

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Willie Newby  
Reading .....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture .....Mark 7:24  
Lord's Table .....\*Tim Fisher  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Nate Turner

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Tim Gann  
Reading .....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture .....Luke 11:1  
Lord's Table .....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss ..... Dale Bennett

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Eddie Palmer  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Invitation .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Ray Weddington

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 182  
Bible Study ..... 134  
P.M. Worship ..... 118  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 99  
Contribution .....\$5,467

**Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact  
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Ushers:.....Eddie Palmer/David McColloch/Bruce Pryor  
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Assist Baptisms: .....Marsha Collins  
Pantry Item: .....Club Crackers  
Check Pantry: .....Denice Rhea  
Check Kitchen: .....Stefanie McColloch  
Check Workroom: .....Rebecca Mullican  
Video .....Caleb Hughes  
Elder Closing Remarks .....Leonard Clemons

**May Van Drivers**

Sunday AM .....Leonard Clemons  
Sunday PM .....Leonard Clemons  
Wednesday PM .....Stanley Graves

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**Services**

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

**Radio Program**

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## Sick

### At Home:

Howard Witty (following surgery)

June Crouch

Steve Nearing - treatments

Dale Zuna - treatments at MD Anderson/Houston

Margaret Schillinger

Ronnie Taylor (brother-in-law to Mary Ashford)  
following bypass surgery

### Hospital

Marty York - Vanderbilt - following back surgery

Mike Lee (Glyna Lee's son) - in-patient rehab in  
North Carolina

## VBS Planning Meeting

Our VBS this year will be on July 8-10. For those willing to teach or assist in teaching, please be at a planning meeting on June 2, following evening services.

## Area Events

**Bluff Springs** will host their annual Homecoming on May 26, with Richard Bowman preaching.

**Ivy Bluff** will host a VBS on June 2-5.

**Grange Hall** will host a Gospel Meeting on June 9-12, with Stan Stevenson preaching.

**Morrison** will host a VBS on June 16-19.

**Ivy Bluff** will host Teacher Workshop on June 24, with Teah McWhorter and April Wacaster.

## Glasses for Mission Trip

Please bring any old prescription glasses or readers to collect for a mission trip to Peru by May 29. Delanie Sullivan will be on a medical mission trip there in early June.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

Our Monday Morning Bible Class will be moved to June 3, due to Memorial Day being next Monday. Remember class begins at 9 AM, at 1 Samuel 25.

## Youth News

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.

## A Talk With Nature

I came close to talk with nature

Asking questions from the past

"Why are you made so perfect—

So enduring and so vast?"

Did you come into existence

From a great explosive blast?

Did this give you such intelligence

That will surely forever last?"

Nature responded with great laughter

"You've met some fools on land and sea

For what they all fail to consider

Only God could create me!"

~ Benny Bristow ~



## Five Rules for Happiness

1. Cultivate the habit of always looking on the bright side of every experience.
2. Accept cheerfully the place in life that is yours, believe that it is the best possible place for you.
3. Throw your whole soul and spirit into your work, and do it best you know how.
4. Get into the habit of doing bits of kindness and courtesies to all those who touch your life each day.
5. Adopt and maintain a simple, childlike attitude of confidence and trust in God as your own Father.

~ Dr. Charles E. Barker ~

via Hoosier State Chronicles, Nov. 21, 1924

## Who were brothers Taylor, Howland, Smith and Johnson?

There is a monument in front of the Old Philadelphia Meeting house with a list of names of "Ministers Known To Have Served Old Philadelphia 1805 – 1940." "Served" on this monument means someone knew them to have preached there on at least one occasion. There are thirty-two names on the list. Some were well known, like David Lipscomb, Tolbert Fanning, and Jesse Sewell. Marshall Keeble is on the list, but his first name is abbreviated "Mrshl." Some are not as well known today, but there is history to be found on Wm. D. Carnes, Issac Jones, and E. A. Elam. I am still looking for information on Thomas Busby, John Lemmon, John Powell, Elonso Jones, H. Ramsey, and I. Donohue. The names that intrigue me at the lower right-hand corner are Bro. Taylor, Bro. Howland, Bro Smith, and Bro. Johnson.

The names of these four ministers appear in some old notes about Old Philadelphia, but the details of their lives are scant. I have learned that they were ministers from the black community that began meeting here in the mid 1890's, and continued as a congregation until about 1840. Brother Smith was the first black minister for those brethren. He was distinguished by a long white beard, and he had a favorite tree to which he would tie his horse. Brother Johnson would come to Vervilla to preach from Nashville where he lived. So far, all I know of brothers Taylor and Howland are their last names.

I am reminded of the Old Testament prophets. We know very little about them. No one can tell us the life stories of Joel, Habakkuk, or Haggai. I think of the apostles. We know most about Paul, some about Peter and John, but almost nothing about Lebbaeus Thaddaeus or Simon the Canaanite. Think of the companions and fellow workers with Paul, men like Epaenetus, Herodion, Rufus, and many others, some of who we do not even know by name. I pay attention to these names that are given, because they are my spiritual brethren, and I expect to meet them in heaven. In eternity, I would like to say to Philologus, "Yes! I remember! I read your name in the book of Romans!"

On many old stones in many old cemeteries I see the words, "Gone but not forgotten," but from

the looks of those neglected stones I suspect that many are forgotten. For many, no one alive to remember them anymore. I do not expect to be remembered for long myself. Someday a group may try to compile a list of "Ministers who served Rockliff" and someone may say, "I used to hear about a brother Boyd." If that is all, then that will be fine. If I am not remembered, I will be in good company with the forgotten prophets, apostles, and companions of Paul.

When I look at the names on that Old Philadelphia monument, I think to myself, "I do not know who they all were, but God knows them everyone." God also knows the name of every soul in every unmarked grave in the near-by cemetery.

To comfort the captives in Babylon, God had Isaiah write, "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth" (Isaiah 40:26). The point is, God knows the names of the innumerable stars, and he has not forgotten us. I take comfort that Hebrews 8:12 says, "...their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more," but Hebrews 6:10 says, "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." God forgets our wrongs but remembers us for good! Nehemiah said "Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof" (Nehemiah 13:14). He close his book saying, "Remember me, O my God, for good" (Nehemiah 13:31).

One reason we do not know much about these prophets and apostles is because they were not preaching themselves; they were preaching Christ. That we remember Christ is their glory. That is why the names of Taylor, Howland, Smith, and Johnson are on that monument at the Old Philadelphia Meetinghouse; someone remembered that they preached Christ. If someone remembers Christ because of us, then that will be our glory also.

~ Bill Boyd ~  
via Facebook