushers:Herb Rowland, Eddie I	Palmer, David McColloch
Un/Lock Building:Ronni	e Prince/Caleb Graves
Assist Baptisms:	Mary Flatt & Jane Flatt
Pantry Item:	Canned Fruit
Check Pantry:	Kara Fuston
Check Kitchen:	Denice Rhea
Check Workroom:	Kara Hurst
Video	Caleb Hughes
Elder Closing Remarks	Leonard Clemons

February Bus Route Drivers

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

HERE	[RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED]
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At Home:

Glenda Ferrell (following heart ablation) Sherry Graves (following by-pass surgery) Steve Nearing (continuing treatments) Vickie Woodlee (following accident) lean Ware (following hospital stay) Dale Zuna - treatments at MD Anderson in Houston.

Hospital

- Phillip Clemons (Linda Hamilton's brother) St. Thomas Midtown rehab
- Iva Cunningham at a Rehab facility in Cartersville GA. Cards can be sent to Melissa's, 12 Eagles View Dr NE, Cartersville GA 3012
- Willard Dunlap (knee surgery) Stone Crest-Smyrna, plans to go home today.
- Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband) River Park #222

Area Events

Bonner will host a Gospel Singing on February 23, from 7-8:30 PM.

Bethany will host Gospel Meeting on March 8-10, with brother Kyle Butt preaching.

Arlington will host Gospel Meeting on March 10-12, with brother Dan Jenkins preaching.

Shady Grove will host Gospel Meeting on April 5-8, with brother Bill Boyd preaching.

Baptism

We rejoice to announce that Kenny Dillard was baptized this past Friday morning. Kenny felt that he was not baptized for the right reason when he was a child. He is worshipping with the Hwy 231 South congregation in Murfreesboro.

Monday Morning Bible Class

Class will be this coming Monday, February 26, at 9 AM. Study will start at ISamuel 16:1. There is alway room for more. Why not come?

Youth and Family Activities

Spring Youth Retreat

Our Spring Youth Retreat is just around the corner. lason needs all who will be attending to sign up no later than Wednesday, February 28th (this is so we can get our t-shirts ordered and made on time).

Bible Bowl at Rockliff

Our final Bible Bowl will take place at the Rockliff congregation on Sunday. March 3. Please be sure to review Acts 11 & 12. The memory verse will come from Acts 11:25-26, Acts 12:5, Acts 22:16.

Sunday Night Eats

Our next Sunday Night Eats will be on Sunday, March 10 following evening services.

H.E.Y. at Central

Our next H.E.Y. gathering will be on March 17, at the Central congregation. If you need a ride on the church van, please sign up on the iPad.

Home Devo

Our next Home Devo will be on Sunday, March 24, following our evening services. The location has yet been determined.

Youth Led Worship

Our next youth led worship will be on Sunday, March 31 with brother Nate Turner speaking. If any young man would like to participate in this service, please see Jason.

Upcoming Youth Activities

Sunday March 3rd	Bible Bowl at Rockliff
Sunday March 10th	Sunday Night Eats
Sunday March 17th	H.E.Y. at Central
Sunday March 24th	Home Devo
Wednesday March 27th	Birthday Wednesday
Sunday March 31st	Youth Led Worship

When Our Heroes Fail

Satan uses so many "tools" as he seeks to discourage our devotion to Christ. Faith can far more easily thwart the attacks the god of this world makes against us if we would heed the words of Paul. The great apostle said, "We are not ignorant of his devices," but if we are ignorant Satan takes advantage of us (2 Cor. 2:11). The English Standard Version translates the words, "We would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs."

As we walk with the Lord, we can make a mistake by placing other Christians on a high pedestal, and they become a visible hero of faith. Perhaps you have done this, for so many look at others and they become a model of what we want to be some day. However, what do you do when that person changes, or you get to know him better and he/she no longer stands on that pedestal of admiration where you placed them?

This problem confronted early Christians. In Paul's letters to Timothy, he mentioned men who were respected who lost their faith. In his first letter to the young preacher, Paul speaks of Hymenaeus and Alexander who had rejected the faith and suffered shipwreck. Paul had dealt with them. While we use the term "withdrawing fellowship" Paul used a stronger phrase to describe this action. He says he had "delivered them to Satan," hoping that doing this would help them to see they had blasphemed God by their actions (1 Tim. 1:20-see these same words used in Paul's instruction about withdrawing from an unfaithful Christian in I Corinthians 5:4-5).

We do not know the details of these men's actions, but in the second letter to Timothy, Paul mentions Hymenaeus again. This evil man who had been given to Satan in the first letter evidently was still impacting the church. He was teaching a false doctrine which was spreading like cancer, and there were those who followed him (2 Tim. 2:17-18). He had overturned the faith of those followers.

Paul then reminded Timothy of the fact that personal "heroes of faith" can harm the faith of those in the church—one thing has not changed. It is so important that we look at this unchangeable truth when leading brethren leave the faith. Consider what he says and never tie your faith to people you admire. Failure to understand this gives Satan an advantage over you.

What is that unchangeable truth? Paul says, "Nevertheless the foundation of God stands" (2 Tim. 2:20). Men we foolishly place on high pedestals may disappoint us, but nothing really has changed! Paul closes by mentioning two great foundational truths. God knows those who are His, and we must not follow others into their sin. Put your faith in God and tie your faith to Him. There is only One real hero!

~ Dan Jenkins ~

No Fancy Titles

There are some highfalutin names that folks use for men who publicly proclaim the Bible today. Some are called "Father So- And-So" or "Pastor So-And-So" or even "Reverend So-And-So." When you read through the New Testament, did you ever read anything like that? Can you imagine Paul addressing a letter to "Reverend Timothy"?

Timothy's name is found about 24 times in the New Testament. This man, who was a "minister" (1 Thess. 3:2) and "evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:5), is called a "disciple" (Acts 16:1), "fellow worker" (Rom. 16:21), "beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18; 2 Tim. 1:2), "our brother" (2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1; Phile. 1; Heb. 13:23), and "bondservant of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:1). But, this public proclaimer was never called by any highfalutin title at all.

In fact, here is my favorite designation for Timothy Paul said, "he does the work of the Lord" (I Cor. 16:10). If you're a preacher, that's the nicest thing that anyone could ever say about you. In fact, that's the highest compliment that any Christian could be paid!