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July 21, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship			
Allen Hughes			
Stanley Graves			
Larry Flatt			
Marty Boles			
Mark 9:35			
*Bruce Pryor			

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Allen Hughes
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	
Reading	Jacob Graves
Scripture	
Lord's Table	
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Sermon	Barry Kennedy
	Nate Turner

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Lincoln Sain
First Prayer	Tim Gann
Reading	Tucker Gann
Invitation	
Dismiss	Ken Martin

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	173
Bible Study	131
P.M. Worship	130
Wednesday Bible Study	135
Contribution	\$5,884

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

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

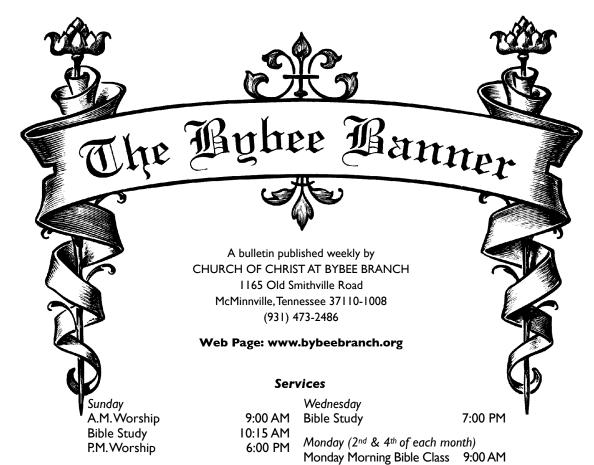
Ushers:Dale Bennett, Willie Newby, Herb Rowland		
Un/Lock Building:	Chris Snow/TBA	
Assist Baptisms:	Susan Pryor	
Pantry Item:	Pop-ups	
Check Pantry:	Nancy Mayfield	
Check Kitchen:	Thelma Rowland	
Check Workroom:	Stefanie McColloch	
Video	Clent Kesey	
Elder Closing Remarks	Allen Hughes	

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Jared Mullican
Wednesday PM	Stan Hillis

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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 Múllican	Mike Mullins
	Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland	

Preachers

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

580-2477

Sick

At Home:

Gary Grizzell Elmer & Lillie Rutledge Linda Fults June Crouch Noel Pepper

Hospital

Osborn Huntley - NHC Rehab

Sympathy

Two more families have been touched with grief this past week.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Larry David Elliott, brother of our Ruby Huntley. Funeral was on Tuesday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Lesley Mitchell, cousin of our Judy Nussbaum. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 12 noon at Gardens of Memory Mausoleum.

Area Events

Rockliff will host a Gospel Meeting on July 21-24 with Eric Owens preaching.

Ivy Bluff will host a Gospel Meeting on July 21-25 with Michael Clarke preaching.

Smart will host a Gospel Meeting on July 21-25 with Derrick Stiles preaching.

Arlington will host a VBS on July 21-24.

Rock Island will host a VBS on July 21-24.

East End will host a VBS on July 27.

Trousdale will host a VBS on July 28-31.

Smyrna will host a Gospel Meeting on August 4-7 with Chris Whitaker preaching.

Bonner will host a Gospel Meeting on August 4-7 with Freddie Clayton preaching.

Bear Project

We have another Mission Trip opportunity to send Bears to South America with brother Roger Comstock. We need ladies that will hand stitch a small seam on the bears that are stuffed. This can be done at home. We will also be collecting, over the counter eye glasses, any strength, for this mission trip. There will be a box in the lobby for them. Our deadline is the end of July. See Susan Pryor for more information.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly Elders and Deacons Meeting will be Sunday evening, July 28, at 5 PM.

Men's General Business Meeting

The quarterly Men's General Business Meeting will be Sunday evening, July 28, following the evening services. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with brother Barry Kennedy. Brother Kennedy has preached for the East Main church of Christ in Tupelo, MS for the past six years. Prior to that he served the Crossville church of Christ. He graduated from the Memphis School of Preaching and the Bear Valley Bible Institute. He also was a part of the team that went to knock doors in Selkirk Ontario back in 2003. He also spoke on our 2016 Summer Series. He will be addressing the topic: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15).

The True Physician

Our bodies have diseases
That attack against our will
We seek the best physicians
Longing to be healed.

They give us medication
To make our bodies whole
But only the Great Physician
Heals the sin sick soul!

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

I Want A Church That Meets My Needs

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that "meets our needs." The phrase itself has virtually become a new religious term. Many persons praise or blame a particular congregation because it is or is not "meeting my needs."

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression, for surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are being addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love and be called to repentance.

But being a part of the church to some means reaching for goals of "self- actualization." So, if the church doesn't fulfill certain expectations, wants and preferences, they must move on to another emotional department store with different merchandise more appealing to their "tastes."

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that "we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people's needs so they won't leave." Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God's church into a merchandising institution. So, we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christian's heart of "I'd like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs?" When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met, or when we meet the needs of God's church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation not so our needs can be met, but rather so we may best meet the needs of God's work.

Christians need to recall the Truth of the scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and be filled serving others. Jesus taught us, "...whosever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant)...even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (serve)" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Paul said of his own heart, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). And again, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). "Reasonable service" is not being served (having your needs met) but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Let's not demand that God's church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences. Let's turn it right side up again and be a part of a congregation, not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it!

~ William Woodson ~

How We Die

In what manner will we die?
We may ask along the way
Will it be sudden or prolonged
Or in old age slip away?

There are mysteries we can't fathom
The road ahead is often dim
But how we die does not matter
If we will die in Him.

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

