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## February 23, 2025

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	Mike Mullins
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
Scripture	Ephesians 3:4
Lord's Table	*Larry Flatt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bobby Ashford

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Mike Mullins
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	Nehemiah 4:2
Lord's Table	*Dale Bennett
	*Willie Newby
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David McColloch

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing	Lincoln Sain
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Jacob Graves
Invitation	Paul Hurst
Dismiss	Brandon Fuston

#### **Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	95
Contribution	\$4,579

## Welcome Committee

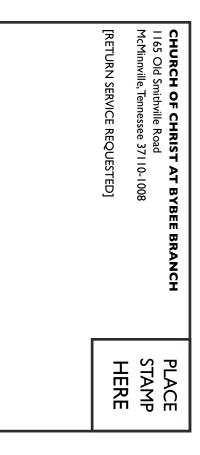
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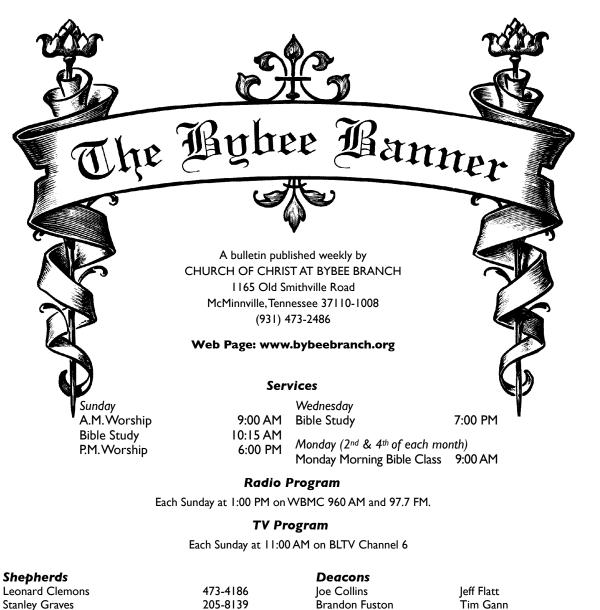
If you can not serve, please contact Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093

Ushers:Eddie Palmer, David McColloch, Bruce Pryor		
Un/Lock Building:Ronnie Prince/Caleb Graves		
Assist Baptisms:	Marsha Collins	
Pantry Item:	Tea bags	
Check Pantry:	Jane Flatt	
Check Kitchen:	Stefanie McColloch	
Check Workroom:	Denice Rhea	
Video	Caleb Hughes	
Elder Closing Remarks	Stanley Graves	

## Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Barry Mayes
Wednesday PM	Allen Hughes





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Paul Hurst **Clent Kesey** David McColloch Mike Mullins Herb Rowland

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Jared Mullican

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# Sick

#### At Home:

Judy Nussbaum Eunice Haley Susan Pryor

#### Hospital

Glenda Ferrell - Manchester Rehab Jewell Thomison - River Park #250 Nancy Rogers will have back surgery on March 4 at Centennial Medical Center. Dan Jones, preacher at Earleyville had hip surgery on February 17 at St.Thomas Rutherford

# **Prospective New Deacons**

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.

# **Area Events**

The *Findlay church of Christ* will host an Accordance Seminar on February 27 from 9 AM to 12 PM with Tony Lawrence teaching.

The Arlington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on March 9-11 with Jeff Archey. For times and topics see the bulletin board.

The East End church of Christ will host a Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies Student Lectureship. Details will be forthcoming.

The Rockliff church of Christ will host a Girls Training Day on April 12, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Speaking will be Amanda Key

Don't forget that our own Gospel Meeting will be April 20-23 with Don Blackwell. Postcards for advertisement are already here. You should be able to pick them up soon.

# **CYC** this Weekend

Time has come again for us to make our voyage to Pigeon Forge to attend CYC (Challenge Youth Conference). We have several young people going along with several chaperones. We will be leaving this Thursday after school. We will meet at 3:30 pm to load things up and plan on leaving the church building at 4 pm. We will stop in Crossville and eat a bite of supper (some call it dinner ). The following day we will be doing an outing as a youth group before we start the sessions on Friday evening. We will be sending a text to those attending for questions and updates. Please pray that our youth group and chaperones will have a safe trip and will grow spiritually from the lessons presented.

# SYR - Fast approaching

SYR (Spring Youth Retreat) is a little over a month away. If the Lord wills, the plans will begin to be finalized this week. Please be looking for the announcement of what all is coming for SYR 2025, the 25th anniversary of SYR.

## **Upcoming Youth Events**

February 20-23 - Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) @ Pigeon Forge February 26 - Birthday Wednesday March 2 - Bible Bowl @ Rockcliff March 9 - Sunday Night Eats March 16 - H.E.Y. @ Rock Island March 26 - Birthday Wednesday March 28 - 30 - Spring Youth Retreat (SYR) @ Camp Hy-Lake



Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": **Ecclesiastes 12:1** 

# **Forgive Seven Times?**

In Matthew 18:21-22, we read, "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." Among some of the rabbis it had come to be understood that a man did not have to forgive his neighbor more than three times. They used Amos 1:3 and 2:6 to support this belief. By asking the question the way Peter did, he was going beyond rabbinical teaching. He increased it to seven times. Seven was seen as the number for completion or perfection. Three was the number for heaven and four was the number of the world. Adding them together gave the idea of union of heaven and earth to the rabbis.

However, Peter's question still gave the impression that there was a limit to forgiveness. In the Jewish rabbinical mind one was doing something exceptional to forgive. One was foregoing a right when one forgave someone. To put limitation on it meant there was not an eternal right for forgiveness in the kingdom of God.

Jesus' response demonstrated that God's mercy and grace is eternal. As long as someone is sorry for what he did and asks for forgiveness, forgiveness should be given. Jesus supported this teaching in Luke 17 when He stated that if a brother trespassed against you seven times in one day, then you should forgive him seven times that day if he repented. I am glad that our God is so forgiving. I know that I will stumble and fall in my spiritual life. I know that no matter how many times it happens, I can repent and ask forgiveness and God will give it to me. He is the God of love.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can from it. Obey God. Make sure you are in the proper relationship with Him so that you can receive forgiveness when you sin. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

~ Mark McWhorter ~

"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:37)

# Watch Your Mind Food

It is amazing how much time Americans spend on eating. We either prepare the food or discuss where we are going to eat. Then, we eat. Afterward, we discuss how it was and what we might do to make it even better the next time. There are even television channels devoted to food.

Christians need to realize that what we put into our stomachs is not as important as what we put into our minds. Jesus said,

Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man. (Matthew 15:17-20)

Each child of God would be blessed by devoting time to consideration of what he is feeding his mind. The best "restaurant" for the mind is not found in popular music, magazines or television programs. Instead, it is found in a diligent search through God's Word to discover how to be a proper workman for him (2 Timothy 2:15). Those who have been risen with Christ must put their focus on "those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:1-2).

Paul gave specific types of "mind food" on which to focus. "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Any faithful reader of God's Word will recognize the greatest source of materials of these sorts is the Bible. Let us resolve to make daily Bible reading a habit. It will make us better people.

~ Gary C. Hampton ~