

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Larry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins
First Prayer.....Bobby Ashford
Reading.....Kurt Maynard
Scripture.....Ephesians 1:15-16
Lord's Table.....*Norman Sain
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Nate Turner

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Larry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins
First Prayer.....Jeff Flatt
Reading.....Ken Martin
Scripture.....Acts 17:22-23
Lord's Table.....*Tim Gann
.....*Tucker Gann
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss..... Danny Duncan

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Paul Hurst
Lead Singing.....Tim Gann
First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst
Reading.....Lincoln Sain
Invitation.....Don Sullivan
Dismiss.....Cory Prince

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship..... 135
Bible Study.....108
P.M. Worship.....63
Wednesday Bible Study.....80
Contribution.....\$9,035

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact
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Ushers:.....Eddie Palmer, David McColloch, Bruce Pryor
Un/Lock Building:.....Rodney Maynard/Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms:.....Cynthia Duncan
Pantry Item:.....Tomato Soup
Check Pantry:.....Kara Hurst
Check Kitchen:.....Susan Pryor
Check Workroom:.....Stefanie McColloch
Video.....Clent Kesey
Elder Closing Remarks.....Leonard Clemons

Van Driver

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

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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 (2nd & 4th of each month)
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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Sick

At Home:

Avie Clemons
Judy Nussbaum
Judy Payne
Martha Cathey
Eunice Haley
Linda Fults
Louise Miller
Clara Scott

Jothie Bai (Alfred Johnson's mother) if you would like to send her a card please bring it to the office by this coming Sunday.

Hospital

Anna Jean Bond - NHC for rehab
Glenda Ferrell - St. Thomas Rutherford

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"

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.

Pray for the elders

Please pray for the elders as they seek a new preacher for the congregation. There are several good men who are being considered and the elders seek your prayers that they will find the right person for the job.

*"But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."
(2 Timothy 4:5)*

Youth and Youth Parent Meeting

This coming Sunday night (26th) we will be having a youth & youth parent meeting following evening services. We will be discussing the next few months of activities and also looking for ideas to be planning for.

A few of the things we will discuss will be CYC, Spring Youth Retreat, Home Devotional hosts, Short Mountain Bible Camp, and other things.

Please make plans to attend so we can make our youth group grow and be a close knit group of young Christians.

Challenge Youth Conference (CYC)

CYC is just a little over 4 weeks away (February 20-23). We have made a few changes from previous years. We will be going up on Thursday night so we can have some fellowship before the sessions begin and not be so rushed on Friday. We have about 17 people going at the moment but we do have a few extra tickets if more want to come. We would love to have you. Details will given more in depth at the parent meeting.

Spring Youth Retreat (SYR)

SYR is a little over 2 months away so please make your calendars. We would love to have several attend this year. It will be the 25th Anniversary of SYR and plans are in the works for this special event. More in depth details will be coming in the next couple of weeks as plans are nailed down.

Upcoming Events January-February

January 29 - Youth & Youth Parent Meeting

February 2 - Bible Bowl @ Ivy Bluff

February 2 - Sunday Night Eats

February 16 - H.E.Y. @ Arlington

February 20-23 - CYC Pigeon Forge

February 26 - Birthday Wednesday

A Plea for Restoration

Men like John Wycliffe, in the 1300's, saw a corrupted church, which led, in turn, to remarkable wickedness. They called for men to use Scripture only to determine the will of God. Good people are shocked by the changes of recent days. Hatred seems to grow by the minute. Sin is openly practiced and set forth as the way every right-thinking person should walk, or at least praise. Our world needs the Savior and His church, but division has torn believers apart. **We must restore the church of the Bible if we are to turn the world around.**

A restored church is united on the Bible alone. Its members must speak the very words of God (1 Peter 4:11). Those words God spoke are found in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Every believer should, over time, grow in knowledge so he or she can teach others. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Hebrews 5:12 NKJV).

A restored church will reject all man-made creeds. A creed is "a brief authoritative formula of religious belief" (*Merriam-Webster.com*). God's children must, as Paul told Timothy, "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:13). He later explained that the young preacher should only preach the Word (2 Timothy 4:1-4). He also told Titus, "But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

A restored church will only use scriptural names for the people of God. The church itself has no proper name, only descriptions. It is described as the church of God; the temple of God; the church of the firstborn ones; the body of Christ; the household of God; the kingdom of the Son; churches of Christ; and the household of God (1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; Hebrews 12:23; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19; Colossians 1:13; Romans 16:16; Galatians 6:10). **God gave**

Christ's disciples the name Christian (Acts 11:26). We know God gave the name because the word "called" is used in Scripture to describe a divine message (Matthew 2:12, 22; Hebrews 11:7). Each church is self-governing in the restored church. Paul addressed the letter to the church in Philippi, "To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Philippians 1:1). Those bishops, or overseers, are responsible for watching out for the souls of the saints where they serve (Acts 20:28). Peter, who was an elder, instructed his fellow elders to, "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:1-4).

The saved were the only members of the first century church, and likewise, the saved are the only members of the first century church – the restored church – in the 21st century. Luke reported that the Lord added those being saved to the church (Acts 2:47). No human being or group of humans voted on their membership. They had to have been set free from their sins as described by Peter to those asking what they must do to be saved (Acts 2:37-41). Paul likewise understood that one enters a new life as he comes up out of the waters of baptism (Romans 6:3-4).

The solution to the hatred and sinfulness surrounding us is found in a call to **restore the church as God designed it.** We must probe the depths of God's Word to find His will for our lives, because knowing it can change the world.

Gary C. Hampton
via the Gospel Gazette
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*"Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"
(Jeremiah 6:16)*