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Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements	Larry Flatt		
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves		
First Prayer	Mike Mullins		
Reading	Marty Boles		
Scripture	Ephesians 1:13-14		
Lord's Table	*Bruce Pryor		
Sermon	Tony Lawrence		
Dismiss	Ken Martin		

Sunday Evening Worship

Larry Flatt
Caleb Graves
Norman Sain
Chris Snow
lsaiah 38:1-3
*Kurt Maynard
*Kane Maynard
Tony Lawrence
Jacob Graves

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Paul Hurst
Lead Singing	Lincoln Sain
First Prayer	Tim Fisher
Reading	Eddie Palmer
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

Record for the Week...

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A.M. Worship	151
Bible Study	129
P.M. Worship	112
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$16.282

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

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

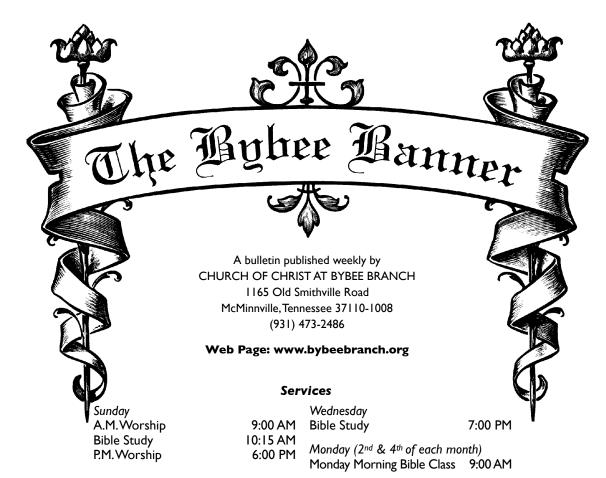
Ushers:	Dale Bennett, Willie Newby
Un/Lock Building:Ro	odney Maynard/Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms:	Cynthia Duncan
Pantry Item:	Canned Corn
Check Pantry:	Kara Hurst
Check Kitchen:	Susan Pryor
Check Workroom:	Stefanie McColloch
Video	Clent Kesey
Elder Closing Remarks	Stanley Graves

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Danny Duncan
Wednesday PM .	Stan Hillis

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Radio Program

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

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		Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

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Sick

At Home:

Judy Nussbaum Judy Payne Martha Cathey Eunice Haley Glenda Ferrell Linda Fults Louise Miller

Clara Scott

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Avie Clemons

Scarlett Griffith (following surgery last Thursday)

Hospital

Anna Jean Bond - RiverPark Rehab

Alfred Johnson's mother, Jothie Bai, had a fall and if you would like to send her a card please bring it to the office and they will be sent together as a group.

Youth News

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

Ladies Day

The Morrison church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on January 25. Registration begins at 9 AM. Lunch will be served afterward. The theme will be "Recipe For A Good Life"

Welcome

We welcome to the congregation Susan Grandey. Her address is 341 George Trail; McMinnville, TN 37110. Please give her a warm welcome to the congregation.

Volunteers Needed for Video

Every service at Bybee Branch is streamed on Facebook and then uploaded to Youtube. The Sunday morning service is also edited for broadcast on Ben Lomand TV. If you would be willing to assist in this please see Tony. It doesn't take long to train how to do this effectively.

Psalm 119

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm. It is also the longest chapter in the Bible. It is an acrostic. Each verse in each section of eight verses begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet, through 22 sections in (Hebrew) alphabetical order. Quite a literary feat! In addition, every one of the 176 verses contains a synonym for God's Word: "law" verse 1, "testimonies" verse 2, "ways" verse 3, "precepts" verse 4, "statutes" verse 5, "commandments" verse 6, "rules" verse 7, "statutes" verse 8, etc.

God's Word is our joy and delight. "In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches" (14). "I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word" (16). "Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors" (24). "The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces" (72). "Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day" (97).

God's Word keeps us from sin. "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word" (9). "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (11).

God's Word is eternal and unchanging. "Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens" (89). "Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true" (142). "Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live" (144). "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever" (160).

God's Word helps us in our afflictions. "This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life" (50). "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word" (67). "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes" (71). "Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight" (143).

God's Word keeps us from error. "Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way" (104). "Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way" (128).

God's Word defines our fellowship. "I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts" (63). "Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies" (79).

God's Word guides our way safely. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (105). "Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble" (165)

~ Cecil May, Jr. ~

First Things First!

Christ revealed the need for setting proper priorities in Matthew 6:33. Putting first things last and last things first is far too easy and frequent. Therefore, consider four particulars from the words of Christ that will aid in putting first things first.

Obligation: "seek." We must understand that Jesus issued a command—not an option. If we desire a heavenly home, we must follow this absolute imperative. Seeking requires a diligent effort on our part. Notice Hebrews 11:6, which reads, "but without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Objects: "the kingdom of God and his right-eousness." The top priorities in a Christian's life are the "kingdom" or the church (Matthew 16:18-19) and "his righteousness." These are revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16-17).

Order: "first." The emphasis is that the church which belongs to Christ must never take a back seat. In all we do, we must seek to put these things first in our hearts, minds, souls and strength! The concept of "seeking first" for the things of God is a predominant biblical concept that touches one's motivation and priorities including how one spends his or her leisure time, the goals one sets in life and whether a person experiences spiritual growth.

Outcome: "all these things shall be added unto you." This statement shows the blessings that will

result if one's priorities are right. The result for obediently seeking the kingdom and God's right-eousness will lead to every need being supplied in accordance with God Himself. What an awesome promise. This does not mean that all one's wants will be granted. Without fail, God will surely take care of a Christian's daily requirements. It is also a clear reminder that "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33).

One old recipe for preparing rabbit started out with this injunction, "First catch the rabbit." The writer knew how to put first things first. That's what we do when we establish priorities. We put the things that should be in first place in their proper order.

~ Mark N. Posey ~

Some Words of Wisdom

For evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good men to do nothing. (Edmund Burke)

More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them. (Harold J. Smith)

The greatest failure is the failure to try. (William Arthur Ward)

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing. (John Chrysostom)

Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive. (C.S. Lewis)

Friendship is like money, easier made than kept. (Samuel Butler)

If you are not generous with a meager income, you will never be generous with abundance. (Harold Nye)

If you've nothing to shoot for you'll hit it every time. (John Richard Wimber)

After all, there is but one race - humanity. (George Moore)

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you. (John E. Southard)