

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Tommy Turner  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Scripture.....Ephesians 2:19  
 Lord's Table.....\*Barry Mayes  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer .....Don Sullivan  
 Reading.....Rickey Hurst  
 Scripture.....2Peter 1:3-4  
 Lord's Table .....\*Brandon Fuston  
 .....\*Clent Kesey  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor  
 Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
 Reading.....Nate Turner  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Tucker Gann

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 174  
 Bible Study..... 138  
 P.M. Worship..... 104  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....96  
 Contribution .....\$6,231

**Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact  
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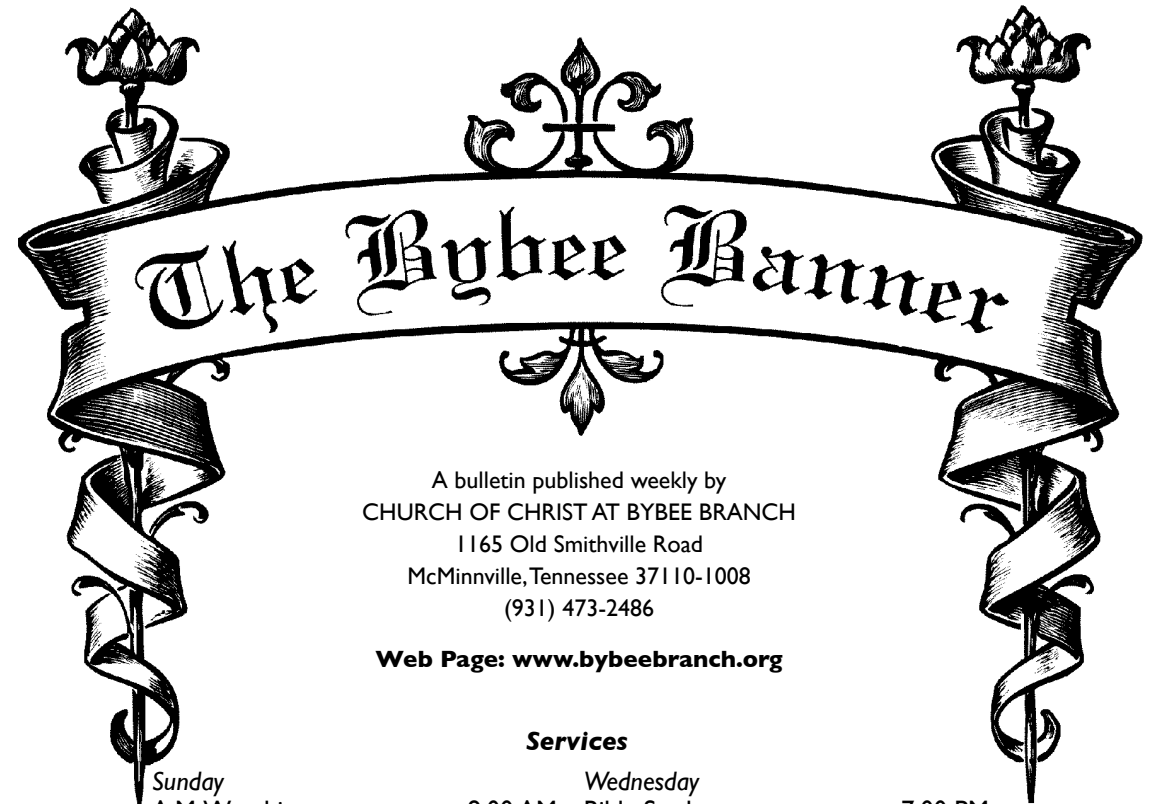
Ushers:.....Dale Bennett, Willie Newby, Herb Rowland  
 Un/Lock Building:.....Ronnie Prince/Caleb Graves  
 Assist Baptisms: .....Marsha Collins  
 Pantry Item: .....Jello  
 Check Pantry:.....Jane Flatt  
 Check Kitchen:.....Stefanie McColloch  
 Check Workroom:.....Denice Rhea  
 Video.....Caleb Hughes  
 Elder Closing Remarks .....Leonard Clemons

**Van Driver**

Sunday AM & PM .....Barry Mayes  
 Wednesday PM .....Allen Hughes

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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TV Program**

Each Sunday at 11:00 AM on BLTV Channel 6

**Shepherds**

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Kurt Maynard	David McColloch
Jared Mullican	Mike Mullins
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

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## Sick

### At Home:

Gary Grizzell (following surgery)  
Judy Nussbaum  
Eunice Haley  
Louise Miller

### Hospital

Glenda Ferrell - Manchester Rehab  
Jewell Thomison - River Park

*Several those who have been on our sick list have been moved to the shut-in list.*

## Prospective New Deacons

This past Sunday the elders placed the names of Barry Mayes and Cory Prince before the congregation to be considered as deacons. The elders ask if you know of any scriptural reason why any of these men should not serve as a deacon that you put it in writing and sign your name to it, and give it to one of the elders no later than February 23. If no scriptural objections are made these men will be installed as deacons on March 2.

