

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Larry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston
Reading.....Dale Bennett
Scripture.....Ephesians 1:7
Lord's Table.....*Tim Fisher
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....David McColloch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Larry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes
Reading.....Marty Boles
Scripture.....Isaiah 38:1-3
Lord's Table.....*Ronnie Prince
.....*Cory Prince
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Jared Mullican

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Paul Hurst
Lead Singing.....Mike Mullins
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
Reading.....David McColloch
Invitation.....Rickey Hurst
Dismiss.....Jacob Graves

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship..... 161
Bible Study..... 121
P.M. Worship..... 119
Wednesday Bible Study.....88
Contribution.....\$5,166

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact
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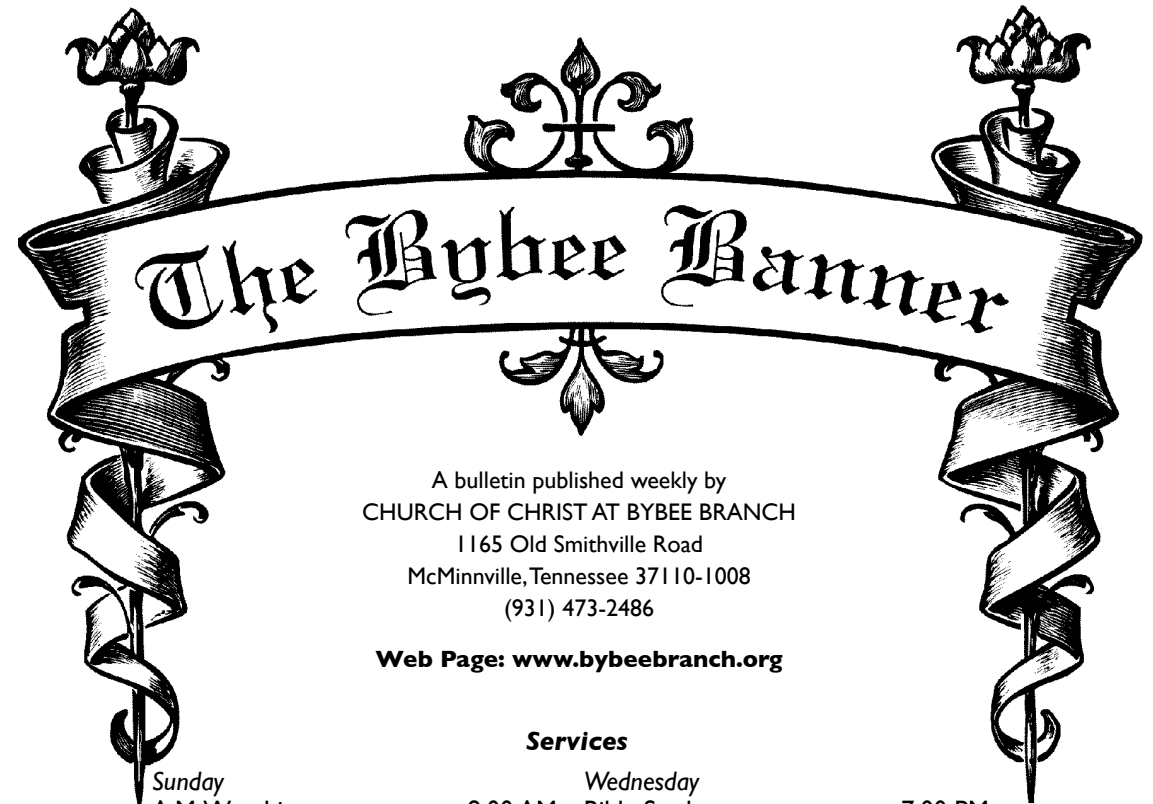
Ushers:.....Joe Maynard, Kurt Maynard, Rodney Maynard
Un/Lock Building:.....Rodney Maynard/Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms:.....Cynthia Duncan
Pantry Item:.....Canned Peas
Check Pantry:.....Kara Hurst
Check Kitchen:.....Susan Pryor
Check Workroom:.....Stefanie McColloch
Video.....Clent Kesey
Elder Closing Remarks.....Stanley Graves

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Sunday AM & PM.....Danny Duncan
Wednesday PM.....Stan Hillis

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Services

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

Radio Program

Each Sunday at 1:00 PM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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Glenda Ferrell
Linda Fults
Louise Miller
Clara Scott
Daniel Schillinger (following surgery)

Hospital

none known at this time

Youth News

January 19, HEY at Rocklif
February 2, Bible Bowl at Ivy Bluff (Acts 24-26)
February 16, HEY at Arlington

Singing School & Singing

The Morrison congregation is going to host a singing school on Thursday, January 9, and Saturday January 11. The classes will begin at 6 PM on Thursday evening for a couple hours and is primarily for song leaders. It will resume on Saturday morning at 8 AM also for song leaders. Then on Saturday afternoon at 5 PM there will be finger foods and fellowship followed by a congregational singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited.

