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### April 28, 2024

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	Allen Hughes
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	
Reading	
Scripture	
Lord's Table	
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	•

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Allen Hughes
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Barry Mayes
Reading	Tommy Turner
Scripture	Acts 2:47
Lord's Table	*Tim Gann
	*Tucker Gann
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jared Mullican
Lead Singing	Herb Rowland
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Marty Boles
Invitation	
Dismiss	

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

205
155
\$9,055

#### Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

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

Ushers:Eddie Palmer, David N	AcColloch, Bruce Pryor
Un/Lock Building:Allen	Hughes/Eddie Palmer
Assist Baptisms:	Cynthia Duncan
Pantry Item:	Spaghetti
Check Pantry:	Thelma Rowland
Check Kitchen:	Denice Rhea
Check Workroom:	Kara Fuston
Video	Clent Kesey
Elder Closing Remarks	Allen Hughes

#### February Bus Route Drivers

Sunday AM (van)	Kelly Thaxton
Sunday PM (van)	Kelly Thaxton
Wednesday PM (April 24	)TBA

HERE	[RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED]
STAMP	1165 Old Smithville Road McMinnville, Tennessee 37110-1008
PLACE	CHURCH OF CHRIST AT BYBEE BRANCH



#### Preachers

 Tony Lawrence (Preaching)
 212-6067

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 preacher@bybeebranch.org

Josue Castorena (Hispanic)

# Sick

#### At Home:

Don Griffith (after a fall) June Crouch Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband) Steve Nearing - treatments Dale Zuna - treatments at MD Anderson/Houston Margaret Schillinger Maggie Hurst Stanley Clendenon Corretta Lawrence

#### Hospital

Lennie Ruth Kesey - NHC Phillip Clemons - NHC #411 Mike Lee (Glyna Lee's son) - in North Carolina

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Michele Hutchins, mother-in-law of Ezra Dixon. Her funeral was this past Saturday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Vernice Dunlap, cousin of our Willard Dunlap. His funeral was this past Monday.

### **Area Events**

**Morrison** will host a Gospel Singing on April 26, 7-9 PM.

**Findlay** will host a Gospel Meeting on April 26-28, with Dan Winkler preaching.

**Trousdale** will host a Gospel Meeting on April 28-May I, with Chris Whitaker preaching.

**Old Philadelphia** will host a Gospel Meeting on May 5-8, with different speakers preaching.

**East End Drive** will host their annual Homecoming on May 12, with Eric Garner preaching.

Smartt will host a VBS on Saturday May 18.

**Midway** will host a Gospel Meeting on May 19-22, with Ralph Richardson preaching.

### **Youth News**

**Upcoming Events** Saturday 27th—Prom/Alt Trip to Chattanooga.

Sunday 28th—Home Devo - Home of Paul and Kara Hurst following evening service.

Sunday May 5th—H.E.Y./T.A.B.S will be at Short Mountain Bible Camp at 5 PM.

May 26-31, Warren-White Week at Short Mountain Bible Camp "Good vs Evil."

June 23-28, Coffee/Rutherford Week at Short Mountain Bible Camp.

### **Calling All Graduates**

If you or your children will be graduating from high school or college this year, please give the information (and a photo) to Tony. Thanks!

### **Elders-Deacons Meeting**

Elders-Deacons Meeting 5 PM this Sunday evening.

### **General Business Meeting**

The General Business Meeting will be this Sunday following the evening services.

### Amerindian Missions in Guyana

On Sunday, April 28, brother Roger Comstock will be with us during the Bible Class hour.



"I NEED A CARD THAT WISHES A WARM AND TENDER BIRTHDAY, FOLLOWED UP WITH STRICT ADMONISHMENT AND REBUKE."

## **Doers of the Word**

The Bible emphasizes the importance of hearing God and His representatives. When distinguishing lesus from Moses and Elijah, God spoke from the heavens: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:5). When addressing issues confronting the seven churches of Asia, lesus declared: "He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22). Paul likewise highlighted the integral role hearing plays when he wrote: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). Clearly, we must hear the word of God. But hearing God's word involves more than listening. God did not want the apostles to merely hear what lesus had to say; He wanted them to hear and follow Him. The same was true of lesus' instructions to the seven churches of Asia. Hearing is a necessary step, but it is not the only one!

After hearing God's word, we must submit our lives to His plan and live accordingly. This is why Scripture consistently stresses the necessity of obedience. For example, in Romans 12:1, Paul charged the Christians in Rome to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Elsewhere, he instructed the Philippians: "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). Both passages show that Christians must conduct their lives an acceptable and worthy manner. It is not enough to know God has expectations for our lives. We must follow them. Importantly, God has not left it up to us to decide how to do this. Instead, He has provided the plan we must obey in His word (see Hebrews 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8).

James had obedience in mind when he addressed his audience. Knowing they had to do more than acknowledge God's expectations, he exhorted: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). We must hear, but hearing without obedience is deceptive. As James 1:19-27 reveals, proper obedience requires selfcontrol, dedication, and effort. We must control our emotions and reactions if we wish to live righteously. We must dedicate ourselves to both knowing and following God's plan if we wish to be blessed by Him. And we must seek to help those who are in need while also maintaining personal purity if we wish to practice pure religion. In short: We must be doers of the word!

~ Chad Ramsey ~

# Advice

Advice – who needs it? Oftentimes I do! (Anyone else want to admit it?) "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise" (Proverbs 12:15). Effective leaders listen to trust-worthy advisors before making important decisions.

No doubt the best advice in the world comes from the word of God. "Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law" (Psalm 94:12). Too often, though, sinful humans just don't like His counsel. In fact, we tend to want to reverse the roles! Maybe we wouldn't literally tell God what He should do, or what course of action He should approve for us, but that's the net effect when we reject His counsel and forge ahead doing it "my way."

Paul rhetorically asked the Romans, "For who has known the mind or the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" (Romans 11:34, quoting Isaiah 40:13). In the next verse Paul asked the very question God asked Job: "Or who has first given to Him, and it shall be repaid to him?" (Romans 11:35 quoting Job 41:11). The obvious answer to both questions: "Nobody!" The omniscient and infinitely wise God has no need whatever for our advice!

We, on the other hand, would do well to seek His advice within that great volume of His revealed will called the Bible. And once we have found it, we would do even better to heed it!

In many cases free advice is particularly unwelcome. But God's advice won't cost you a penny. You will, however, be tremendously enriched by following it.