## Ladies Day Planning Meeting

Ladies' Day planning meeting will be this Sunday, February 16, at 5:00 PM

## House To House

The new issue of the House to House magazine has been mailed. If you do not get one mailed to your house you can pick up one on the cabinet in the lobby next to the bulletins. Also, there are several tracts that are available where you can pick up and give to your friends or family. This is a great resource for spiritual growth.

## Challenge Youth Conference (CYC)

CYC is just a little over a week 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.

## 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 Youth Events In February

February 16 - H.E.Y. @ Arlington  
February 20-23 - CYC Pigeon Forge  
February 26 - Birthday Wednesday



## Empty!

This past week, a friend of mine (who shall remain nameless) had some car trouble more than 500 miles from his home. If you've ever been in that situation, it is certainly disconcerting to say the least. What do you do? Who do you call? How much will it cost? All these questions rush through your mind.

In my friend's case, after paying a tow truck, it was just a matter of putting gas in the gas tank (now do you see why he will remain nameless)?

But in his defense, while he ran out of gas, his gas gauge was showing that he still had a quarter of a tank of gas remaining. Of course, I couldn't help but see a spiritual application in this event.

How many people do you suppose are trusting in a "fallible gauge?" How many people do you think are being told they're alright, but their "tank is empty"? I do know that on the day of Judgment, there will be some who stand before Christ, surprised that they are not saved (Matthew 7:21-23).

To avoid such a fate, we must trust in the only "gauge" that will never fail and never mislead us... the Word of God. Friends, spend time in God's Word so that you can make your calling and election sure.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

## A Lack of Knowledge

These were difficult days. By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they broke all restraint. Bloodshed was followed with more bloodshed. The land itself mourned, and everyone living there languished. What horrible conditions in which to live! The source of these troubles, however, was easy enough to diagnose. There was no knowledge of God in the land, of His will, of truth, mercy and justice. While there was much external religious activity, it was based on human emotions, not the revealed will of God. Everyone's image of God was based on their own desires, not on God's revelation of Himself in Scripture, His revealed truth. The result was Hosea's cry that, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

The above description, while written almost 2,700 years ago, would well fit our day and age. While there is a lot of talk about God, Jesus and spirituality, there is little time spent in the only source available that reveals them clearly and authoritatively, the Bible. Emotions and feelings take priority and God must conform to these. Actually, it must be the other way around. Our knowledge and understanding of God must grab our attention, focus our emotions and motivate our actions. Paul spoke of the Jews of his day ... "I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness" (Romans 10:2-3). The same is true of many today.

Of course, knowledge without love puffs up, resulting in arrogance (1 Corinthians 8:1). It shouldn't be one or the other, but one with the other. The current swing of the pendulum in modern society, away from a real knowledge of God based in Scripture, has produced the same results that Hosea lamented in his day. Problems in government, problems in society, even problems in the church, share a common source. When everyone does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25), the consequences can be devastating. Unless we get back to living as God intends, how much farther will society go? Unless we get back to Scripture as a pattern for the church, will we become just another denomination?

We must redefine the parameters of our love within the framework of a knowledge of God. We

must take Scripture to heart, and apply it to life. We must cease trying to form God to our image, and instead allow ourselves to be molded in His image. "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

~ Robert Johnson ~

## God Does Not Compromise

As the land of Egypt suffered through the plagues God sent against them in punishment for Pharaoh's refusal to allow the Israelites to go into the desert and serve the LORD, Pharaoh, having already broken many promises but under pressure from his servants (Exodus 10:7), offered up a compromise solution. Pharaoh offered to let the Israelites go into the wilderness but only on the condition that they leave their children behind (Exodus 10:8-11). The Lord's response was the plague of locusts followed by darkness. Then Pharaoh offered to let the Israelites go into the wilderness and take their children, but on the condition that they leave their flocks and herds behind. But Moses rejected his offer because it was not what God wanted (Exodus 10:24-26).

Often today, people wish to bargain with God over what he will allow and what he requires of them. For some reason, they believe that if they go along with some of God's requirements, he should just forget about the rest. However, God does not operate that way. He knows what is best for us and offers us a covenant that is in our best interest out of his love (1 John 4:7-11). Our obedience -- without any exceptions we may propose -- is essential to pleasing him (Hebrews 5:8-9). Pharaoh had every opportunity to accept God's will and let the Israelites serve him in the wilderness. Due to his own pride, he lost his slave laborers not only for a few days but forever. As we consider what God tells us to do, we must remember: God does NOT compromise. He does not change (Malachi 3:6) -- we must change (Joshua 1:7).

~ Kevin Rhodes ~