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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Mike Mullins
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
	Mark 12:34
	*Ray Weddington
Sermon	
	Danny Duncan

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Barry Mayes
Scripture	John 6:35
Lord's Table	*Norman Sain
	*Lincoln Sain
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jared Mullican

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Nate Turner
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ĺincoln Sain

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	183
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$5,595

Welcome Committee

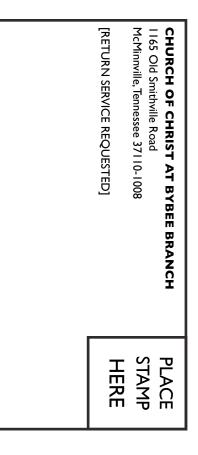
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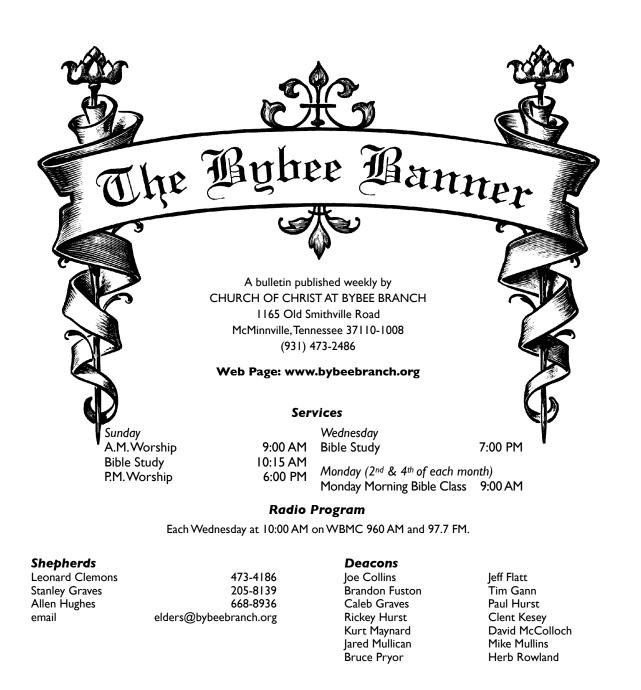
If you can not serve, please contact Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093

Ushers:Eddie Palmer, David N	1cColloch, Bruce Pryor	
Un/Lock Building:Herb Rowland/Mike Mullins		
Assist Baptisms:	Kara Hurst	
Pantry Item:	Fruit Cocktail	
Check Pantry:	Susan Pryor	
Check Kitchen:	Nancy Mayfield	
Check Workroom:	Cynthia Duncan	
Video	Tommy Turner	
Elder Closing Remarks	Allen Hughes	

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Bruce Pryor
Wednesday PM	Rickey Hurst





Preachers

Tony Lawrence (Preaching)212-6067emailpreacher@bybeebranch.org

Josue Castorena (Hispanic)

580-2477

Sick

At Home:

Eva Simons Glenda Ferrell Jessica Adams (following knee surgery) Judy Nussbaum Rusty Rydner (Daniel Schillinger's son-in-law) Osborn Huntley

Hospital

Helen Morgan - NHC moved into 215A

Autumn Street Fair

The Autumn Street Fair is coming up soon on Saturday, October 5. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those willing to volunteer for 90 minutes slots.

Area Events

- **Morrison** will host a Gospel Meeting with Chris Whitaker, September 22-25
- **New Union** will host a Gospel Meeting with Jeff Archey, September 22-25
- **Old Philadelphia Meeting House** will host a Gospel Singing on October 4.

Remember the ongoing events like...

School of Bible Emphasis that meets the second and fourth Monday's at Mt. Leo

Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies that meets on Thursday evenings at 6 and 7 PM at West Riverside.

Youth News

September 22 -Home Devo @Gann's September 25 -Birthday Wednesday September 29 -Youth Led Services

Bybee Branch to host Bible Bowl

On Sunday, October 6, Bybee Branch will host the first Bible Bowl for the season. The young people will be studying Acts 13-15. That morning we will be having a student from Memphis School of Preaching with us to preach and speak at the Bible Bowl. This year we will have with us Blake Haas.

Joint Service with Hispanic Brethren

On Sunday, September 22, we will enjoy a joint worship service with our Hispanic brethren. Following services we will also enjoy a fellowship meal together. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for items to bring. Feel free to invite your friends.

Update To Pews and Flooring

Last week it was announced that on October 7-11, the church auditorium would be undergoing a major facelift with the flooring being replaced and the pews refurbished and recovered. However, due to material being backordered the date has been pushed to late October.

Door Greeters

There has been interest in going back to having door greeters. There is a sheet on the bulletin board for those who are willing to do this. Please sign the list so preparations can be made to start having them again. We want to be a friendly and welcoming congregation.

Before You Speak:

T-H-I-N-K T—Is it TRUE? H—Is it HELPFUL? I—Is it IMPORTANT? N—Is it NECESSARY? K—Is it KIND?



Spiritual Cataracts

The thoughts in this post are the results of a devotional presented recently by one of the men in our congregation. As I talked with him later, I learned that he had never before done anything like this. He also told me that he was very, very nervous.All of that may be true, but all of that did not keep him from presenting some very good thoughts.

The short version of what he had to say is that he used a personal experience to make some great spiritual applications. He had recently had cataract surgery. What follows are some observations he made about cataracts (along with some I have thought of as I reflected on what he had to say). As you read them, hopefully you can, as he so ably did, make some applications concerning how sin affects our "spiritual vision."

 \cdot It may be possible, at least for a while, for a person to be unaware that he or she even has a cataract or that it is having an impact on his or her vision. Donna had that experience a few years ago. A "routine eye exam" found that she had a cataract so large that it kept her from using one of her eyes. Until then, she had no idea.

- Cataracts usually develop over a relatively long period of time. That is one of the reasons why they can be imperceptible for a while.
- It is so obvious that it is almost needless to make this point, but I will make it anyway. Cataracts cloud our vision. We do not see things clearly.
- Many (like me) put off doing what is necessary to eliminate the problem that is clouding our vision. We can easily come up with a long list of excuses, but they are just that – excuses, not reasons.
- It is easy and somewhat tempting to be satisfied with the status quo. Our (maybe unspoken) motto becomes – "I'm doing ok with how I'm seeing now. I don't see any reason to make any changes."

- While you must play a part in taking care of the problem, there is also somebody who has some abilities you don't have and upon whose expertise you need to rely if a cataract is to be removed.
- It would be foolish to think that removing a portion of a cataract (if that is even possible) would do any good. All of it must be removed in order to have clear vision.
- Whatever needs to be done is well worth the effort.

Again, you may think of more applications, but maybe these are enough to give you some "food for thought."

Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. (Luke 11:34)

~ Jim Faughn ~ Serves as and elder for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY via BulletinGold

How Long?

How long can a camel go without water? I read the other day where a tour guide in Israel asked a tour group this question. Some said, "Two weeks."

The guide said, "That's what most people think. Actually, a camel can go all of his life without water. Of course, if he doesn't get water in two weeks, that is all of his life!"

How long can a Christian go without singing? How long can one go without prayer? Bible study? The Lord's Supper? Worship?

The answer, of course, is all your life. But, if these things are not done often, that will be all of your spiritual life.

How long can YOU go without these things? Answer: all your spiritual life.

~ Roger Johnson ~ Via Bulletin Digest May 1993