Monday Morning Bible Class

Our Monday Morning Bible Class will resume this coming Monday, January 13, at 9 AM. We will begin with 2Samuel 15:30. Everyone is invited, young or young at heart!

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I hope in Him!””

Lamentations 3:22-24

Moses’ Excuses, God’s Answers

God told Moses He wanted to send him to deliver His people. He responded, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” God took away the excuse by promising to be with him. Anyone is someone with Almighty God on his side (Exodus 3:9-12; Romans 8:31).

Moses asked who he should say had sent him. God said to say, “I Am has sent me,” or the One who exists by His Own power (Exodus 3:13-14; Revelation 1:4)! Moses was to tell the Israelite elders that God had seen their suffering, would deliver them and take them to the promised land. Moses and the elders were to ask Pharaoh to let them go three days’ journey into the wilderness to worship their God. He foretold that Pharaoh would not let them go, even by a powerful hand. The Almighty would send them out with abundance as if Egypt had been plundered (Exodus 3:13-22; Genesis 15:14)!

Moses said the people would not believe him. God gave him three miracles designed to convince the elders that he was God’s chosen messenger. His rod would become a serpent and turn back into a rod. His hand would be leprous and then whole again. Water from the river would turn to blood when poured out on the ground (Exodus 4:1-9).

Moses next said he was not an eloquent public speaker, either before God began speaking or at that very moment. This excuse borders on being an accusation against God. It is tacitly false, as Deuteronomy demonstrates. God did not remedy this supposed problem, but He said He had made man’s mouth and could strengthen Moses (Exodus 4:10-12).

Moses finally asked God to send anyone but him. God was angry because He had promised all necessary aid. He gave to Moses his brother Aaron as his mouthpiece. The ultimate power would come from God as He gave Moses the words to speak (Exodus 4:13-17).

The futility of making excuses to God is evident. He made us. He knows us. He will not ask us to do anything we are unable to do.

~ Gary C. Hampton ~

Lessons From A Coffin

Many events from the life of Joseph exemplify the great faith that he had in God. You may recall the advances of Potiphar’s wife toward the young, vulnerable Joseph. He maintained his purity, for he knew to give in to temptation was to sin against God (Gen.39:9). Perhaps you remember Joseph’s attitude toward his brothers who had so mistreated him. His faith in God allowed Joseph to maintain an attitude of love and concern for his brothers (Gen.50:19-21). However, no other event in the life of Joseph shows his great faith in God as does the commandment he gave concerning his death (Gen.50:25,26). Many great lessons can be gleaned from the injunction Joseph gave concerning his burial.

First, it shows that Joseph’s faith was not dimmed. Joseph was separated from everything and everyone he knew and loved—everyone, that is, except for God. Joseph was in an idolatrous nation where no one knew him. He could have very easily renounced his faith in God and done as he pleased, but Joseph’s faith in God would not allow him to do so. He was separated from God’s people, yet he was determined to please God, even if he were the only one in the whole nation who was willing to take this stand. His faith was his own. It was not inherited, and it was not reliant upon others. Because of this, Joseph did not allow circumstances that occurred throughout his life to dim his faith.

Second, the commandment Joseph gave concerning his death shows that his heart was in Canaan even though he was in Egypt. Joseph could see past the adversity. He knew that the things he had endured were not the end of it all. Through the eye of faith Joseph could see the unseen. In his heart, Joseph longed for that land that God had promised to His people (Gen.12:1-3). Although Joseph did not know when this would take place, he knew that it would happen. God promised it would be so, and in Joseph’s heart that settled it. Joseph knew he was but a stranger in a strange land, a citizen of the land of Canaan, merely passing through Egypt.

Third, the commandment Joseph gave concerning his death serves as a reminder. It reminds us that

God is faithful to keep His promises. Joseph’s coffin is a reminder that we are all mortal. Despite this fact, Joseph’s coffin reminds us that there is hope of life beyond this life. Joseph’s coffin reminded Israel that Egypt was not their home, and it reminds us that this world is not our home. Joseph’s coffin serves as a reminder that we need to be patient. It took over 215 years for Joseph’s command concerning his death to be fulfilled! Every time the children of Israel saw Joseph’s coffin, or walked past his tomb, they were reminded of these things. Joseph faced the hardships of life with an unwavering faith, and he faced death with the same great faith.

What a great lesson in faith for all of us!

~Patrick Morrison~
(Adapted from idea by Bobby Liddell)

Let a Man Examine Himself

“But let a man examine himself...” 1 Corinthians 11:28

When we examine others, we justify self—but when we examine self, we are more disposed to justify others.

Let a man:

- Examine his company (Psalm 1; Proverbs 13:20). Fowl of a feather flock together.
- Examine his habits (1 John 2:15).
- Examine his thoughts (Psalm 10:4). “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).
- Examine his affections (Colossians 3:2). “To be carnally minded is death” (Romans 8:6).
- Examine his motives (1 Corinthians 10:31). Are they acting for self or for God? (Colossians 3:17)

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