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### **November 23, 2025**

Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements	Willie Newby		
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves		
First Prayer	Rickey Hurst		
Reading	Talan Mullican		
Scripture	Ephesians 3:14-15		
Lord's Table	Tim Gann		
Sermon	Derrick Stiles		
Diemies	Robby Ashford		

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	
Reading	•
Scripture	
Lord's Table	
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Sermon	
Dismiss	

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing	Mike Mullins
First Prayer	Ray Weddington
Reading	
Invitation	Derrick Stiles
Dismiss	Norman Sain

#### Record for the Week...

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A.M. Worship	175
Bible Study	126
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	89
Contribution	\$5324

#### **Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

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

Jshers:Edd	lie Palmer, David McColloch, Bruce Pryor
Jn/Lock Building:	Bill Jennings, Willie Newby
Assist Baptisms:	Marsha Collins
Pantry Item:	Pinto or Great Northern Beans
Check Pantry:	Kara Fuston
Check Kitchen:	Stephanie McColloch
Check Workroom:	Denise Rhea
Video	Jeff Flatt
Elder Closing Rema	rksStanley Graves

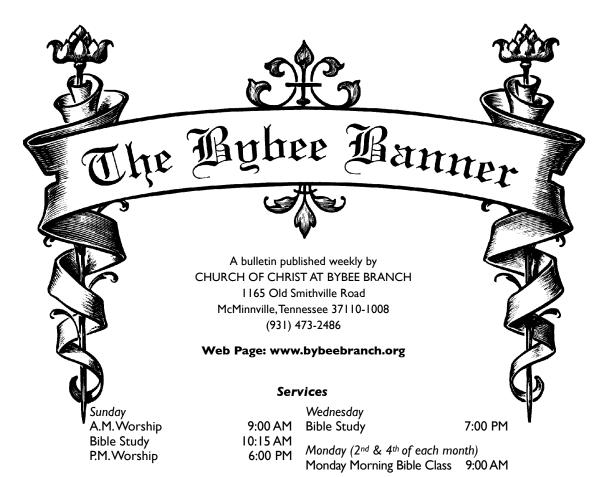
#### **Van Driver**

Sunday AM & PM	Tommy Turner
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

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### **Sick List:**

### **Shut-In At Home:**

Steve Nearing

Maggie Hurst

# **Hospital:**

Cynthia Duncan - Having surgery on November 19th at St. Thomas Rutherford. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

# **Sympathy:**

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Jason Todd. He was the son-in-law Eugene Womack, as well as, the nephew of Eva Simons. Jason was laid to rest on Monday November 17th.

# **Upcoming Area Events:**

# **H.E.Y. Helping Edify Youth**

Thank you to everyone who participated in some capacity last Sunday to make H.E.Y. a success. The next scheduled H.E.Y. Program will be hosted by Rock Island church of Christ on January 18th. There will be a not hosting congregation or program during the month of December due to the holidays.

# **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 over I Corinthians 7-9.

# **Monday Morning Bible Class**

We will meet again on 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.

# **Ladies Holiday Party**

To all the ladies please be making plans to fellowship together on December 2nd, 6pm at Helen's on the Green Restaurant. The cost for the night is \$25. Please pay Kara Hurst or Stephanie McColloch to RSVP for the night. If you need transportation to the fellowship, the van will be driven by Stephanie McColloch. Please see or contact her to make arrangements.

# **Congregation Holiday Fellowship**

Start making plans for our annual holiday fellowship here at the building on December 14th. Good food and fellowship to follow the evening services. A food sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board closer to time. More details to come.

# 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.

## The Character of God

Understanding the characteristics of God shapes every part of a Christian's faith. The Scriptures reveal not a distant deity, but the living God who created us, loves us, and calls us to walk in His ways. As Paul declared, "that they should seek the Lord... though He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27). Knowing who God is helps us know how to serve Him faithfully.

### **God Is Holy**

One of the most fundamental traits of God is His holiness. Scripture proclaims, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3). God's holiness means He is completely pure, set apart, and without any moral flaw. Because God is holy, He calls His people to holiness: "Be holy, for I am holy" (I Peter I:16). Our conduct, decisions, and values must reflect His purity.

#### God Is Love

John beautifully writes, "God is love" (1 John 4:8). This does not merely describe what God does—it describes who He is. His love is shown throughout Scripture, culminating in the giving of His Son: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). The cross is the clearest picture of God's character. His love is unselfish, sacrificial, patient, and steadfast. As recipients of such love, Christians are called to love one another in the same way (1 John 4:11).

### God Is Just

God's justice assures us that He always does what is right. Moses declared, "All His ways are justice. A God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4). In a world filled with injustice, God stands as the perfect Judge who "will render to each one according to his deeds" (Romans 2:6). His justice also means that sin cannot be ignored. The penalty of sin was paid through Christ, satisfying both the justice and the mercy of God.

#### **God Is Merciful and Gracious**

While God is just, He is also wonderfully merciful. David praised Him, saying, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy" (Psalm 145:8). The mercy of God means He withholds the punishment we deserve, and His grace means He gives blessings we could never earn. This mercy is extended to those who turn to Him. Through obedience to the gospel—faith, repentance, confession, and baptism into Christ—we receive His grace and walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3–4).

# God Is All-Knowing, All-Present, and All-Powerful

God's nature is beyond human comprehension. He is all-knowing, for "His understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5). He is everywhere present: "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?" (Psalm 139:7). He is all-powerful: "For with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37). These characteristics assure believers that God sees every struggle, hears every prayer, and has the power to sustain and deliver His people.

#### God Is Faithful

The Scriptures emphasize the unwavering faithfulness of God. Paul declares, "He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself" (2 Timothy 2:13). Every promise God has made He will fulfill. His faithfulness gives Christians confidence to endure trials, knowing that "He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

#### Conclusion

The more we know about God's characteristics, the more we can genuinely worship, trust, and obey Him. As we grow in our understanding of His holiness, love, justice, mercy, power, and faithfulness, we learn what it means to be His people. Let us commit ourselves to drawing nearer to the God who made us, redeemed us, and sustains us each day.

**Derrick Stiles**