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Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements	Willie Newby		
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst		
First Prayer	Allen Hughes		
Reading	Nate Turner		
Scripture	Proverbs 25:2-3		
Lord's Table	Dale Bennett		
Sermon	Derrick Stiles		
Dismiss	Tony Lawrence		

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
	Kane Newby
Reading	Lincoln Sain
_	Peter 4:11
	Stanley Graves
	Jacob Graves
	Derrick Stiles
Dismiss	Joseph Stiles

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing	Jared Mullican
First Prayer	Cory Prince
Reading	Tommy Turner
Invitation	Tim Fisher
Dismiss	Joe Collins

Record for the Week...

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A.M. Worship	183
Bible Study	128
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$5438

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact Brandon Fuston (931) 235-3248

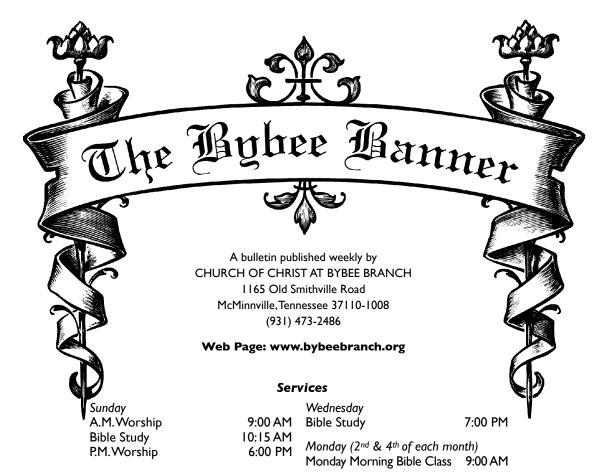
Ushers:Dale E	Bennett, WIllie Newby, Herb Rowland
Un/Lock Building:	Bill Jennings, Willie Newby
Assist Baptisms:	Marsha Collins
Pantry Item:	Canned Tuna
Check Pantry:	Kara Fuston
	Stephanie McColloch
Check Workroom:	Denise Rhea
Video	Caleb Graves
Elder Closing Remarks	Leonard Clemons

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Stanley Graves AM
	Tommy Turner PM
Wednesday PM	Kelly Thaxton

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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		Deacons	
Leonard Clemons	473-4186	Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Stanley Graves	205-8139	Brandon Fuston	Tim Gann
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		Barry Mayes	Kurt Maynard
		David McColloch	Jared Mullican
		Mike Mullins	Cory Prince
Preachers		Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland
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Sick List:

Shut-In At Home:

Maggie Hurst

Hospital:

Steve Nearing - River Park #208

Sympathy:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Donnie Brown. He was the stepfather of our own Rachel Graves. The family has elected to have Mr. Brown cremated per his request. A special service for the family will take place at a later date near his home town in West Tennessee.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family of sister Donna Martin. Donna was the sister of Gail Crouch and Joe Maynard. Please continue praying for the families as they grieve her loss in the coming weeks and months. She was laid to rest on October 11th

Upcoming Area Events:

West Riverside church of Christ is hosting the final night of the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies on Thursday night November 20. Class begins at 6 & 7pm.

Bible Bowl at Arlington

Bible Bowl will be December 7th at Arlington church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test of I Corinthians 7-9.

Monday Morning Bible Class

We'll not meet again until December 8th at 9am and begin our study with I Kings 9:1. The class will not meet again in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, December 8th will be our breakfast at 8am before class. Hope to see you there!



Youth Fellowship Outing...

On November 25 the youth will be going to Topgolf for a time of fun and fellowship. The details are incomplete at this time. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches more decisions will be made as to what time and location this will take place.

H.E.Y. @ Bybee Branch Nov. 16

Bybee Branch will be hosting H.E.Y. (Helping Edify Youth) program on the 16th of November. We will need all hands on deck as we are host to the kids from several congregations in the Warren County area. The goal is to provide an interactive activity at 5pm, followed by a lesson connecting the activity to scripture at 6pm. What good would youth fellowship be without the necessary fellowship meal to follow at 7pm. Be making plans to attend and be a part of this great work!

Food Pantry

We first want to say thank you to all who give so generously to the food pantry. This is a simple, yet beneficial work here at the church. With the recent events to the loss of benefits for families in need we are seeing a rise in benevolence work out of the food pantry. Please be checking the bulletin each week for items needed as inventories are quickly declining. Again, Thank you all for your willingness to give to such a good work!

Great News!

We have a new secretary to assist in the work at Bybee Branch. The elders have chosen Sister Janice Rogers to fill the position of secretary at the building. We are excited to have Sister Janice working on the day to day tasks. Her current hours, per the elders request, will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to 12pm. We are encouraged by her willingness to take on this work and to be a benefit to the congregation as a whole.

John 16:33

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Different by Design

From the beginning of creation, God made a clear distinction between light and darkness, right and wrong, truth and error. In Genesis 1:4 we read, "God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness." This divine separation shows that God intends His people to be different by design. We are not meant to blend in with the world but to shine as lights in it (Philippians 2:15).

The Lord's church, the Church of Christ, was designed to be different from the religious world around it. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." The church belongs to Christ, not to man. It follows His pattern, not human traditions or creeds. Paul reminded the Corinthians, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11). The design of the Lord's church is therefore unique—it is divine in origin, simple in structure, and distinct in purpose.

The church is called to be a peculiar people—not odd or strange, but set apart for God's service. Peter wrote, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). The word "holy" means "set apart." To be holy is to live differently—to think, speak, and act according to the will of God rather than the patterns of this world.

Paul urged Christians, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). This transformation is not accidental; it is intentional. We are designed to live by the teaching of Christ. The pattern for worship, organization, and daily living is found in the New Testament. We sing without instruments because the early church sang with the heart (Ephesians 5:19). We partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week because that is what the disciples did (Acts 20:7). We have elders and deacons as the Bible directs (Philippians 1:1). These are not traditions of men—they are part of God's divine design for His church.

Being different will sometimes bring challenges. Jesus said, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18). Yet, our difference is our strength. When we live as God intends, the world can see Christ in us. Our kindness, honesty, purity, and love all testify that we belong to Him.

We must never apologize for being different by design. It is what God intended from the beginning. The Lord's church is not just another denomination—it is the body of Christ, distinct in name, worship, and doctrine because it follows the pattern revealed in Scripture.

Let us embrace that difference with joy and conviction, remembering Paul's words: "Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord" (2 Corinthians 6:17).

To be different by design is not a burden—it is a blessing. It is the way to glorify God and to lead others to His marvelous light.

Derrick Stiles



His Design Is Divine

I'm different by design, not chance, not fate, Shaped by the hands that create what's great. Set apart for purpose, holy and true, Made in His image, my path made new.

The world may mock, but I'll still stand, Guided and guarded by His loving hand. Called from darkness, I now shine His light, Walking by faith, not sight nor might.

In Christ I find my place, my calling, Redeemed, restored — by grand design. For I am His, and He is mine, Forever different — by design divine.

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